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The Silly Season Is On With Our Folks Next Door.

WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair and continued warm.

THE LAW OF CINCH.

Are we Americans to go on writing ourselves down as patient asses, supine beneath the course and brutal rule of cinch? Are we to lapse to a level of self-confessed helplessness against the encroachments of the "business world" that is tying us closer and faster, day by day, and confiscating our means of living with an audacity that is insuperable only because we have permitted it?

What is the matter with us, anyway? There is not a single line of trade that, apparently, cannot do exactly what it pleases with us and our money, making us pay any degree of profit for the common necessities of life, its "organized" groups may ordain! The butcher, the baker, the shop-man, the mill-man, any old craft that can set up any sort of a merger, has no difficulty whatever in mauling us to the limit and we sit stupidly by and confirm the outrages by meeting every thieving advance, not even whimpering, let alone protesting!

We are a poor lot, evidently, and hardly entitled to relief or sympathy. Yet it might be proven, under certain circumstances, that we really have the blood of resistance in our veins if only there was a leadership that could not be bought, and a program that was not salesable. It is a matter well worth thinking about, and this same old Astoria community is fast getting into a position where some hard-sense doctrine needs to be promulgated, and the sooner the better. We still possess the constitutional right of public gathering and public speech.

THE LOSS OF THE COLUMBIA.

Astoria was shocked to its very center by the news of the loss of the famous old steamship Columbia, which for 26 years has been a faithful and popular carrier between Portland, Astoria and San Francisco, and while we of this city are spared the direct loss of any of our people, we are none the less grieved for those elsewhere who have suffered from this source, and the hope is cherished that the appalling list may shrink yet to a far fewer number and that many may have been picked up by some passing vessel whose report is not yet at hand. The details would indicate that the fault lay with the colliding steamer San Pedro, which, catching the Columbia aft her port bow, with the latter on her northerly course at that point, must have been considerably off her bearings and way out of the southerly course she should have been holding.

The fact that she went down so swiftly, in less than five minutes, shows how frightfully she was wounded by the impact and illustrates the blow to have been very direct and that the easterly bearing of the lumber schooner must have been pronounced. But the supreme fact remains that 150 lives were snuffed out on the instant, including that of her brave commander, Captain Doran, than whom there was no abler nor more popular master in Pacific waters; he chose the death of a seaman and went down with his fine vessel, true to his profession and his trust, after using what few precious moments were granted him in despatching four lifeboats and three rafts with all who could be crowded upon them.

City and country side are still writhing with the dreadful news and eager for the slow-coming minutia by which the terrible tale is made up, and glad of everything in the slightest degree mitigating, for nothing like this has ever been reported from this particular service; the last great loss being that of the St. Paul, which was infinitely less appalling in the matter of life-loss and crucial conditions.

The long and useful career of the splendid old ship has endeared her to hosts of coast people who have, time and again, been passengers on her, happy, safe and comfortable, with profound

faith in the fine skill of the brave Doran and his almost celebrated immunity from accident, and that she lies in the depths through no fault of his nor hers will go far in perpetuating the pleasant and grateful memories of all who knew them both.

TO CONTINUE CHEAP MILEAGE.

Western Roads Agree to Sell Tickets at \$25 for 1000 Miles with \$5 Rebate.

CHICAGO, July 22.—The western railroads have agreed to continue the sale of interchangeable mileage tickets as requested by mercantile and other interests. Heretofore the interchangeable ticket has been sold at the rate of \$50 for 2000 miles, but a rebate of \$9.50 has been paid to the original purchaser if the ticket was used exclusively by him according to the rules.

Attorneys of the various western lines were unanimous in the opinion that it would be illegal to sell the interchangeable ticket at a higher rate than two cents a mile in any state where that is the maximum fare allowed by law. Accordingly the passenger officials decided that it would be necessary to reduce the rate of the 2000-mile ticket to \$40.

