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......... WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho Fairand continued warm. ********

ASTORIA'S "ALL OREGON" FIGHT.

The government department of commerce and labor furnishes some figures that put backbone in the Astoria fight for the re-achievement of Oregon's onetime supremacy in the matter of northwestern imports and exports, the gross statements alluded to in this relation being as follows, and taken from customs district reports:

Willamette & Oregon Puget Sound \$ 6,502,107 \$12,338,553 12,971,605 62.849.299 1906 . . These figures indicate that in the past

10 years the Oregon access has been practically 100 per cent to that of 500 per cent for the Sound country; a raw discrepancy that must be amended by whatsoever method is at hand. And the vital method is the creation, within the compass of Oregon, of the cheapest ocean port that can be used. There is but one place on the Oregon coast where the facilities for this great purpose are directly at hand and that is at Astoria, and if Astoria answers the call of the state in this behalf, what is there to

urge against it?

This is the substance of our contention: That this port is the best, north or south of San Francisco, and equal to that great harbor in every detail of feasibility and commercial utility, save in scope of actual measurement, our bay being the smaller of the two, and yet large enough to quarter all the fleets that may ever seek harborage here at any given time. We are within 10 miles of the Columbia bar and blue water; here, and hereabout, are vast terminal grounds; endless facilities for dockage, warehouses, elevators, and all equipments for great and permanent commercial ends; we lie at the sea-end of the magnificent Columbia River with its thousands of miles of prolific territory; we lie at the lowest level of the thousand-mile-down-grade rail-haul from the wheatfields of four state, and Natur herself has made us the logical gateway of an empire so vast and so rich tha only folly and greed and false pride car utilize any other avenue in and out of the superb domain; there is nothing arti ficial about this harbor, it lies where God's own handicraft left it and with all the primal and prime requisities of safety, convenience, comfort and despatch, and all things that go to make a noble refuge, and a superior point of departure, for the commerce of a world.

Sound and Portland, the great differences of distance, convenience, time and labor, in the despatching of ships and cargoes, as against the two northern ports, there lies a tariff differential of three shillings and six-pence; and it is to obliterate this embargo against the commerce of Oregon, that Astoria, with her marine qualifications absolutely as good as those that create the preferential in favor of San Francisco, demands that she be made the gateway of the state and of the Inland Empire, and upon exactly the same terms that preval at the California metropolis.

As between San Francisco and Puget

To accomplish this every city and town in the state should help, Portland included, and if a sacrifice is necessary it must be made to so great an end. It is not the advantage of any one place or section that we are looking for; we want to see ports on the banks of the Columbia from Hammond, in Clatsop, to Umatilla, and beyond; and from Portland to Eugene on the other commercial arm of the state. But for the sake of the whole state we are fighting for the position of the one, available cheapest, and handlest ocean port, to which, and through which, the torrential volumes of a revivified commerce will ebb and flow upon the most favored rates and terms within the purview of the world of business, with the profits and prestige lying to the south of the Columbia River at all times,

And not until this port is placed in the same commercial category with San Francisco will the balance swing to the Oregon side of the federal, or any other,

advantage, and qualify for it after it is liouse granted, but Astoria; and we insist that the fight is state-wide and not proportion to her cardinal position and the rights that go with it. The assumption of those rights and the exercise of ber peculiar and essential functions as the only real port in the state, and upon a policy that shall incorporate the uttermost bound and resource of the state, are but matters of time, and a short

time, at that! We will go further, and say that it is not ASTORIA, we are championing, BUT THE MOUTH OF THE COLUM-BIA RIVER!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

No doubt remains as to the destructiveness of turrets on battleships, but foreign countries could get enough to the record so far is of damage to crews meet the demand. on a peace footing.

The State Department of the United States is still in business and able to speak for itself, in spite of the stuff National holiday was celebrated here printed by some yellow meddlers and with the opening of a great industrial

Jesse R. Grant has expressed his opinion of the Bryan boom by offering himself to be one of 4,000,000 to run for president if summoned to the front.

"Man's record on earth," says a Texas paper, "is little more than a heap of mangled remains,' which sounds dyspeptic. An automobile might work

Mr. Bryan remarks that the talk of war with Japan is intended to influ- 135 yards straight at an altitude of ence Congress to make a big naval ex- some 15 feet, which was followed by a tension appropriation. An American curve of about 165 yards,

computation of the sums of export and import; there is no other city and port in the state that can claim this supreme the Pacific is poor timber for the White

The hundredth anniversary of gas peculiar nor pertinent to Astoria, save has just occurred. It is still expanding in such measure as she shall profit in in the affairs of the world, and has

> As battleships now call for \$6,000,000 or \$8,000,000 each, the Panama Canal will evidently be worth more than its cost in strengthening the navy in its power of rapid combination.

