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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair; increasing cloudiness showers north coast.

THE WORK OF A SNOB.

Last Sunday's Portland Oregonian contained a sample of the work to which that great paper will stoop when it desires to be particularly nasty toward this city. Under the guise of an "open letter to a friend in Boston;" a cheap hired reporter was sent down here to write up the Thirteenth Annual Regatta in just such fashion as that paper wanted it written, and it was done. There is not a line of it that does not bear the vicious impress of the animus behind the assignment; it is written, throughout, in the semi-contemptuous, meanly, wholly snobbish, vein in which the Oregonian delights, and stamps itself, to the trained newspaper mind, as the work of a man under orders to "damp the place with faint praise" and prod it good and hard with a hammer velvet-shod. But, while we are about it, we will suggest, that by the time the next Regatta rolls round, the Portland press is likely to have some of its glibly fears realized, and emphasized, anent Astoria; and the vials of wrath and fear and consternation will go dry, early in the process of its vituperative explosion; however much it may comfort itself, for the time being, with dread-begotten bragadocio of a "new Port of Columbia" law that is to save the Port of Portland from utter extinction. The Oregonian is doing its cleverest best to hide the real facts from its readers, and its final confession will be unutterably hard to make when the day and the fact arrive, as arrive they will. And of this, that able paper has knowledge exceeding all others, outside the given few, for clarity and assurance.

AFTER THE SUMMER.

Now that the matter of overlapping and interfering surveys in and near Astoria, which has broached in the Chamber of Commerce on Monday night last, has had a chance to simmer a bit in the public mind, the consensus of opinion seems to be, at sources where explicit knowledge of these things is generally accounted, that there is more smoke than fire in the matter, and that it is not so grave a case as was first supposed. This is good news, for the certain coming of lively times, hereabout, makes it very necessary that no big barriers nor dubious questions should attach to titles around this city and country.

That there are several ambiguous details of survey to be straightened out, either in court, or by individual concession among those owners directly involved, is admitted, and is hoped that these will find ready solution at the hands of those most concerned, and in ample time to avoid any confusion at a season of activity.

Oregon, whose deed records fairly bristle with original titles rising in the old Donation Land Claims of the early "Fifties," is remarkably clear of gross error, considering the haphazard fashion in which our grandfathers used to conduct their land affairs, and she has to thank those good men for what of care and caution they did use, even though it were not enough in many instances, California, and especially her southern section, suffered tremendously from the ignorance and recklessness of the early Spanish holders of her older patrimonies and grants, and the supreme authority of the federal government had to be employed there, for long years, by way of a big Commission, before the great snarl was unwound and the titles cleared up.

JUST A FEW SCAPE-GOATS.

Be it known, of all men, that just a beggarly handful of men in Astoria have transgressed the gambling law since it was enforced here a few weeks ago; and yesterday they ALL appeared in the

circuit court for trial, on the several and easily proven offenses. But be it further understood, that there are others, just as guilty, yet, apparently unamenable to the rigor wherewith this pitiful group is met and handed. Do the officers of the law here think the people of Astoria are blind fools?

We promptly and cordially endorsed the action of District Attorney Helges in routing the gambler from his Astoria lair, nor questioned his judgment at any point, in the processes of putting the "lids" of various sorts on here. But we beg to advise him that the citizens are laughing grimly at the farce of haling this little coterie of men into court, while it is common knowledge all over the town that certain men and places have been given over, uninterruptedly, to the indulgence so prohibited ever since the rim of the lid settled down. It may not be within the scope of his knowledge but the information has been very generally available, and the officers policing this city and county, have been extraordinarily dense, if it has passed them by. We give him the hint for what it is worth; and in the giving it, do not exclude its immediate value to those who have been so boldly defying the law and Mr. Helges' proper order for its enforcement. Scape-goats are entitled, at least, to have the fact known, that they are scape-goats, and not the only offenders, especially in this instance.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Even if that New Yorker who has applied for a divorce because his wife insists on wearing a décolleté dress should win, the wife would have the satisfaction of knowing that she lost by only a neck.

Engineers may claim that skyscrapers 150 stories high are scientifically possible without at all impugning the truth that the last 130 stories should be legally impossible.

