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will, if Portland goes after it. With twenty-four millions invested in a water level line from the inland empire to the Pacific Ocean, it is not likely that Mr. Hill is going to still climb the mountains he has circumvented at such immense cost, and continue the bulk of grain shipments from the Sound ports. Mr. Wilcox knows this as no one else knows it, for it is his business to know it; but rather than acknowledge that his policy has been vain and ruinous, he still talks of the output going abroad from PUGET SOUND. With his insular bull-headedness he tries to make it appear that Hill, the man who has solved Portland's salvation in this matter (if Portland knows how to apply it), has spent this vast sum and achieved this great plan, simply to ignore its advantage and still send his trains over the grades he has sought to avoid. It is either a piece of senseless folly or a bit of "four-flushing" on the part of this man Wilcox.

destined for the outer world from the markets of Oregon.
 It is right that Portland should assume and maintain the commanding place in this important element of the world's exporting business. It is her inherent and rational advantage, and to take it over, she must waive her old-time fear and dislike of Astoria, and abandon her claims to port advantages against which the differentials have always applied, and do her legitimate business with the world via her near-by and useable port in favor of which, and Portland's business, the supreme advantage of a preferential rate must soon be granted. This is the doctrine of Portland's salvation, and Astoria will gratefully and helpfully, meet the overtures that shall be made in this direction. It is the only solution and the best.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

When it pays a firm, outside the business, to conduct New York barber shops, a dozen at once, it is a straight tip that somebody is being trimmed, and profits, at least, are not getting a close shave.

The longest day of the year, according to the calendar, June 22, seemed very short alongside of the Fourth yesterday in Astoria.

Now that the city has purchased another chemical engine, we wonder just how much the insurance rates will be advanced.

The student of nature finds much to admire in the 1907 model in bathing suits.

G. B. Burbans testifies After Four Years.
 G. B. Burbans, of Carlisle Center, N. Y., writes: "About four years ago I wrote you stating that I had been entirely cured of a severe kidney trouble by taking less than two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It entirely stopped the brick dust sediment, and pain and symptoms of kidney disease disappeared. I am glad to say that I have never had a return of any of those symptoms during the four years that have elapsed and I am evidently cured to stay cured, and heartily recommend Foley's Kidney Cure to any one suffering from kidney or bladder trouble."
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There is no reason why Portland should not regain supreme control of the grain trade by simply making Astoria her right-bower, her depot, her port of departure, with a flat seaboard rate attaching; and this she will do in time, however ungracious she may be about it just now; it is the line of safety for her and her merchants know it, and we know it. The question of ships is simply the question of rates. The best rate on any commodity controls the lines it will pursue to market, and if Portland once adopts this device, and secures the rate, to this port, all else being equal and propitious, as all else is, in this huge premise, she will still be mistress of the situation, with Mr. Wilcox still figuring potently in the foreground of the great trade as usual. Bar, bay and river must be put in shape for the handling of the fleets and Portland must get busy in this interest and stay busy; otherwise, Mr. Hill will do the trick by himself and Portland will see her rightful influence and interest swept from her by reason of her own negligence. She must gag a bit over the final and flagrant recognition of Astoria as the real port of the upper coast, but this will wear off in time, and that she, Portland, is still in the dominant place in regard to the business, will help abate the prejudice and discomfort inseparable from the long-delayed conviction that Astoria is the one and only accessible, cheap, serviceable, and logical port from which to export the grain and flour and all other surpluses that are

WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
 Fair and warmer.

A BIT OF FOUR-FLUSHING.