In the fiscal year that ended June 30 the number of aliens arriving in this country was 1.285,349, against 1,100.735 in the fiscal year 1906. These figures make a new record by a large margin

Last year the United States imported \$35,000,000 of fruit and nuts and exported \$17,000,000. American apples would nearly balance, the account if

EXPOSITION OPENS.

BOGOTA, Colombia, July 26.-The exposition, which demonstrates the richness of the country. The exposition shows that Colombia raises cotton of long fiber. With much land especially adapted to the culture of cotton of this character, the crop is not only sufficient for the home supply but enough to supply surrounding countries.

AEROPLANE SUCCESSFUL.

PARIS, July 2 ... The Bleriot acroplane made a successful flight today on a field at Ishly. It sailed a distance of

Election Fraud Talk Menaces Our Institutions.



ITHIN the last thirty years an abuse has grown up far more fatal to our institutions than the buying and selling of votes in the interest of anxious candidates for office. That abuse is the CAMPAIGN FUND COL-LECTED BY NATIONAL COMMITTEES and Many Astoria Readers Have Heard It

expended in the management of our presidential elections. It is comparatively a new thing. In one of Miss Ida Tarbell's delightful sketches of the life of Lincoln there is preserved a letter written by Mr. Wirt Dexter to his wife, in which the size of the campaign fund collected to aid Lincoln's second election is stated. It appears to have been \$200,000, and the amount was regarded as so unusual that the custodian of the fund felt called upon to defend himself in advance against the imputation of seeking to DEBAUCH the election.

Since that day there has been a steady increase in the expense of managing political campaigns. I took some pains in the last campaign to inquire into the expenditures of a national committee. I found that thousands of dollars were being paid out every day for the express charges on political literature sent to the voters, and while, judging from the character of some of the documents, it was easy to see that a good deal of the money was being wasted, it cannot be said that it was being used to injure the institutions of our government. Thousands of dollars were spent every day to pay the expenses and per diem allowance of campaign orators, and while, judging from the character of many of the speeches that were made, a good deal of the money Doan's Kidneys Pills have been so great was thrown away, still it must be allowed that its expenditure did not a help to me that I am continuing with tend to undermine free institutions. Vast sums of money were paid out to equip and uniform clubs, to charter and maintain special trains for star performers and to provide those spectacular episodes which have become so dear to our people.

Nor is the complaint made here against the overgrown campaign fund an attack upon the contributors to the fund. On the contrary, for more than twenty years politics has been so organized that PRAC-TICALLY THE WHOLE PROPERTY INTEREST of the country has been involved.

Yet such, as a whole, has been the influence of national campaign funds that the time is come when every man interested in the health of our system of government ought to take notice of it. It is impossible to conceal the fact that for some cause the CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE in the integrity of American public life has been

Unless this growing distrust of the integrity of the election day shall be checked the time may come when our highest offices may be the prize of an election so close that the imputation of fraud MAY plunge the country into ANARCHY AND CIVIL DISSEN-SIONS. The time already has come when men talk of election frauds as a matter of course. Scandals and hearsays, without limit and without responsibility, appear to be substituted for the orderly information which ought to be filed, when good citizens have knowledge of such a case, before a court with jurisdiction TO HEAR AND DETERMINE THE FACTS.

IF THE DAY SHALL EVER COME WHEN THE MASS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LOSE THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE RETURNS OF THE ELECTION, CONDITIONS EASILY ARE IMAGINABLE WHICH MAY PUT THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR INSTITUTIONS TO A STRAIN SO GREAT THAT GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE, OF THE PEO-PLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, MAY BE MADE OBNOXIOUS TO THE UNI-VERSAL HUMAN CONSCIENCE.

Constitutional Party Pass a Resolution Yesterday.

CABLE APPRECIATION TO ITO

Members Of Constitutional Party In House O. Representatives Pass Resolution Expressing Belief That Nation Will Be Satisfied With Conclusion.

TOKIO, July 26 .- The members of the constitutional party holding seats in the house of representatives passed a resolution today expressing their belief that the nation would be satisfied with the spedy conclusion of the new convention with Korea, whereby the roots of existing evils would be removed.

Peace in the Far West would thereby be effectively secured, together with the advancement of Korea upon the pathway of civilization.

They subsequently cabled the resident general, Marquis Ito, the unanimous ap-preciation and gratitude of the meeting, at the prompt conclusion of the conven-

THREATEN TO JOIN STRIKES.

BELFAST, July 25 .- Four thousand employes quit work in the spinning mills here today. Two hundred policemen threaten to join the strikers be cause they are not allowed extra pay for their long work. The strikers are burning drays and committing other acts of violence.

CHURCH MERGER CASE ARGUED. NASHVILLE, July 26.-The noted 'umberland Presbyterian Church ease, involving the right to form a union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, was argued here today. FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, July 26.-Fourteen orses were burned tonight in a fire which destroyed the stables of the Transcontinental Fuel Company. Many vagons, trucks and a large quanity of hay were also burned. The loss is said to exceed \$25,000,

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