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THE WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair.

A WORD IN SEASON.

Astoria has never possessed so assured a future as is here just now.

Within reason, she has everything to look forward to, that will make her an important commercial city and seaport.

Extravagant land values, and fictitious prices of all sorts, should be carefully excluded from her markets; and all she has to offer must be held at figures that attract, rather than repel, the man and money from abroad.

It was to the end that our people might get together on this sane proposition, that we advocated the calling of a mass meeting of Astorians to discuss means and measures, the other day; and we still adhere to the utility of such a gathering.

The responsibility of making the most of our splendid field lies with us; not with the people who shall come in here searching for actual benefits; we will make or mar the best prospect time and circumstance has ever awarded us just as we shall gauge our prices and quote them.

More cities than one have been ruined by "boom" absurdities and we do not have to sacrifice anything to that doctrine.

A MYRIAD UTOPIAS.

Every human soul has its own Utopia; intellect, circumstance, condition, environment, and a thousand other elements of individual existence, beget the scope and beauty of it.

The abjectly poor builds his out of the images wrought of wealth; the invalid finds his in the longings for health and strength; the crippled, the blind, the free man, the prisoner, the ambitious, the plodding, all have their high and ultimate desires, and the everlasting dream goes on, unremittently, with its endless fight for the unattainable.

It is one of the saving graces of life, this consciousness of, and search for, the ideal. It makes the paths of life smoother, and softens the ills that are, by sheer reflected sweetness.

It is only when the eager soul seeks to bend the rigid actualities of today to the dreamed-of blessednesses of tomorrow, that his cup of defeat and disappointment overflows with abundant bitterness, and he lapses to a level altogether hopeless.

RUSSIAN VERSUS JEW.

One of the ugly and invariable phases of Russian news is the constant and horrible baiting of the Jews there. Russia claims to be civilized; but she is woefully in arrears on that score, if one-half the tales of this sort that come from there, are true.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

In order to gain another promotion Gen. Funston will have to swim the Mississippi.

The president finds the inland folks ready to agree that the salt water needs also shall receive attention.

At the present rate of progress the American oration will soon be a lap ahead of the English drumbeat in circling the world.

The whistling of steamboats up and down the great Father of Waters is the right sort of a keynote, politically and otherwise.

Young Teddy Roosevelt's connection with the Harvard football team of 1907 will tend to prove what heretery influence can do on the gridiron.

Vancouver talks of sending the Asiatic immigrants to Ottawa, and the Canadian capital might forward them to Downing street, London.

A waterway seven feet deep will shortly be opened from Hennepin on the Illinois River to Rock Island on the Mississippi, constructed by the United States Government at a cost of \$7,500,000.

A Louisiana swamp drainage convention will be held in New Orleans this week. The spirit of improvement has mounted the water wagon and the Mississippi Valley will proceed to raise more corn and cotton as well as carry them more freely and cheaper to the markets.



School Shoes FOR BOYS

The Billy Buster Steel Bottom Shoes

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TO INSTALL 'PHONE WIRELESS'

Naval Officer Will Equip the Virginia and Connecticut With New System.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Lieutenant-Commander Cleland Davis of the navy has gone to Norfolk to install wireless telephone instruments on the battle-ships Virginia and Connecticut.

The instrument to be tested on the Virginia and Connecticut is the invention of a Danish engineer. It was the first put on the market. A feature of the wireless telephone is that it works with a much lower voltage than the wireless telegraph.

The wireless telephone has been operated successfully for a distance of eight miles. Communication for five miles is comparatively easy. It can be utilized to great advantage by the commanding officer of a fleet to call up the captains of the various ships and converse with them without leaving his cabin.

BODY OF JONES NOT FOUND.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—A rumor which for a long time has passed from mouth to mouth regarding the exhumation of the supposed body of John Paul Jones was

given publicity today in the Cridu Paris, which says that the truth is beginning to filter through. The Cridu Paris says that the pretended discovery was only an invention published during the excavations. The truth is that five coffins were dug up. Four of them bore plates identifying their contents, but the fifth was blank.

Out of Sight.

"Out of sight, out of mind," is an old saying which applies with special force to a sore, burn or wound that's been treated with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's out of sight, out of mind and out of existence.

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