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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair and cooler except near coast.

DREDGING NECESSARY.

On the word of one of the best-posted pilots that serve the Columbia bar there is urgent need of the dredger in the lower harbor channel at this port where, at certain points, there are but scant 20 feet at low water. The accumulations from the river are impeding the course to the bar between this city and Fort Stevens and as time goes on the accretions become larger by reason of the constantly expanding surface that catches them; and it is said that great caution is necessary in anchoring a bar-bound, cargoed ship or steamer, lest she settle on the ebb, to the bottom, always a grave matter with sea-going vessels. For the time being the danger of the situation can be obviated at various points but the conditions are such (and growing worse), that prompt and thorough-going assistance must be had at as early a day as possible. It is up to our representatives, the engineering department of the government, and the Chamber of Commerce here, to set in motion such relief as will make things feasible for the fall and winter fleets as they shall gather here. This is no local matter purely, it is a case wherein the shippers of the entire Columbia basin are interested, with Portland leading, and we hope to see expedition used in this behalf and the work begun, and done, before anything serious asserts itself or any loss is entailed either on the ships or upon the ports from which they sail.

ASTORIA-PORTLAND HIGHWAY.

The idea of constructing a fine automobile highway from Portland to this city and the coast resorts near here, is one that should receive the heartiest and most practical endorsement from every property owner en route, since it will mean much for every neighborhood it ramifies and bring thousands of people to this section on pleasure and business bent. It will serve others besides the automobilists, and will be an immense credit to the district that maintains it as an open highway for all sorts and conditions of vehicles. There is nothing so impressive as a fine road, and a wide, well-made, well-tended road between the metropolis and the City of Astoria and its score of watering places adjacent, will add hugely to the interest of the tourist and investor who shall use it. The line will be very attractive and the lordly Columbia with its varying majestic beauties will be an ever-present factor and unfailing charm on the drive, since it is the purpose of its projectors to keep the road upon the higher levels and in touch with all the scenic attributes of the route. We hope to see the matter taken up with vim and put through so as to meet the exigencies of another season. Not the least of its advantages will be the drawing together in closer union and friendlier intimacy of the two terminal cities of the line.

BOISE'S FAMOUS CASE.

Interested scrutiny of the progress of the great criminal case slowly unwinding at Boise, reveals a certain weakness in the scheme of defense so far as it has developed. The class of witnesses put forward to date, and the character of the testimony they have given, are not contributing very largely to the disruption of the issues founded on the tale told by Orchard. He was foul enough in all conscience, but he laid a predicate that his peers in crime cannot discredit, somehow. That he told the truth in the main is probably the reason for the difficulty now so apparent in the course of the defense. And another thing that is working its silent way into the minds of the people is that Orchard went on the stand a confessed and colossal criminal with his fate fixed beyond all hope or chance of extenuation, and belief of what he told there was never conceded, save as it shall be

Americans Are Governed by Convention.

By Princess TROUBETZKOY (Amelle Rives), Novelist.



WE Americans are fearless, but are we fearless enough? Aren't we afraid of SOMETHING after all? Are we not afraid of ourselves, of each other? How few of us dare to live out our primitive instincts, to test the TRUE IDEALS of life. It seems to me that to find the supreme laws, the big statutes of the moral code—that is to say, the spiritual order of our lives—we must test the VALIDITY OF CONVENTIONS. As a matter of fact we are actually afraid of being without them, we cling to them like life belts in the big sea of experience, instead of striking out and learning to swim FOR OURSELVES, to make our bodies work for the spirit. These supreme laws are courage, faith in the great spirit that can do no evil, endurance to suffer, realizing that the light of the spirit is discovered only when it is most needed, IN DARKNESS. It is very sad that we must suffer so much to arrive at spiritual knowledge, but it does not last. We must not evade any shadow of experience, even the vague panic of the senses, for when we are confronted with awe of something we do not understand it leaves us in a RICHER STATE OF KNOWLEDGE.

Sincerity is one of the principles of poetry. It is one of the great laws that OVERSHADOW THE CONVENTIONS. We have tenderness in our poetry, national pride, abstract philosophy, but we seem to be afraid of saying boldly, of seeing vividly, of defying the primitive instinct to disgrace the supreme spiritual purpose of our being.

Temptation is excused sometimes on the ground of heredity, whereas it is an INITIAL INGREDIENT of human nature. As a friend of mine said, expressing this idea of conventional hindrances to actual experience, "We all want a smattering of knowledge, we are all peeping on the sly at this, that and the other, trying to get a view of the REAL INWARDNESS of things, and after all perhaps it is better to look through these peepholes and see what we can than to see nothing at all."

The poet sees more than others, but there is a great deal in the MOTIVE that is behind the seeing. People regard God as a great, intangible power, as children look into a great-deep well, with the awe of child wonder and mystery. They read in the Bible, "God is a consuming fire," and they SHRINK IN FEAR.

