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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon and Washington—Showers followed by fair; warmer except near coast.
- Eastern Oregon—Generally fair; cooler.
- Eastern Washington and Idaho—Generally fair.

BE PATIENT AND ALERT.

Many there are, hereabout, who being without patience, deprecate the future of Astoria because James J. Hill and his colleagues are making no signs of their purposes as to the establishment of terminals for rail and sea traffic at this end of the river. This is folly. Railway and steamship companies do not build in a day or a night. Every thing they do is of permanent and ponderous character and require the most deliberate study and critical consideration and once they build it is for great ends and long duration. So it is with the Hill people. If terminals are to be erected at the mouth of the Columbia River (and there is no reason to think otherwise), there is an infinite lot of preparation to be made for the work; all manner of dove-tailing calculations to be wrought out; vast quantities of raw materials to be contracted; immense details to be determined upon, and harnessed to a huge general scheme; funds to be raised; deals to be consummated for lands, rights and necessary advantage of every description. These things take time, and since the indications are all logically sound and good, common sense behooves us to be patient and alert, hopeful and loyal to a fair program. Anxiety and eager fretfulness will avail nothing. Confidence and a spirit of quiet readiness are the best qualifications for bridging over an unsolvable hiatus like this and lend zest to the apparently overdue realization.

"THIRTEEN."

The Columbia fisherman rejects the number "thirteen" as applied to his fishing license, and the department of state fisheries never issues a license bearing that figure. This may be called superstition and it probably is on that parallel of human consideration, and is just about as senseless as all superstitions are. When one thinks of the thirteenth event, act, and demand of one's daily life; how the thirteenth is never noted, saved when it is branded with the particular numerals 13; how well one sleeps on the thirteenth night; how one enjoys the thirteenth meal; how the thirteenth is inseparably and sequentially interwoven in every fixed scheme of human endeavor and is never counted nor considered at all, the rejection of the advertised incident, or fact, or possibility becomes at once a piece of childishness. Thirteen is no unluckier number than eleven, or six, or twenty-three, or any other combination of numerals. It is simply a "dog with a bad name" made hideous and dangerous by reiteration and the readiness of mankind to cherish the foolish things of life without a thought approaching criticism or in any way accounting for the stupid adherence to what fancy and time have wrought.

SCHMITZ RECEIVES QUIETUS.

The supreme court of the State of California en banc, has declared for Dr. Taylor, as Mayor of San Francisco, against the plea sent up by Eugene Schmitz from his prison, for recognition as such officer.

He has played his string out and will subside to that state of innocuous barrenness that time always confers upon the scoundrel who has fallen from high place; this last plea of his was the denier resort, and it has failed him, and he should court and covet silence and forgetfulness and all the abstract conditions that time and the range of human generosity can confer.

The decision was handed down by

Chief Justice Beatty, his six colleagues on the bench concurring; and the situation is cleared wonderfully for the city of San Francisco and made her upward progress far simpler and surer; it has energized her all ready and put new and vigorous blood in her municipal veins and given new tension to her metropolitan muscles; new tone to the courage and hope that was all but obliterated by the canker of the Schmitz gang's remorseless grasp on her courts and revenues and civic being.

Every friend of the Bay City in the world will congratulate her on her freedom from the Ruef-Schmitz domination and wish her quick and abundant regeneration at the hands of her staunchly inspired citizens who may work out her certain redemption upon every base and line of honest government and all that means in her especial case. But when all is said and done, and the San Franciscan again holds his head and hands at the old proud level, let no soul in all her bounds forget the men who broke down the net and mesh of her undoing Hensley, Burns, et al.

NATURE, EN MASQUE.

When the traveler has made the circuit of the State of Nevada and seen it in all its terrific barrenness and desolation; the one awful scar on the face of nature, so superbly beautiful and inspiring on all sides of the boundaries that make for her statehood, and then turn to her marvelous history as the repository of the gold and silver of half a world, he realizes how nature sometimes sequesters her generosity under a mask and compensates for harsh neglect in one way, by a grand prodigality, in another. What she denied this great belt of country by way of exterior charm she made up in the vast hords of essential riches that have made the same of Nevada ring with romance and an unmatched fame. Once it was the great Comstock lode, with the spell of the Argonautic days to heighten the glamour and emphasize the marvelous wealth of the mines; now it is Goldfields, and the steady, unflinching disgorgement of a weekly half-million in precious metals yielded from a soil and country that upon the face of it, to all ordinary human acceptance, absolutely God-forsaken. She's a funny old dame, is nature, and the gravest blunder to be made is to take her as she appears. Her secrets are illimitable, and her method of keeping them, almost beyond ken of man!

ADMIRAL PLEASED WITH PLANS

C. C. CHAPMAN, OF PORTLAND, IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER COMING CELEBRATION AND WILL BRING DELEGATION FROM ROSE CITY.

Admiral C. C. Chapman, of the Astoria Regatta, was a welcome visitor in the city yesterday and expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the preparations made for the big celebration on the first few days of next month. He was the guest of President Schimpff and other members of the Chamber of Commerce from Monday evening until last night, when he returned to Portland.

"Everything accomplished and all that is planned has my official approval," he said, laughingly, on being asked what he thought of the prospects for a big and successful Regatta. "I am positive that the Regatta and County Fair is going to be a huge success in every way, and the citizens of Astoria are to be highly congratulated for their energy and enterprise in the matter."

Admiral Chapman was the guest of President Schimpff, of the Chamber of Commerce, his host showing him over the town and explaining in detail his duties during the celebration Monday night, Vice-President Ball presiding at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in his place. The Admiral was taken to the home of the Queen, Miss Harriet Tallant, in the morning, and formally introduced.

In company with President Schimpff, Secretary Whyte, and several other local and Portland people, he was given a trip to Fort Stevens on the customs launch, on board which was Senator Fulton, his brother, and several other prominent citizens. The Admiral was a delighted spectator of the target shooting at Fort Stevens yesterday, when the big 12-inch guns were in active operation.

The quarterly target practice at this fort was concluded yesterday and will be commenced today at Fort Columbia. Nine shots from the big guns were fired altogether, three at an anchored target and six at a target in tow of the steamer Guy Howard. In shooting at the latter one shot went right through the object and four other "hits" were made. Owing to the wear on the rifling of the big guns this will be all the target work for some months, the practice being confined to the smaller guns.

Chapman was present at a special meeting of the Regatta committee yesterday afternoon just before leaving for Portland, and arrangements for his staff were thoroughly discussed. While this part will not be settled until his return home it is figured that he will have from 20 to 30 prominent Portland men down during the celebration who will add

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greatly to the liveliness and enjoyment of the gathering. About the same number of local citizens will be on his staff and according to the plans the coming Regatta will see the most enthusiastic gathering ever assembled in this city.

The Admiral paid numerous compliments to the selection of a Queen made by Astorians and asserted that a more regal and Queen-like recipient of the honor could not be found, in his opinion. He was very favorably impressed with everything that had been done toward the big event and promises to do his very best to help make it a success over all other Regatta's held in this city.

Admiral Chapman was a colonel on Governor Yates' staff in the Illinois National Guard up to the time of his coming to Portland, four years ago. He was manager of the City Press of Chicago, for a number of years and was at one time the leading political writer on the Chicago Daily News. He is a young man of good appearance and extremely genial. During his visit here yesterday he made many friends and will undoubtedly make a huge success in his capacity as Admiral of the Astoria Regatta.

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