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"A WORD TO THE WISE."

The Morning Astorian tries to be, and is, very largely, to its own city and county, all that the Oregonian is to Portland and Multnomah county. It endeavors to, and does, as largely and truly as it may, reflect and represent the consensus of public reason and spirit here upon all the leading topics of the day as they are expressed by the people. All this the Oregonian denies, simply because the Astorians and Clatsopians do not think, speak and act as it would have them upon certain matters in which it is deeply interested.

We are not minding matters with the Oregonian, nor any other paper, nor with any man, nor set of men. If we agree with them and the weight of agreement is on the public tongue, we say so gladly and frankly and promptly; but if we realize that the Oregonian is wrong and inquiry hereabout confirms the deduction, we simply go ahead and fight, that is all there is to it.

That the Oregonian does not like our style of fighting does not make the slightest difference to us. There are people in good old Oregon who do like the fighting methods of the Oregonian, and many a bitter protest has been sent up to that great paper, through its half century of existence but it has made no difference to the Oregonian, either. It goes right on with its crusades and wins many of them upon the sheer plane of vitriol and amazing force as a "crusher."

The Oregonian wastes its breath when it tells the people here that it, or its city, is friendly to Astoria. Years of thwarting, denial, abuse, circumvention, discrimination, directed toward this place and made tellingly successful by reason of the Oregonian's power, is an old story at this end of the river, and Astorians are not deceived by any sort of explanation it offers.

There are not more than half a dozen citizens of this city and county who openly commend the Port of Columbia law and only one that ever gave an intelligent idea of his conclusions and why he held them. The rest of the people, headed by the county court and every attorney at the Clatsop bar, were unified, instantly and unanimously, against the unjust thing.

As to the graft element of the notorious measure, we reiterate that there was such a report and that it dealt with certain men, in certain sums, and was common talk at Salem and in this city, and no bones were made about it whatever; and we are the more convinced of the actual truth of the rumor since the Oregonian, of yesterday, was at such pains to do the dignified stunt in derogation of our allusion to it. The gaff evidently struck and sunk and hurt. We would rather say pleasant, kindly things of the Oregonian, because there is so much of that sort of thing that might be said of it, in a hundred ways; but we are sticking to our text just so long as it tries to cram that Port of Columbia law down the Clatsop throat and will pledge ourselves never to exceed, by a single expression, the public estimate of the bill here. To date we have but faintly urged the popular dislike of the measure.

"A word to the wise" ought to be sufficient. Perhaps it will be!

"TAKE TO THE WATER."

The essence of Mr. Fox's talk, here, recently, was, that to escape the fast increasing burdens of railroad transportation, the people must make more and better use of the waterways of the nation; every section that possesses an available water route must qualify it for service and then use it, at its lower rate of cost, until the railway situation shall have cleared itself of the snarls and ambiguities and infirmities, incident to its long lease of unlicensed power, wherewith it has wrought its own defeat in the eyes of the people and the law.

Astoria is particularly fortunate in being situated on a water level grade from everywhere in the universe; river and sea contribute to make her the ideal depot for the exports and imports of the

Northwest; no other city is as easily reached, nor as cheaply, by water, as is this place; and even Portland can utilize her as her best and greatest agency in the handling of the great commerce she controls, if she will but see the expediency of such a scheme.

The fact that the metropolis is up a couple of rivers, with all sorts of impediments at the mouth of lesser stream, with a growing dread among the mariners in command of the heavier bottoms that so frequently mire down there, is going to count heavily in favor of sending, and receiving, foreign cargoes at the mouth of the Columbia, where there is room to float the biggest fleets, of the greatest tonnage. All that is needed is a patent demonstration of the ease and despatch with which ships can be handled here (with the open sea in plain sight of every dock in the harbor) to clutch the problem once for all, and our word may be taken for it, the demonstration is not very far away, either.

As soon as it is made, and the harbor of Astoria is shown to be just what the good God intended it to be, the aggressive Portlander will be here with his business and the fulsome plea that "he knew it must come some day," etc., etc. The whole country is going to "take to the water" until the railway men re-parcel their kingdom and re-adjust their levies; and by that time, we will have learned the exact and indispensable value of the water-haul and water-grade.

THE FIRST DIFFERENCE.