Isn't it about time for a new political ruction in Ohio? Every little while there isn't a new one for several days. Or is it that defective telegraph service?

It may be claimed that only two kind of snakes are poisonous, but no man should go fishing without provision against those two.

If Dr. Wiley keeps up his warfare, some of those discouraged microbes will have to resort to Muldoon, or throw up their jobs.

If the tombstone business is dull, as claimed in the West, it only shows how generally automobilists practise cremation.

When one accuses his neighbor of having the ball fever it is just as well to discriminate between foot, base and high.

Wellman might have ascended in search of the pole long ago, if his balloon had just been content with hot air.

It is claimed that an upper is fully as comfortable as a lower berth. Pullman or governmental?

Curious how money can be "easier" when most of us can testify it isn't even easy.

CROSSES AMERICA ALONE.

Orphan Makes Friends on Long Trip to Seattle.

SEATTLE, Sept. 18.—When an Oriental Limited train pulled in at the Union depot at 2 o'clock last Saturday a little blue-eyed lad, with a grip in one hand and a birch bark cane in the other, alighted and received the fond embraces of a doting grandmother, who had been anxiously awaiting his arrival since 8 o'clock in the morning, the hour the train was due. The boy was 10-year-old Newton G. Brown, and he had just crossed the continent all alone, his trip taking him from Norwich, Conn., to Seattle.

Little Newton is an orphan, his mother having died when he was 3 years old. His father, George W. Brown, was killed on the 15th of August last, at New London, Conn.

Cured Hay Fever and Summer Cold

A. J. Nusbaum, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed to only aggravate my case. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package, and it quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

An Insidious Danger

One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley Kidney Cure at the first sign of trouble as it corrects irregularities and prevents Bright's Disease and diabetes. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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FOOTE'S TAX TALK

Low Rate for Public Service is Franchise Taxation.

LOW TAX POLICY IS WRONG

Unless the Interests of the People Are Safeguarded by Legal Requirements That Will Make it Certain They Receive Advantages.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 18.—Allen Ripley Foote, president of the National Tax Association, and Commissioner of the Ohio State Board of Commerce, delivered an address before the eleventh annual meeting of the League of American Municipalities, here today on the subject of "Low Rates for Public Service vs. Franchise Taxation."

"The most useful tax to place on public service corporations," said he, "is to require them to provide a service capacity much greater than is sufficient to supply present demands and to extend their service lines beyond present paying limits, thus causing them to serve as a factor in improving and building up the ever increasing limits of the principality, increasing and diversifying the industries of its inhabitants and contributing to their comfort and prosperity. Investments in public service utilities should be limited only by the requirements to be provided for, and the right of way for their service lines should be unobstructed.

"Taxes upon the property of public service corporations not only enhance the cost of the users of the services, but they accomplish this for the benefit of non-users and alien property owners.

"All persons are not users of these services, nor is all property owned, by such users, but all property within a municipality is taxed. If the property of public service corporations is not taxed, the tax on all other property may be increased a trifle. This increase would fall upon the property of non-users and alien owners and equally with that of users, but the users of the services would be benefited by the decreased cost of the services to them.

When a user of a public service votes to tax the property or the franchise of the corporation rendering the service he votes to reduce the taxes of non-users and alien property owners and generously pays the amount he saves for them out of his own pocket. Taxes on the means by which a supply for a need is produced are a part of the cost of producing the service.

"The policy of low taxes, or no taxes, should not be adopted unless the interests of the people are well safeguarded by legal requirements that will make it certain that they will receive offsetting advantages in corresponding low charges for services rendered. The demand for economic law should find correct expression in the conditions created by statutory laws. To secure the best possible public services at the lowest practical price, economic law requires.

"First—That a public service corporation organized to supply a public need, shall have the exclusive right to supply such need perpetually.

"Second—That all accounts shall be honestly and correctly kept; that economic thrift shall be insisted upon in every department; and that charges for the use of these services shall bear a fixed relation to the necessary cost of production.

"A comparison of these economic conditions with the laws of all states will clearly show how intelligently well meant efforts have been directed in all attempts to secure for public and private users the services supplied by public utilities by placing dependence upon the principle of competition instead of the principles of governmental regulation.

