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#### WEATHER.

Western Oregon-Fair; slightly warmer north portion except near coast.

Western Washington - Fair; warmer except near coast,

#### FAIRBANKS' DAY.

There was plenty of pleasure and in terest agog hereabout yesterday anent the coming of Vice-President Fairbanks of the United States, together with the presence of the cruiser Charleston, her officers and men, the homing of the troops from the forts and the influx of people from the outlying districts. Astoria was in holiday attire, and as the several big affairs became conspicnous, there was a splendid, good-natured crowd to pay each and all the compliment of its undivided atention, and as none of the events of the day conflicted as to time, there was no lack of enthusiasm and criendliness in the reception granted to each as it bore to the front.

Of course, the Vice-President was the central figure of the day, and he was made to realize the real importance attaching to his visit, not only as a prominent and forceful citizen of the land, but as one of its chief dignituries. There was absolutely no hitch in the program of the day as far as his movements were concerned, and he urbanely and happily fitted into the occasion at every moment of his stay. The public and private receptions accorded him were carried out gith a gusto and goodwill typical of the City-by-the-Sea, and he goes eastward this morning with the conviction that we were glad to see him and proved it.

He made a pleasant impression everywhere and current comment was most kindly in every respect, save that of a political sort, of which there was comparatively none. The idea of his visit seemed to be along lines of personal ininterest and friendliness, and bore no significance, save such as he, himself, touched upon in his talks to the people in the afternoon here, and at Seaside in the evening. What may develop from it in a political way, is a matter of future interest. He was met and enter. Perhaps a better statement of the case tained, with all the eclat due his exalted office and due also to a gentieman of his standing, and nothing more was claimed for it. It is a popular hope that he returns East with as pleasant an impression of Astoria as he has left with the people here.

## WHOSE FIGHTING PORTLAND?

There is more or less talk about Astoria, "fighting Portland," among Portland people whom we have the pleasure of entertaining here once in a while, and we do not understand the situation in a way that moves us to a conviction; we know there are some points of public, commercial policy on which the two cities fail to agree, and will probably disagree for years to come, but in the sense that we are deliberately "fighting" the metropolis, we deny it, in toto.

Like Portland we have a program of our own and before we attain to it we must cross the lines of communal endeavor thrown out by the big city up the river, and for the time being we shall seemingly be arrayed against her, but as a matter of fact we are striving for that which shall make Portland flourish as she has never yet flourished, if she will but credit us with honesty and common sense. We stand ready to figure as the commercial hand-maiden of the metropolis; her allay and most reliant second in the handling of the commerce of the whole Northwest; we have everything to make for the consummation if she will but furnish forth the means to solve the pered to him to bid against the win-

and everyone of the advantages we possess, if she will but recognize our superior fitness for the post and prospect.

send down the wealth of stuff she despatches to the world abroad? Why does she not recognize the fact that she rates in vogue anywhere on earth, if she will but put her tonuage at the docks here within 10 short miles of blue water, and save to herself and the shippers the cost of \$5000 a ship on the towage and delay incident to the up-river that exist everywhere. voyage from here? The trouble is, she will not even think it out; she has the | 3 means to make this the cheapest ocean | 9 port on the Pacific and to command the 9 exclusive business for all time, and yet, we contend for it, on account of the correlative advantage it would be to Astoria, she declares we are fighting her an harrassing her maritime interests.

She would soon find how eager, how glad, how able we are to cinch this prestige on her forever, if she would but devise the ways and means of estabhshing it. We are fighting for that nip." which means more to Portland than anything she can possibly do for herself, self of our help in doing that which nalla. shall make immensely for the Northwest, the State of Oregon, the City of Portland and, of course, for Astoria.

The Savage Club of New York may thank its unlucky stare that Mark Twain wasn't moved to appear at its dinner in both-robe, slippers and bare legs-if the members really wanted something worth while to talk about.

#### WAR TALK MAKES WAR!

It may be well remembered by some of the yellow journals of America that war talk makes for war; keys up a not be reached were there none of it. There is an element of danger in irresponsible newspaper talk that does not strike one until it has run to a point where its tenor and tone makes for explanations that do not explain. The politician and the jingo are the dundamental cause for many a needless conflict between nations, and if the present headache and biliousness, and keep the strain of fake stuff is not abated, we bowels right. 25c at Charles Rogers' may yet have to account to Japan on drug store.

are in no humor for on such an hypothesis. The world may say what it Why can she not make this her port likes, but we know the Japanese, as a of entry and her exporting terminal and whole, are exceedingly friendly to this country and have reason to be, and we have as much reason to count on that national goodwill, the trouble-makers to can command the flatest rail and sea the contrary notwithstanding. The brains and culture of both nations are for peace and all the amenities inherent therein, and the "war parties" on either side of the Pacific, are made up of the political "outs" and the jingo factions

## EDITORIAL SALAD.

Why not send "Pitchfork" Tillman and the Honorable John Temple Graves around into the Pacific as a sample of our "preparedness" to fight?