As an oratorical effect, Taft's speech is not remarkable. There is little rhetoric in it. There is not one impassioned phrase in it. There is nothing that dazzles or surprises. It is a calm, candid and judicial treatment of the subjects of rate legislation, trusts and tariff revision, with references to a federal inheritance tax and a federal income tax, and with the earnest championship of President Roosevelt and a contrast of his policy with Mr. Bryan's. On railway rate legislation Mr. Taft endorses the present laws and favors several amendments that have been called for by the Interstate Commerce Commission, one of which would give permission to railroads to form traffic agreements subject to the approval of the Commission. He is opposed to government ownership and he does not believe that in order to secure federal regulation of railroads "the constitutional limits upon federal action should be blurred out or an undoubted federal power should be expanded by doubtful construction into a field which undoubtedly belongs to the state." This is taken by some papers to indicate that Mr. Taft does not take stock in the suggestion made by Mr. Farrar of Louisiana and countenanced by President Roosevelt that the post roads clause of the federal government gives the federal government fuller powers over the railroads than the interstate commerce clause confers. This is the first difference detected between Taft's views and Roosevelt's.—Current Literature for October.

WEDS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Rich Boston Wool Merchant Falls in Love With Dead Wife's Parent.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 30.—Thrown in constant companionship with his mother-in-law after the death of his wife, James Parsons, a millionaire wool merchant of Boston, fell in love with her and married her here today.

Parson's wife died two years ago. He had always had a strong affection for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Agusta J. King, and after his wife's death she continued to reside with him.

The merchant finally discovered that he was infatuated with his dead wife's mother and proposed to her. He was accepted and the wedding soon followed.

WILL FIGHT LOCAL OPTION.

Pennsylvania Liquor Dealers, Alarmed, Seek to Raise \$1,500,000 Fund.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 30.—The Pennsylvania State Federation of Liquor Dealers will meet in Harrisburg on Thursday and Friday to discuss plans to raise \$1,500,000 to fight local option in the state.

Alarmed by the recent local option elections in Ohio when East Liverpool and Welville were voted dry, the Pennsylvania dealers are going to work. They are not over their scare caused when in the last legislature only four votes were needed to put a local option bill on the house calendar.

Charles S. Black, president of the Western Pennsylvania Liquor Association, is at the head of the movement to arouse interest in this state.

ATTACK WIFE OF SHERIFF.

LAPORTE, Ind., Sept. 30.—After knocking down the wife of Sheriff Smutzer with an iron rod they had wrenched from the bed when she had stepped into the cell corridor to give a drink of water to a sick prisoner tonight Arthur Cummins and John Edwards, awaiting grand jury action on grand larceny charges, escaped from the Laporte county jail.

Mrs. Smutzer, though badly hurt, crawled to the outer door and locked it, preventing the escape of eleven other prisoners.

HAS HAPPY ENDING.

Objections of F. A. Spencer of Tacoma Are Fruitless.

OLYMPIA, Sept. 30.—While the unrelenting father stormed, the bride pleaded and the groom reiterated his intention of never giving up, the marital troubles of John Pettierew and his pretty 16-year-old bride came to an end today, as all good romances should, with a bridal tour and a happy ever after prospect.

Whether the bride's picture is to be turned to the wall in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spencer of the Judson house, 947 D street, Tacoma, depends upon how long her father's anger continues. The old gentleman was not in an enviable frame of mind when he followed the bridal party out of Olympia on a latter train, but after investigating the circumstances of his daughter's marriage to Pettierew in this city Monday, and finding they had been legally united save for the question of the girl's age, he consented to make no further objection, and the interrupted wedding journey was continued, still without the parental blessing, but a happy one, just the same.

Pettierew, who is an industrious young carpenter, may return here with his bride to make his future home.

In an interview today, while negotiations were in progress, he announced his firm intention of never giving up his bride. He declared that his name is Pettierew and that he is a relative of United States Senator Pettierew of South Dakota, in spite of the difference in the spelling of their names.

GHOULISH FUN.

Students Fasten a Hazed Victim in a Coffin.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—A special to the Tribune from Dubuque, Ia., says:

To lie for ten hours in a coffin, to see through the glass covering over his face the glimmer of candles, was the fate of Roy Lorraine, a student of the Dubuque high school, who was the victim of a school fraternity initiation.

The young man was to be submitted to the most trying ordeal. Gagged and bound, he was taken under cover of night to a farm in the vicinity of the city. Here he was escorted to a cellar long in disuse and led down the stairway. Candles were lighted and placed about in niches in the wall and young Lorraine, blindfolded, was induced to lie down in what to him seemed a box, and the cover was fastened. The covering soon was removed from his eyes and he awoke to the realization that he was in a coffin. There was sufficient air to keep him from smothering and he remained there all through the night. Early in the morning he was released by some of his friends.

