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THE WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair in the south; cloudy with possibly rain in the northern portion.

TRANSPORTATION BUNCOMBE.

The Evening Telegram, of Portland, is sponsor for a silly story to the effect that Mr. Harriman, by way of evenin-up things down here at the mouth of the Columbia, with the Hill people, who have secured the very cream of all sites for terminal equipment of every sort, will construct a canal from the lately acquired terminal grounds of the Union Pacific, on Young's Bay, to the Pacific Ocean on the west, thus making that system utterly independent of Hill, the Columbia bar, and all the other possible features of balling sort hereabout. The article reads as though it were written by some "cub" reporter sent out on a wild-goose chase for news, rather than by a trained man with confirmatory notes from authentic sources at his command.

We do not know what Mr. Harriman intends to do with his several hundreds of acres of waterfrontage on the south shore of our south bay; but we credit him with more sense than is derivable from such a proposition as the one heralded by the Telegram. The best

project for a canal ever seen here was launched last year by a well known engineer, Mr. Eugene Semple, and it was bruited about for sometime, that there was capital and influence behind it; but it involved an immense jetty, from Tillamook Head, out into the ocean to the northwest, as a break-water to the coast immediately north of the Head, which was to render the sea-waters in the bight safe for anchorage and the passing of ships in and out of the mouth of the canal. This canal was to run thence north, parallel with the coast-line, to a point inside Clatsop Spit, and join the bay-flood miles below where the Union Pacific site is located. But this scheme, designed to obviate what of alleged danger or trouble might attach to the Columbia bar, did not command itself to the practical people here, and it dropped out of sight very quickly; as will all canal enterprises that have to do with a channel debouching upon the raw sea for a terminus.

The one thing necessary to make these terminal grounds available for sea-traffic is the deepening of the Young's Bay channel, to an adequate depth, to a point of confluence with the harbor channels, and it is quite likely that this is all comprehended in the general scheme of the company and will develop in good time. There is an abundance of time for the conjectural spirit of the Portland scribes however, as Mr. Harriman's Oregon projects do not materialize with any particular "swiftness."

PEACE GOES BEGGING.

The Hague Peace Conference has fallen, futile, and inept, and added its testimony to the eternal score of recorded human savagery. The dawn of organic concord has slipped back under the horizon of racial greed and will stay there for another cycle. Blood-lust has always outbitten blood-love, when the tremendous balances have been swung in the hands of diplomacy, and this will be the course, forever, because of the irradecable elements of greed in the human heart; greed of power, greed of wealth, greed of place and prestige and pride. There is no peace, save in the abstract; as a concrete, elementary attribute among mankind, it has no existence; it is repelled, as a menace to the grosser aims and longings. We want war; no matter what shape it comes in. We must have it, to preserve the estimates and standards of achievement, be it in society, civic engagement, business, the professional career, in every field and phase of human endeavor. Civilization is not great enough for peace, yet a thousand years from now, perhaps, the vast reversal may be achieved and war become the remote exception or the forgotten medium of arbitration. The Neroic period will be discounted in

America before the end of this century, and when the prophecy of the great English historian shall have come to pass, and upon our own summons, we may die, in a national sense, to live again, possessed of a diviner wisdom that shall make for all the transcendent things we are scorning now.

THE SPEED QUEEN.

It makes one hold one's breath to read of the Lusitania's huge bulk slitting the Atlantic rollers at 23 miles an hour, and making the coasts of Europe and America within 120 of those same hours. It is great, of course, and but another expression of superb courage and skill with which the modern human is surcharged. That it is but one more turn in the keying up of the intense speed-mania of the age, goes without saying; but, the hazards through which the new limits are to be established (or, rather, through which all limits are to be, eventually, dis-established) strike us as overwhelmingly charged with death and destruction; but we will not press the fearsome doubt, lest we be relegated to that state of uninspired, ignorant, and hapless desuetude, wherein we have so often placed our fore-father; and as we are altogether American we choose to take the bit in our teeth and "do things", even if we die wretchedly in the doing of them. But just think of a couple of Lusitania's coming together, at that speed, in mid-Atlantic, on a sombre night! WHAT!!!!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The railroads that join in the waterways movement are far-sighted as well as broad-minded.

The early completion of a deep waterway to the gulf will be of vast help to the country in solving the transportation problem, the rate problem and the market problem.

The American people pay no attention to talk of panic on account of a decline in the quotation of any stock that has been watered. Punoturing the fictions will not bring hard times.

After gazing upon the ample form of Secretary Taft the little Japs have concluded that an ounce of prudence is better than a ton of valor.

The decorum of the Senate will be put to a severe tension when the two new members from Oklahoma shall strut down the aisle clanking their spurs and swatting the desks with their som-breros.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Christian Science. Services at 634 Grand avenue, Sunday at 10 a. m., subject: "Doctrines of Atonement." All are invited.

Holy Innocents' Chapel. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Morning and evening services, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Holy communion. Sunday school, 11:15 a. m.

Presbyterian. All services as usual. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Chorus choir. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12:30. Rev. John Warren will preach at the evening services. Rev. W. S. Short will be at Holy Innocents' Chapel, in Uppertown, in the evening exchange pulpits with Rev. Warren.

The sermon themes at the Methodist Church will be as follows: At 11 a. m., "The Constraining Motive"; at 7:30 a. m., "The Persuasive Power of the

Bible." All other services as usual. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. Seats are free. Strangers will be made to feel at home. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Baptist Church. All services at usual hours. Morning theme, "A Mind to Work." Evening, "The Cross of Christ and the Christ of the Cross." Everyone is invited. Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

First Spiritual. The First Spiritual church services will be held at the Megler House at 8 p. m., conducted by Mrs. Coon.

First Evangelical. Morning service in Swedish at 10:45; theme, "Royalty in the Kingdom of God." Evening service, always in English, at 7:30 o'clock; theme, "Gathering in the Harvest of the Kingdom." Sunday school at Uppertown Church and in the German Lutheran at 9:30 a. m., Miss Alema Nyland and Mrs. A. Young, superintendents. Choir meets for rehearsal every Tuesday evening at 7:30; confirmation class meets for instruction every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Tuesday morning, October 15, the pastor will leave for Tacoma, to attend a meet-

ing of the Columbia conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and will be gone for a week. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.

Her health is right, her temper bright, She's as happy as can be. Since taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain the pain in Ma's head has gone. Frank Hart.

Before deciding definitely, the Empress of China might get Alton B. Parker to draw her one of his kind of Constitutions, warranted to prevent anything ever happening.

How to Cure a Cold.

The question of how to cure a cold without unnecessary loss of time is one in which we are all more or less interested, for the quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger of pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., has used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.



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