TO ME THAT IS A MAGNIFICENT SPIRITUAL SYMBOL. IT IS THE WARMTH AND LIGHT AND LOVE AND FIDELITY OF EVERY HUMAN SPIRIT.

made good by the witnesses of the defense who are now following him. And they are pretty nearly fortifying everything he said, or else leaving the circumstances in such ambiguous and dubious shape as to permit, if not warrant, the conviction that Orchard did tell the truth. There has not been, so far as the record has reached us, a single successful denial of a big point he made, and until there is something tangible, of this sort, the defense will have trouble in impeaching the terrible story that fell from his lips. It is too bad that the whole system of testimony in the case must come from the tongues of men nurtured in crime or reasonably and radically suspected of crime, as has been the case, principally, in this fearful engagement at bar in Idaho. The life and liberty of a citizen should rest upon some other and wholesomere basis, at least, in part; yet in this big issue it seems to be the rule that scoundrels must do all the testifying for and against scoundrels. A palpable demonstration of the old adage, "Set a Thief to Catch a Thief."

THE BUSY GUN.

From the current press news there would seem to be a widespread mania over the country for the use of the gun in settling the family troubles of the nation. It will have its swing, perhaps, and then the agency of the handy six-shooter will be discounted by some other method just as effective and not quite so coarse. These things go in gusts and never last long. The American is mercurial in his temper and tactics and varies his resources with the seasons. Next year he will probably throw all his causes of action into the courts and never think of personal requital at all, though this year is apparently given over to the latter doctrine.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A society composed of lineal descendants of signers of the Declaration will be organized at Jamestown July 4. The committee on credentials will have no picnic if it demands positive proofs.

The Japanese are opposed to the reelection of President Roosevelt. They probably realize that with Mr. Roosevelt in the chair the matter of an apology would be deferred for at least another quadrennial.

Under Judge McPherson's ruling the people of Missouri can ride for ninety days on the 2-cents-a-mile schedule. This concession will at least cover the summer visiting period.

One reason why the new sun spots may be attended by some unusual weather, is that the weather is always remarkable.

Vienna complains of a mosquito plague, and, at this season, the insect is no looker-on in Vienna or elsewhere.

The spectacle of a Mayor in jail ought to convince even Japan that Frisco is not wholly abandoned.

San Francisco flatters itself that it has escaped the danger that its jail is also legally its city hall.

The men who invested heavily in Japanese war bonds are not jingoes.

Says Woman is Heaven or Hell to a Man

Of women, Walt Whitman is reported in the July American Magazine as having said:

"I have been more than lucky in the women I have met; a woman is always heaven or hell to a man—mostly heaven; she don't spend much of her time on the border-lines."

Wasn't Asking Much.

A florist of Philadelphia was one day making the rounds of his properties near that city when he was approached by a young man, who applied to him for work.

"I am sorry," said the florist, "but have all the help I need. I have nothing for you to do."

"Sir," said the young man, with a polite bow, "if you only knew how very little it would take to occupy me!" Success Magazine.

DAMAGE SUITS FILED.

\$140,000 Suits Filed Against Pennsylvania For Wreck Damages.

PITTSBURG, June 29.—Three damage suits aggregating \$140,000 have been filed in the United States Circuit Court in Cambria county, against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by persons injured in the wreck of the Pennsylvania special, the 18-hour train between Chicago and New York at Mineral Point on February 22.

The plaintiffs are John L. Clyde, postmaster at Joliet, Ill.; Everett J. Murphy, Warden of the Joliet penitentiary and Henry F. Pipenbrink, a business man of Joliet. Mr. Clyde and Mr. Murphy ask \$15,000 and Pipenbrink asks \$40,000.

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IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

Beutcher Gottesdienst. Divine service will be held at the German Lutheran Church at 3 o'clock. All are invited. Rev. C. F. Boelner, pastor.

First Methodist. Two important subjects will be discussed Sunday which will be of interest to all. That of the morning, "The Infinite Forgiveness," and that of the evening, "Does It Matter What We Believe?" There will be good music at both services. Do not miss either. We will make you to feel at home in this church. There will also be class meeting at 10:15; Sunday school at 12:15 and Epworth League at 7:00. If you have not a church home elsewhere, we invite you to worship with us. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Rev. Chan Sing Kai will preach on the street in front of Sid Que's store in Chinatown at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon instead of in the Methodist Church as announced.

Baptist. The services will be of special interest and importance next Sunday since it will be the first Sunday of Rev. C. L. Owen's work as pastor of the church. Mr. Owen comes from Waco, Texas, where he has resided while engaged in evangelistic work in that state. He will preach both morning and evening. The order for the day will be as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday school, S. K. Diebel, superintendent; 11 a. m., sermon, "The Rising of the Day Star"; 7 p. m., Young People's meeting; 8 p. m., sermon, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" Singing will be a special feature at each service. A large welcome for all.

Grace Episcopal. Fifth Sunday after Trinity. Morning service will be at 11 a. m., evening service with sermon at 7:30 p. m.

Holy Innocents' Chapel. Holy communion, 9 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; afternoon service, 3:30 p. m. John Warren, A. R. & M.

Christian Science. Services will be held at 634 Grand ave-

nue. Sermon at 10 a. m., subject: "God." All are invited.

Congregational. Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject: "Christian Experiences." Evening service at 8 o'clock, subject: "How To Find Fault." Sunday school at 12:20; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. You will receive a welcome, and we will try to do you good. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

Presbyterian. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "A Stainless Flag." Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00; evening worship, 8:00, "The Conscience of Felix and Drusilla."

Norwegian-Danish M. E. The Norwegian-Danish M. E. Church, Thirty-seventh and Duane streets. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 morning and 8 evening by the pastor. Thursday night short sermon and prayer meeting. The Scandinavian people are cordially invited to attend. Elias Gjerding, pastor.

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