OWES GOVERNMENT.

Charles G. Hoyt Declared by Court to Have Misapplied \$196.

SPOKANE, Sept. 30.—Charles G. Hoyt a nephew of ex-President Grover Cleveland, who has been the principal defendant in a suit in the Federal court brought by the government to recover from him and the United States Fidelity Company, his surety, approximately \$3,000 alleged to have been misapplied by him as dispersing member of an Indian Commission, was decided by Judge Deitrich today to be indebted for only \$196.50. Hoyt was one of the commission appointed in 1900 to treat with the Crow, Flathead and Yakima Indians for the transfer of their lands. It is alleged that of the \$18,000 he received from the government he disbursed rightfully all but \$2,720.

HAWAIIAN FORESTS.

An addition has been made to the forest reserves in the island of Maui by providing that the government land within the limits of these reservations at present leased to private parties shall automatically, at the expiration of the present leases, become part of the forest reserves. The extent of the additions is about 23,000 acres.

In Hawaii even private lands in forest are sometimes administered by the Territorial Board of Agriculture and Forestry. Some of the lessees of public land within the Koolau Reserve, one of those just mentioned, turned over to the Board for administration both their leased lands and their private lands in the same reserve, together amounting to 7,000 acres.

TERRORIST LYNCHED.

ZHITOMIR, Province of Volhynia, Russia, Sept. 30.—Three revolutionists today attacked and wounded the chief of rural constabulary in his villa, in Raikta, near here, and also wounded six peasants who wounded the would-be assassins. The peasants finally caught the revolutionists, who were lynched by the enraged pursuers.

THE VALUE OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE

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DIVIDE PERSIA IMPARTIALLY.

Russia and England Create Three Commercial Spheres by Treaty.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The official text of the Anglo-Russian treaty has been issued. The principal clauses provide for the division of Persia into three spheres of commercial influence. The northern sphere is allotted to Russia, the middle sphere will be neutral, and the southern is allotted to Great Britain. The latter's preponderance in Afghanistan is recognized.

BRIDGE INQUIRY IS ON.

Relay Commission Will Come to New York to Examine Cooper.

OTTAWA, Sept. 30.—The members of the royal commission are on their way from Quebec to Ottawa. They will examine witnesses here and then go to New York to question Theodore Cooper, the engineer who examined the plans of the ill-fated Quebec bridge. From there they go to Phoenixville to examine witnesses relative to the collapse of the bridge.

FEWER SHEEP OR NONE AT ALL?

The Butte City, Mont. Miner quotes a stockman who says there are 1,000,000 fewer sheep in that state today than there were twelve months ago, this difference having been brought about by the forest reserve policy of the present administration.

But if the range pastures are all eaten up how is it possible to keep as many sheep as before? The administration has not eaten up the grass; it is only protecting for future use, such grass as is left, in order that the sheep population will not have to be reduced still more.

Gov. J. C. Cutler, of Utah, at the recent luncheon entertaining the Goddard newspaper correspondents' excursion, spoke wisely on this point: "It may sometimes appear that in seeking the greatest good of the greatest number an injustice is done to some who are interested. This would appear in the case of setting aside certain forest reserves, to the detriment of lumber, stock and sheep interests. Also in the withdrawal of certain mineral lands from entry under the present system, until the real value of these lands may be at least approximately determined. But it is easily seen that the disadvantage is only temporary. Because the first of these will result in the great of the water supply and the growth of new timber and additional vegetation, the value of which will more than balance any temporary inconvenience. And as for the second case, the Government and the State should be entitled to a fair price for the lands they have to dispose of.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Astoria Readers Have Heard it and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Astoria are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame weak and aching back is had no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

E. C. Rutland, printer, living on Astor street, Astoria, Ore., says: "I have tried several guaranteed kidney cures but consider Doan's Kidney Pills the best and highly recommend the remedy to my friends. My trouble had bothered me off and on for many years. I had pain in the small of my back, sharp twinges when stooping or lifting and the aching bothered me a great deal at night. I was tired, languid and very nervous, but since using Doan's Kidney Pills I have not had these nervous spells nor the headaches I used to suffer from. The results have been a great improvement."

ment in the condition of the kidney secretions. Doan's Kidney Pills have been so great a help to me that I am continuing with them, and feel sure of relief whenever suffering from these troubles."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Charles Rogers' drug store and ask what customers report.

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