The abolition of the refund feature makes it unnecessary to maintain the mileage bureau of the Western Passenger Association, which now has about 75 employees.

The Central Passenger Association, embracing all lines running East from Chicago and St. Louis to Buffalo and Pittsburg, has decided to continue to sell its interchangeable mileage ticket at the rate of \$25 for 1000 miles and pay a refund of \$5 to the purchaser if the ticket is used exclusively by him for interstate trips.

BANKS TO WORK COAL LANDS.

Three in Pittsburg Unite to Handle Anthracite Coal Co.'s Property.

PITTSBURG, July 22.—By the negotiations closed yesterday by the German National Bank, the Columbia National Bank and the Third National Bank, the Anthracite Coal Co., formerly the Natolie Coal Company, will pass into new hands. The purchasers will operate the property on a vast scale.

The property consists of about 2754 acres in the heart of the anthracite district. The company also owns a seven-mile railroad connection, with its operations at Mount Carmel and with the Reading and Pennsylvania railroads.

COMMENTS ON SPEECH.

Regret that Dr. Drago Did Not Set Forth Financial Point of View.

BUENOS AYRES, July 22.—In commenting on a recent speech of Dr. Drago, one of Argentine's delegates at The Hague, the Prensa laments that he has not set forth the financial point of view that Europe cannot without America as a market for manufactured goods, capital and labor thus establishing important relations of mutual convenience.

Financial operations, it says, would be profoundly altered by the suppression of the right of military intervention. Adventurous, usurious loans will disappear and bankers will give money only to honest governments. America does not want more capital than it is able to pay.

War Against Consumption.

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CHRISTIAN FAITH

Interesting Sermon Preached at Chicago Yesterday.

IS STRONGER THAN EMPIRE

Felix Klein Instructor in Literature in Catholic Institute at Paris and a Leading Churchman, Delivers First Sermon in America Before 2000 Persons

CHICAGO, July 22.—Felix Klein, instructor in literature in the Catholic institute at Paris and one of the leading churchmen of Europe delivered his first sermon in America yesterday, speaking to 2000 persons at the University of Chicago. The subject of his sermon was "The Common Creed of Christendom."

"We who are Christians can come together whatever the differences are that separate us," he said, "we do not deny that the differences exist and so our friendship is not based upon a misunderstanding. We all know that these differences of view do not prevent us from agreeing on many common points."

"We know that we have the same holy scriptures and that our moral system, our ethics is equally as good on the deologue and gospel. And above all, we know we can recite together, with one heart and one voice, the apostles creed that sublime and simple summary of Christian doctrine."

"What a joy it is in spite of so much lamentable separation for us to be able to make our common profession of faith in the same terms as did our fathers 19 centuries ago. Not only stronger, but more durable, has been this creed of ours than the Roman empire. The world has been overrun in every direction by the Christian faith. But glorious as have been its conquests, its greatest glories lie in itself. All our dogmas led up to the one single affirmation and the one immense phenomenon of which they are separately only phases or aspects. This phenomenon consists in the participation of the world with the life of God."

REMOVES HEADQUARTERS.

DETROIT, Mich., July 22.—The trustees of the Knights of Macabees have decided to move the Pacific Coast Medical department headquarters from Oakland, Cal., to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Putting It Mildly.

"You resent that critic's opinions?" "Not at all," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "What I resent is his egotistic presumption in considering his opinions of sufficient importance to warrant their public expression."—Washington Star.

Careful.

"Mr. Pampus is very careful of his dignity," commented the observing girl.

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "He naturally has so little that he has to be careful of it."—Washington Star.

Long Live the King

is the popular cry throughout European countries; while in America, the cry of the present day is "Long live Dr. King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryder Paine, Truro, Mass., says, "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cure a cough or cold." Mrs. Paine's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. New Discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it's the proven remedy. Guaranteed by Charles Rogers, druggist. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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