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**WEATHER.**

- Western Oregon and Washington—Fair; slightly cooler.
- Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair and continued warm.

**THE SOUTH CHANNEL.**

There is a great hubbub being made over the alleged discovery by the government people in charge of the Columbia jetty, of a feasible channel to the sea bearing southward from the mouth of the river, just as though it had suddenly asserted itself and was a feature of the jetty's action on the currents from the Columbia. This channel has been used by the Columbia bar pilots for the past 22 months and was reported that long ago in the columns of this paper in the course of its marine news of that time.

The channel is nothing new nor surprising to the pilots, as it is well known all along the Pacific Coast that the tendency of all rivers pouring into the ocean from the Yukon to the Gila is to the southward from the point of discharge; and in the case in question, its utility was proven long ago and the announcement just made and credited to the government, means that the report made by the pilots at the time they first used it, has been verified at this late day. That is all there is to it. It is officially declared useable and will be duly buoyed and charted.

What there is to know about the Columbia bar may be acquired by an occasional talk with the men who pass that barrier a thousand times to the once it is crossed by the government people; and the information these men of the sea give out, may be relied upon as absolutely correct and reliable to the last detail, for the excellent reason that they are daily and hourly in responsible and intimate connection with the bar and have got to know it as they do their own home floors. It is presumed they would be oftener called in to the councils of the government engineers if red tape did not thrust its vivid and gagging coils in the way.

**HOME-SICKNESS.**

Of all the maladies that afflict the human consciousness there is nothing so acute, so miserably bitter as nostalgia, home-sickness, the longing and pining for the one place in all the world the heart of man knows and loves beyond all others; where dwell those who are the closest, dearest, most sympathetic and loyal; where are centered all the traditions of the family and the years of its dear history; where are all the cherished records of kinsmen and the pride that goes with them; where we are best known and appreciated, and where all that is new and strange and false and fearful never enters, or rarely, and where we know every face that is likely to cross our paths and where our ears are gladdened constantly by the cheerful and happy challenge of voices that but re-echo our own kindly interest in the welfare of those about us; where death alone undoes the ties that bind us in the largeness of kinship and only death shall silence the call of love.

We sympathize deeply with the aged Finn who, yesterday, tried to commit suicide because of the depth of his wretchedness from this dread and mournful illness, and if he recovers health and strength, we hope he may find his way back to the home of his youth, speedily and happily.

**SEA-RAFTING.**

If the business of sea-rafting on this coast is to become a fixed industry and a large one, we hope for the sake of the immense interests at stake, that steps

**RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO THE "OREGONIAN"**

ASTORIA, July 10, 1907.

Editor Astorian—  
An editorial in today's Oregonian, headed "Tempora Mutantur," is entitled to more than passing consideration. It shows a misconception on the part of the writer of the place which the Constitution of the United States and the Constitutions of the several states occupy in the jurisprudence of this country. It is in line, however, with a number of other editorials which have preceded it in that paper. It is an appeal to the courts to disregard the constitutions, when in their judgment the people desire them to do so. Of course, all who are conversant with the controversy being waged over the constitutionality of an act passed by the last legislature, and known as the "Port of Columbia Bill," understand why these editorials are being published at this particular time. The Oregonian is unable to defend the constitutionality of that act; hence its indirect appeal to the courts to disregard the constitution and sustain the act, because, forsooth, the people (constituted of some shippers and interested parties, at Portland), want it sustained.

If the Supreme Court may disregard the constitution, REGARDLESS OF THE OATHS OF ITS MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE SAME, why may not others do the same? Is the constitution any more binding on the individual than it is upon the courts? If the constitution may be disregarded, why have a constitution? Why not abolish it? So long as it stands it is the controlling law of the land. It provides a manner of amending it, by THE PEOPLE, and not by the courts. If it is faulty, and THE PEOPLE consider it so, they, THE PEOPLE and not THE COURTS, should amend it. If it is out of date, there is a proper way for THE PEOPLE, NOT THE COURTS, to get rid of it, and to provide a new constitution which will meet present requirements, if they desire so to do. What is done should be done in a lawful way. The advocacy of any other course should be deprecated by all law-abiding people. While it is the belief of the writer that legislation along the lines of the Port of Columbia act is pernicious, the determination of the question of the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of that act is insignificant as compared with the greater question involved.

LAW.

**BROKE UP IN A ROW.**

Usual Ending When Newspaper People Try To Get Together.

CHICAGO, July 10.—The convention of the National Amateur Press Association broke up in a row here yesterday. The heated debate for recognition for the "Kansas City Faction" precipitated the trouble which resulted in a bolt by the Milwaukee delegation headed by Edward E. F. Aas.

The convention "Kansas City Faction" is being held at Seattle, Wash. The factions claim to be the "regular" or-

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Dollar wheat and half-a-dollar corn make it still harder to tell why boys leave the farm.

Stimulated by the Roosevelt-Long talk about wild animals, breakfast bacon has taken a bee line for the dollar mark.

Congressman Nick Longworth will spend the summer in a bungalow at Honolulu, where the Taft-Forker imbroglio can not penetrate.

President Buchanan is a difficult subject for the biographer, but it is on record that he declined to travel on a railroad past in 1859.

An Englishman in his automobile has made a continuous run of 1581 miles in 24 hours. Congratulations on the roads are also in order.

**SANTE FE WRECK.**

TRINIDAD, Colo., July 10.—A freight wreck on the Sante Fe at Mezron, N. M. yesterday caused the death of Engineer Michael Weideman. The fireman and brakeman, is believed also lost their lives. Traffic on the line was tied up for fifteen hours in consequence of the wreck.

**STEAMSHIP LAUNCHED.**

NEW YORK, July 10.—America's first large turbine steamship, the Creole was formally placed in commission yesterday, a luncheon at which E. H. Harriman was host, aboard the vessel marking the event. The Creole will start in a few days on her maiden voyage in the New York-New Orleans service of the Southern Pacific Railway.

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ganization. The Milwaukee delegation which bolted, sympathized with the faction now holding its seats at the convention.

**ENDEAVORS MEET.**

Eight Thousand People Packed The Tent To Hear Opening Exercises.

SEATTLE, July 10.—With hundreds of delegates already in the city and with more due tomorrow, the twenty third annual international convention of the Christian Endeavor began in this city yesterday. Delegates from every state in the Union and from many foreign countries are in attendance. The city is decorated in honor of the convention, thousands of American flags and hundreds of green and white streamers fluttering to the breeze.

The convention was ushered in tonight with the presentation of Handel's Messiah. Eight thousand people packed the immense tent erected for the convention to listen to the rendition of the famous oratorio.

**DEPOSITS UNPRECEDENTED.**

NEW YORK, July 10.—At the close of business yesterday the deposits in the Bowery Savings Bank reached a total of \$100,000,000, a showing it was said, unprecedented in the history of savings banks, and one never before attained by any savings institution in the world.

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