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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Cloudy with occasional rain.

ASTORIA LISTED FIRST.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week there was held, at Portland, a conference of the local managers of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, from all over the State of Oregon, some 30 in number, called together to meet the new division superintendent of Oregon, Mr. J. W. Gilkison, just up from California, to relieve Mr. J. H. Thatcher, who becomes general agent for the concern in Oregon, a promotion peculiarly fitting the man who has done so much to extend and up-build the service in this state (until, in the vast confusion and dis-arrangement of the company's affairs incident to the physical and moral upheaval of San Francisco, his efforts were, for the time being, nullified).

These representative officers went over each particular situation in the State of Oregon, with the local manager reporting from each place, and at the close of the conference, which is said to have been the most thorough affair of its kind on the coast in years, they were in possession of the fullest detail respecting every point of service here, and when the assemblage broke up, every man returned to his post with a wider knowledge of his business than he ever had, and this supplemented with orders that will make for the instant improvement of every department in the state.

The Astoria manager, Mr. J. A. Brunold, left his new chief, with the positive assurance that Astoria stood first on the list for investment with the new and modern equipment that shall place this city on a par with the best service on the coast, and that this was understood at San Francisco as well; and while the exact date of the improvement could not be given, he was directed to get his department in receptive shape for the big work and to hold himself and his force in readiness for orders at an early day. Mr. Brunold is only too glad to get in line for this development, and will lose no instant of time that shall contribute to the re-establishment of the Astorian system.

THE CURRIER'S PEOPLE.

The news of the arrival at Seattle of the 240 men marooned in Nelsons Lagoon from the wreck of the good ship John Currier, and the subsequent arrival of half a hundred of them at Astoria yesterday, is the theme par excellence on the streets and in the homes of this city. Primarily, the first note of grateful comment is heard as to the remarkable fact that not a single life has been lost, in the wreck nor in the 34 days of exposure on the inhospitable island up north; and this gives place to some pretty savage comment on the brutal desertion of the castaways by the steamship Leelanaw, her master coldly turning his vessel from them and sailing north, to Nome, after he had discovered their dangerous condition and had conferred with Captain Murchison of the lost Currier. The subsequent arrival of the revenue cutter McCullough, by sheer accident, was a mercy most unaccountable and wholly acceptable; and save for the utter loss of the ship, there is not a sad circumstance to relate in connection with the incident, a remarkable state of affairs in a matter involving so many lives as this; and for which many a family of this city and county, is devoutly thankful.

It is to be hoped that the report of the action of the captain of the Leelanaw will result in sharp reprisals upon that unscrupulous sailor.

BALLAST-DOCK NEEDED.

In the course of Astoria's work, and equipment, for the making of an actual seaport, it is very essential that there be provided, ways, and places, and means for the lightering of ballast tonnage, quickly, handily, cheaply. It is among the primary, and prime, requirements of a well-appointed harbor; and if there is not, at hand, such facilities as can be utilized without loss of time, then the quasi-marine people, with frontage on the bay, and perhaps, dockage to suit the purpose, must get to work and devise a system that shall meet the urgency, and at the same time make an honest dollar out of it.

If there is no such property available, then the Chamber of Commerce must put its energies at work in this behalf and see to it that no time is lost in attaining to such an establishment. There will be a ship in this port in a few days with several hundred tons of ballast to remove, and her agent here is exceedingly anxious to hold her here and make the task an easy and as reasonable as he can for her owners and her master. The very fact that we can discharge ballast, under fair conditions as to time and cost, will be another element of advantage in favor of our marine program, and as this function is among the first things demanded by incoming vessels, it should be met readily and successfully.

There are scores of lots all over the city that need filling, and good ballast will serve admirably in this direction; and an advertisement calling for specific privileges in this line, at fair compensation, should meet with widespread acceptance at the hands of property-owners to whom such a chance of improving their lands, would be invaluable. Something must be done in this relation without loss of time.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Having disposed of the cocktail matter, just as soon as Secretary Loeb has prepared his denial that he incited the Vancouver riot, his desk will be clear for the day.

It will now be a police captain's own fault if he does not get back a desirable assignment by having some politician boast he had the captain transferred.

"Is Mr. Connors the Democratic party?" demands Mayor McClellan. So far as your case is concerned, possibly yes, Mr. McClellan.

Bill Ward says: "Hurried wealth sets the pace for its possessor."

ASKS FIVE YEAR ENLISTMENT.

General Barry in Report From Cuba Pleads for More Men.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The annual report of Brigadier-General Thomas H. Barry, commanding the army of Cuban pacification, made public at the War strength of that army on June 30, 1907, strength of that army on June 30, 1907, was 5,577 officers and men. Of his force, 4,546 were in the regular army and 1,031 belonged to the marine corps. The moral effect of the presence of American soldiers, General Barry says, has been good and though the Cuban army is small in number, the entire island has been thoroughly covered and no occasion arose for the use of force.

General Barry says there has been great difficulty in obtaining recruits to keep the military organizations up to their proper strength. His command needs 1,186 men to fill the organizations to their authorized quota. He makes the following recommendations:

Increases in the pay of officers and enlisted men; reorganization of the mobile army and immediate increase of the infantry, by 24 regiments; increase of term of enlistment from three to five years; re-establishment of the army canteen; revision of the system of detailing commissioned officers for special duties and separating them from their commands, and that the President be authorized to detail retired officers for active duty whenever in his discretion their services are needed.