Witness Rockefeller has given a new meaning and force to the aphorism that "you can't squeeze blood out of a tur-

Obviously, the President didn't move and we shall continue to fight until the "Liar!" machine to Oyster Bay with Portland sees the point and avails her- the rest of the White House parapher-

### WEIGHED 500 POUNDS.

NEW YORK, July 15 .- Mrs. Margaret McMahon ,the biggest woman in New Jersey, is dead at her home in Newark. In order that her body may be taken out of the house this morning for in terment, one of the window frames has been removed and 16 inches of brickwork at the side of it. It will take 12 men to carry the coffin to the street and as there is not a hearse large enough to hold it, it will have to be conveyed to the cemetery in a wagon. people to thought and action that might Mrs. McMahon weighed nearly 500

#### A Memorable Day.

One of the days we remember with pleasure, as well as with profit to our health, is the one on which we became acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Fills, the painless purifiers that cure

## The Speculator

assimilate best with the condition of him about to weaken, looked around never do the drudgery necessary to a for a dummy. He was nowhere to be small beginning. Give one of them seen. When he turned again he saw the assurance that by working in a his opponent leaving the room, and the humdrum field for a few years he may anotheneer cylied to him: secure not only competence, but for "What name, sir?" secure not only competence, but fortune, and he will not be able to bring himself to suffer the restraint and endure the steady labor required. But he swered, "Bushnell Bugbee." will thrive under adversity.

Bushnell Bugbee was one of this kind. He had been given a splendid opportunity by an uncle to work up from a subordinate position to succeed his uncle, who was childless, in the management of the business. He proved himself incompetent, only distinguishing himself once, when the store caught fire. Then his was the only cool head about the premises, and he saved the place from destruction.

His uncle finally discharged him, and he drifted, doing nothing till, when at the lowest ebb, he married. He said he thought marriage would settle him. would be that the condition of a married man with no income would create conditions under which he could act.

At any rate it did, He had a hundred dollars at the time of his marriage, and he proceeded to lose that at a game of faro. Then one morning when he and his wife had nothing in the house for breakfast he started out to find some means of bettering his condition. Strolling along a street aimlessly with his hands in his pockets, he came to a stone front dwelling, from the stoop of which protruded a red flag, denoting an auction. There is something in this symbol when hung from such a place denoting trouble. Ten to one those who have lived in the house died or failed in business or met with some calamity to render the sale necessary. Possibly it was some such thought that led Bugbee to enter. He found a splendid house with fine furniture of an olden type that was to be sold under the hammer. He looked the property over with the critical eye of one who was considering whether it was good enough for him.

A crowd was gathering, and present ly the auctioneer mounted a table and called for a bid. Some one started with an offer of \$20,000, which was not half the value of the property. The bidding was spirited till \$30,000 was reached, when all but two bidders dropped out, One of these seemed determined to se cure what was evidently a bargain. and the other after vying with him till the figure of \$34,000 was reached

gave up the contest and withdrew. At this juncture Bushnell Bugbee felt a stiff piece of paper slipped into his hand, and a downward glance told him it was a pank bill. At the same time a man standing next to him whisner. Bugbee, who was getting hungry situation, and we will gladly use each for bis breakfast, obeyed, He raised

mere are men who may be said to; the other bidder to \$38,500 and, seeing war, pestilence or famine. They can for the man who had employed him

> There was not the slightest quiver in the successful bidder's voice as he as-

"All right. I want a check for 10 per cent of the purchase, or \$3,850." At that moment a man came hurry ing into the room to learn that the sale was over and the property knocked down. He got his information from the auctioneer, and Bugbee saw the latter point in his direction. Before he could remark upon the auctioneer's request for a check the disappointed man approached him and requested to see

him in another room. "Do you wish this property for your own use or as a speculation?" asked the late comer.

"I would prefer to live in it," replied Bugbee truthfully.

"It belonged to my father. My brother lived in it, but speculated in stocks and lost all his money. I returned this morning to find the old homestead was about to be sold. I have made money on the Pacific coast and don't want to see the house or furniture go out of the family. Please name a sum that you will take for your bar-

"Nothing would induce me to stand in a man's way to recover the home of his ancestors," said Bugbee. "If you will name a sum you consider this home worth to you, I will accept

"This is indeed generosity," said the other. "I have not asked what you paid for it, but had I been here in time would certainly not have stopped bidding under \$50,000. I will cheerfully give you that price for it and thank you very much."

"The favor is mine," replied Bugbee, "In the opportunity to restore one's home to him. Your check for \$11,500 is all you are indebted to me." The man drew a check book from his

pocketbook, wrote a check for the

amount and handed it to Bugbee and then drew another for \$38,500, which be gave the anctioneer. Pressing Bugbee's hand gratefully, he left the house. Mr. Bugbee has since become immensely rich. They say in the stock market that he is a bird of ill omen, for he never appears there unless stocks are being thrown over like furniture out of a burning building. At such times a beautiful smile plays about his lips in grim contrast with the agitation about him, and he gives orders to buy in such quantities as to warrant his being taken for a lunatic.

After the storm has passed he has

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