In a recent interview with a representative of the Portland Journal, T. B. Wilcox, the leading grain and bread-stuff handler of the Northwest, after drawing certain parallels between the status of Portland and the Sound cities in the grain exporting business, in which Portland is man-handled for relinquishing her own prestige to Tacoma and Seattle, and indicating that Puget Sound is doing double the export trade in this line, winds up the statement with the following indication as to the reasons therefor:

"Well, there are several reasons, but perhaps the most vital one is the lack of vessels in which to transport Portland wheat and flour to the Orient. Let us look at the figures again. The shipments from the Sound to the Orient are, expressed in bushels: Flour, 12,892,000; wheat, 797,000; total, \$13,689,000. From Portland: Flour, 5,562,000; wheat, 2,606,000; total \$,168,000. Nearly twice as much from the Sound, you see, as from Portland to the Orient, and almost all of the Sound trade you will also note, is in flour, while practically the Sound trade to the Orient in wheat and flour goes in regular vessels, is sure and steady. That from Portland must hunt for ships. In fact, over half of the Portland wheat and flour shipments goes in tramp steamers, which the shipper has to rustle to find.

"The cure of this condition, so vital to Portland, I will not attempt to suggest. But one thing is sure: The North Bank Road is going to pour grain down the Columbia cheaper than it can be hauled across the Cascades into the Sound cities. If Portland is alive and gets the proper shipping conditions on the water she will capture her full share of it; but if things are not done soon to improve the shipping conditions to the Orient in regards to ships, harbor, channel, etc., then Portland may awake too late to find that the trade that might be here has rolled past her doors and docks to Puget Sound.

"I simply point out the facts, backed by the figures, as they are at present. The cure and the future I do not care to be interviewed about just now."

There is no one man in all this country better qualified to tell the inner truths of the grain and flour trade of the Columbia Basin than this veteran dealer, who has swayed these interests for long years; whose word commands confidence whether it carries all the truth or but part of it, as in this very instance.

T. B. Wilcox is, primarily, at the bottom of the drift of the grain export from Portland to the Sound country, since he had always rather see it go from there than from its logical gateway, here at Astoria. And it was to keep it from swinging hitherto that he designed and put in operation the trend that he now deprecates. There was never an hour in his life that he could not have held it to Portland by utilizing this port; and he knows better than anyone else, that what of the business Portland is to control in the future, will be held by virtue of this very channel and the establishment of an ocean port rate, the lowest in the world, at this place; he knows that the bulk of that trade is going abroad from here and James J. Hill has ordained it and paid millions to achieve it and that it will be put in operation in Mr. Hill's own good time, which is not very far hence.

The North Bank Railway does not end at Portland, though the cream of the handling and direction of the grain and flour business may center there, and

The Season's Crop Outlook.

By JAMES WILSON, Secretary of Agriculture.

SEEDING has been a little backward on account of the cold weather, but there is plenty of time between now and the last of September to grow a crop of ALL KINDS of grain. In Minnesota and the Dakotas, where we raise most of our spring wheat, seeding was delayed about two weeks.

While the weather has been unseasonably cold in some grain regions, still it has not been severe enough to retard plowing, and my advices are that the ground in those states was nearly all made ready to receive the seed in good time. We will have warm weather, and I don't see what is to prevent a NORMAL CROP of spring wheat in the United States.

As regards the Canadian northwest, the reports that this year's harvest may be SERIOUSLY DIMINISHED may have some foundation. According to what I regard as authentic advices from that region, the weather has been so cold that plowing has been almost impossible.

THE CANADIAN FARMER HAS USUALLY LEFT HIS PLOWING FOR THE SPRING, AND THIS YEAR HE FINDS HIMSELF IN A BAD PREDICAMENT.

However, such a condition in the Canadian northwest will not make a great deal of difference when this year's crop is HARVESTED. The Canadian farmer grows but a small portion of the total crop of wheat, and I am of the opinion that the deficiency, if there should be any in that part of the country this year, WILL HARDLY BE NOTICED when the harvesting throughout the world has been completed.

New York to Become a Desert.

By EDWARD H. HALL, Secretary of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks.

NEW YORK STATE FINALLY WILL BECOME AS BARREN AS THE DESERT OF SAHARA UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE TO PUT AN END TO THE SPOILIATION OF THE FORESTS AND STREAMS.