FAVORS LIMITED OUTPUT.

Miners' Congress at Salzburg Also Wants Child Labor Laws.

SALZBURG, Austria, Sept. 25.—At today's session of the International Congress of Miners a resolution was adopted opposing any restriction of the output of coal, the American and British Delegates voting with the majority.

An Austro-German resolution in favor of a legal prohibition of the employment of children under 14 in the mining industry, or under 16 on underground work also was adopted. The American delegates referred to efforts made in Congress in the United States in the same direction.

PARENTS TO BLAME

Educators Find Few Children With Good Health

ARE BEHIND PROPER GRADES

One-third of All School Children in the United States Have Physical Defects—Based on Home Conditions New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—That about one-third of all the school children in the United States, or about 12,000,000 boys and girls, are behind their proper grades because of physical defects that could be remedied, is the gist of a report made by a committee of prominent educators, headed by Charles C. Burlingham, former president of the board of education of this city. This committee has investigated conditions among school children, not only in New York, but in Boston, Chicago and other cities.

"Based on the physical defects and home conditions of 1400 school children of New York City," says the report, "it is estimated that 12,000,000 of the children of the United States have physical defects, more or less serious, which should receive attention from parents and physicians.

"If the percentages recorded by the board of health in New York should be maintained throughout the country—and it seems likely that they would be—as impaired vision, malnutrition and defective breathing are found in rural as well as urban schools—there must be 1,440,000 ill-nourished children, 5,615,000 with enlarged glands and 6,925,000 with defective breathing in the United States. In New York city the estimated figures are: Malnutrition, 48,000; enlarged glands, 187,000; and defective breathing, 230,000, a total of 465,000.

"The defects indicated are easily remedied, and many could be prevented by proper care, though, except in the case of defective vision, the causes are not always easily determined. Among the 1400 children studied only a trifle more than 10 per cent are reported to be suffering from malnutrition, and of these fewer than 14 per cent come from families where the income is less than \$10 weekly."

WILL FORTIFY VALDIVOSTOK.

Russia to Spend \$19,000,000 There and at Nikolayevsk, Amur Port.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the Bourse Gazette from Valdivostok states that defense works costing \$19,000,000 are to be undertaken there and in its neighborhood.

Valdivostok will be fortified more strongly and improvements will be made to the naval port at Nikolayevsk, on the Amur, near its mouth. Immense barracks also will be constructed at Khabarovsk, at the junction of the Amur and Ussuri rivers.

STOOD 11,000 VOLTS.

New Haven Road Electrician Has Unprecedented Experience.

STAMFORD, Conn., Sept. 25.—George Betts, an electrician of Brooklyn, is believed to be electric proof. While he was at work on the electric zone of the New Haven road at Coscob today he picked up a live wire carrying 11,000 volts.

A pair of plyers he held short circuited the current box of the circuit breaker and flames shot into the air 30 feet. Betts was badly burned about the arms and face and one arm was paralyzed, but within a short time of the accident he was able to walk about. He went home to Brooklyn unattended.

An Ounce of Prevention is worth a pound of cure. There are many poor sufferers. Consumptives who are hopeless of getting well—who, if they had taken care of themselves, would now be well. A cough is the foundation of Consumption. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure that cough. Mrs. S., Great Falls, Montana, writes: "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my family for years—my children never suffer with coughs." Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

Of Interest to Many

Foley's Kidney Cure will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

THE VALUE OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE

Personal knowledge is the winning factor in the culminating contests of this competitive age and when of ample character it places its fortunate possessor in the front ranks of the Well Informed of the World.

A vast fund of personal knowledge is really essential to the achievement of the highest excellence in any field of human effort.

A Knowledge of Forms, Knowledge of Functions and Knowledge of Products are all of the utmost value and in questions of life and health when a true and wholesome remedy is desired it should be remembered that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., is an ethical product which has met with the approval of the most eminent physicians and gives universal satisfaction, because it is a remedy of

Known Quality, Known Excellence and Known Component Parts and has won the valuable patronage of millions of the Well Informed of the world, who know of their own personal knowledge and from actual use that it is the first and best of family laxatives, for which no extravagant or unreasonable claims are made.

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CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., U.S.A.
LOUISVILLE, KY. LONDON, ENGLAND. NEW YORK, N.Y.

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.

BIG CHERRY ORCHARD.

EUGENE, Sept. 25.—F. E. Dunn, A. C. Woodcock and C. S. Williams, all of Eugene, and Geo. A. Dorris, of Springfield, have recently purchased the old "Dickie" Robinson farm of 200 acres in the river road, seven miles below the city, and will this winter set the entire tract to Royal Anne cherries, apples, peaches and pears. This will be the largest orchard in the county and one of the largest in the state.

Health in the Canal Zone.

The high wages paid make it a mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the force of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama Canal. Many are restrained however by the fear of fevers and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those who have used Electric Bitters, who go there without this fear, well knowing they are safe from malarious influence with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison too, biliousness, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist, 50c.

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