"That the statistics of municipal affairs, and of public service utilities, however owned and operated, may be properly developed, it is necessary that the state shall establish a Department of Public Accounting and Inspection, as an independent department of state, properly organized and equipped, to cover all features of municipal affairs and of the public utilities that supply the

public needs of municipalities and of their inhabitants.

"Under the system of state regulation, such as is here advocated, every interest of users of municipalities and of the state, will be best served by exclusive, perpetual and untaxed franchises to public service corporations. Then operating under such conditions, public service corporations can render the best obtainable service at the lowest profitable rates and can satisfy the users of their service that they are doing so.

"That state which first succeeds in intelligently changing its system of organizing and regulating public service corporations, by adopting a system in corporations will become true friends of the people and will render to users the best service of which they are capable at the lowest possible rates."

WHITE-BUILDER.

James G. White, the man who is building the Philippine steam railways, who built the Manila electric railways, who erected the first great steel building in London, the Hotel Ritz in Paris, the Cotton Exchange in Liverpool, the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, who has installed steam and electric railways, water and power plants, gas and electric lighting plants, electric power transmission stations, irrigating dams, harbor works in a dozen states and as many foreign countries, is a constructor in the broadest sense of the word, says a writer in Technical World Magazine for October. Mr. White began to work at engineering projects when a lad of seventeen and while still a student at the Pennsylvania State College. After graduation he engaged himself in the Cambrie Iron works, studied and practiced mining engineering, became a professor at Cornell and later at the University of Nebraska, and at twenty-six years of age organized the Western Engineering Company and built numerous electrical railroads and plants throughout the West. The Edison United Manufacturing Company made overtures to him and he sold out to it and returned East to take charge of its installation department. At the formation of the General Electric Company he resigned and organized the firm of J. G. White & Company, and rapidly extended his business to Great Britain, Australia and South America.

It is peculiar of Mr. White that he has devoted his largest attention to foreign trade, and his contracts in South America alone are said to exceed \$25,000,000.

"Pitch Pennies?"

"Pitch pennies!" "Sure." "Shoot crap!" "Nope, we dassent; the big fellers takes our money."

Not the knowledge of wrong, but the fear of loss, is the deterrent. So the small boy bootblack utilizes his spare moments in "pitchin' pennies." Like other street boys, the bootblack seldom plays the kind of games that other children do. If he cannot get a customer, and is too poor to "pitch," when trade grows dull he sits down gravely on his box, rests his head on his grimy fist and watches some other boy "shine." In his moments of business activity he is sprightly and alive, but in his moments of repose there is no healthy reaction, no play instinct, nothing but a dull lethargy.

From this lethargy he awakens, like other street boys, at the prospect of something that warms the blood and stirs that love of risk of which we boast in America. The dice rattle on the stone pavement and the child's heart leaps within him. He may not play for "the big fellers takes our money;" but he will grow up some day, and then, ah! then he, too can rattle the dice and see the nickels and even the quarters gathered in and added to his pile. Yes, he may lose, but he never thinks of that. It is win! win! win! to him—one glorious round of excitement seasoned with huge piles of cash. Something for nothing! As he watches the crap game, sitting huddled up on his little box, his head resting on his grimy fist, one eye on the dice and the other on the blue-uniformed minion of the law who stands on the corner twirling his stick, he dreams of that happy day in the future when he will have something for nothing, as a winner at "crap," as a scaler of back porches, as an expert "cracksman"—or perhaps his aspirations go even higher than that, who knows?

FINANCIAL.

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N. S. Williams, carpenter, of 239 Liberty street, Salem, Or., says: "A number of years ago the doctors told me my kidneys were in bad shape. I came west on account of the trouble, thinking the change of climate would help me but nothing I did gave me relief in spite of the use of remedies and medical treatment. On procuring Doan's Kidney Pills I found them the best medicine I ever used. At the time I got them, I was suffering from an intense burning sensation as if two live coals were placed directly over my kidneys. The secretions from the kidneys were the color of strong black coffee and of a bad odor. After using two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills I did not have the least pain in my back or trouble with the kidneys. I give all the credit for this to your valuable remedy."

Plenty more proof life this from Astoria people. Call at Chas. Rogers drug store and ask what his customers report.

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