Today her forests are practically limited to the Adirondacks and Catskill mountains. Climatic conditions have changed noticeably where this denudation has taken place. Streams have dried up entirely or become SPASMODIC and UNRELIABLE for industrial purposes. These conditions are now beginning to arise in the region tributary to the Adirondacks, and if a halt is not made and vigorous efforts put forth to retrieve the indiscretions of the past New York state will become AS BARREN AS THE DESERT OF SAHARA, her farms will be ruined, her mountains will be naked of trees and soil, her rivers will disappear as rivers and become mere troughs for carrying off the rainfall of each passing shower.

It is therefore the present duty of the people of New York to do three things: First, to protect INVIOLE every acre and tree that we now have in the forest preserve; second, to extend as rapidly as possible the area of this preserve, and third, to REPLANT as rapidly as possible the denuded areas.

FOR SOUTH SEAS

Defaulting Treasurer Supposed to be Afloat.

WILL NOT EXCEED \$97,000

He Carries Large Revolver Belonging To Trust Company and it is Thought That He Will Kill Himself Rather Than Be Captured.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Chester E. Runyan, defaulting teller of the Windsor Trust company, whose amazing theft of \$96,317 from the bank vaults was chronicled yesterday, is believed by the detectives at work on the case, to be on board of a sailing vessel bound for the south seas. The officers learned that Runyan talked a great deal of such a trip in search of health and, as not a trace of him has been found, they think he arranged with some south sea shipper who sailed Saturday for passage.

It has been learned that Runyan took with him a large revolver, the property of the trust company. It was used daily by the assistant teller on his visits with large sums of money to the National Bank of Commerce, with which the Windsor Trust company has large dealings. From this it was assumed that the fugitive had it in mind to kill himself if he were captured in getting away with his plunder.

That the sum total of Runyan's stealings will approximate a larger sum than that announced is denied by all the bank officers. They positively declare the present case will in no way resemble the Trust company of America, the theft from which grew from \$50,000 to \$650,000. George W. Young, one of the active members of the directorate, asserted that the thorough examination made of all the records of the trust funds has not revealed a penny shortage.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

It makes all the difference in the world to the convivial man where, and what, he drinks. Most men desire beauty and cleanliness, and handsome appointments in the saloon they patronize regularly, as well as the essential pre-requisite of genuine wines and liquors that are served to them. And these things are so particularly and properly conspicuous at Otto Sun's elegant resort, the Commercial, at No. 509 on the street of that name that they account thoroughly for the fixed and splendid custom he enjoys. There is nothing allowed to pass his counter but the best and choicest in every department of indulgence, and the service behind it all, is the most pleasing and satisfying in the city.

During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure.
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SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.

IMPURE BLOOD.

If you could see inside the stomachs of most people who suffer from impure blood you would wonder that they are not suffering worse. The undigested portion of food eaten days ago is still lying there, fermenting, decaying and clogging the intestines.

From this disgusting mass the blood must derive nourishment to carry to every organ of the body. Think of it. Is it any wonder their complexion is bad, their breath offensive, their bowels inactive and their health impaired in every way? Is it any wonder that they can get no relief from blood purifiers, purgatives when as fast as the blood is cleaned it is sated again? Try a rational treatment. Take something to help the stomach rid itself of this stagnant mass and to keep it from accumulating. Then see if you don't improve. One bottle of Cooper's New Discovery will prove my words to you. I have seen hundreds of just such cases and here's one of them:

"About a year ago my little son, who is nearly four years of age, suffered an attack of scarlet fever. Soon after he contracted what we thought was some form of eczema. Sores and blotches broke out on him and he became weak and peevish."
 "We tried physicians and medicines but nothing seemed to help him until several weeks ago we started to give him Cooper's New Discovery and noticed an improvement almost immediately. After a few doses we noticed his appetite was better and gradually his little face assumed a brighter appearance. His skin is now cleared up and I want to thank you sincerely for what the medicine has done for him." Mrs. Herman Hahn, 823 Johnson St., Nashville, Tenn.

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