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THE WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair.

"PURELY PERSONAL."

The Morning Astorian regrets that its strictures on the action of three members of the nine composing the promotion committee of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, in regard to the treatment accorded to William Reid in the matter of his negotiations for certain right-of-way, privileges on the Portland-Oregon & Seacoast Railway project, should have evoked so pronouncedly personal a response from Mr. G. C. Fulton as appears in these columns this morning. We had no idea that Mr. Reid's overtures were construed upon so purely personal grounds as is rendered unequivocally certain by this communication; nor that deals, referred by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce to its leading committee, were disposed of upon such hypotheses. We have always felt, and held, that the Chamber of Commerce was a quasi-public body, taking its authority, its sustenance, and its prestige, from the major sense of its membership, not from the personal inspirations or prejudices that possess its committees, in whole, or in part.

That it invests this, its most prominent committee, with such immutable prerogatives as are indicated in the action of this particular minority of this particular committee, is, to say the least, dangerous policy in the handling of affairs of this nature when so many men and interests are involved. We deprecate such "close-corporation" methods in an organization to whom the will of its majority should be as the "breathe of its nostrils," on the ground, that no good, no safety, no genuinely authoritative action, may be counted upon, especially in cases where spontaneous prejudice appears to have swayed as it did in this instance. However well justified that prejudice may have been, insofar as this particular protestant is concerned, is not to the point, and should have been beside it, to the very end of this negotiation of Mr. Reid's. It is peculiarly suggestive that nothing of this sort was broached during the earlier phases of his dealings with the Chamber of Commerce, and only appear at the moment he comes to make good on the only stipulations set up by the Chamber during the six weeks or two months his proposition has been before this body. To the ordinary citizen it looks very much as though Mr. Reid's final proof of his willingness and ability to do what was demanded of him in this relation, could not be negatived, now he forced from the field, save by the application of a mixture of bias and temper, and bluff in the shape of an impossible and extraordinary "rider" to his privilege, a bond of \$250,000 to assure the doing of the work and the paying of the men engaged upon it.

We beg to disclaim Mr. Fulton's wholesale charge that this paper or the people employed upon it, have ever done less than their entire duty by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. It strikes us that we have manifested about as much real interest in it and its work, as he can justify to; and we beg to assert our privilege, and his, to criticize what of its actions are amenable to criticism, as is the one in which he has just figured so conspicuously. And we have the advantage of writing this quite free from any prejudice toward him, the Chamber, and Mr. Reid. The conclusion that Mr. Reid is absolutely without backing and sponsorship is merely a gratuity and is not qualified in the communication under consideration. Beside, it was not the time to demand nor expect any definite assurance on this score. That phase of the situation could have waited the issue of the compact we were pledged to and which we flatly discarded, to our own discredit.

This paper is edited for every man in this city and county to read, and with the sole purpose of passing upon public and popular questions in rational and wholesome terms, and upon the clearest understanding of the public purview of those questions; not to do injustice, nor work disadvantage to any

man or interest here. Nor is it held at this office that that editing is invariably and exactly accomplished; but it is held that it is not essential, in matters that have had as continuous publicity as the Reid right-of-way case has, to hunt up any particular person at interest in order to secure as patently prejudiced review of the matter, as is unfolded in the communication sent us by Mr. Fulton.

As he shall justify that expression of his feelings to himself and those that agree with him, so shall we justify this paper to its readers, in even so great a piece of temerity as disagreeing with him may be counted.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

As a spectator on Brooklyn Bridge remarked as the Lusitania passed in off Governors Island: "Sure an' it's a great day, sir, whin a boat can cross in four days and 28 hours!"

A strike was appropriately precipitated the other day at St. Paul City Hospital by a nurse named Alvina Hammer!

Now that Mrs. Isaac Rice is back from foreign shores—a little more quiet, please.

The Tammany ticket for Judges of the city court hasn't forgotten its brogue.

Lillian Russell says divorce is the world's greatest blessing. Blessed Lillian!

KELLOGG VISITS BONAPARTE.

Standard Oil and Harriman Testimony Discussed in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul, special counsel for the government in the Standard Oil cases, came over to Washington today, spending some time at the Department of Justice in conference with Attorney-General Bonaparte. Mr. Kellogg said he had discussed certain phases of the Standard Oil case with the attorney-general.

Messrs. Kellogg and Bonaparte also conferred as to the efforts of the government to have E. H. Harriman respond to certain questions that he declined to answer during the Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing into the operation of the Harriman lines. It is understood that as a result of today's conference no criminal prosecutions of individuals for violation of the rebate and anti-trust laws will be undertaken for the present.

MR. CLEVELAND IS MUCH BETTER.

Health Good and Wife Says he Will Visit More Freely.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 17.—Grover Cleveland returned to Princeton this afternoon from a trip to New York. He left here last night. Mr. Cleveland's visit to New York was entirely on business, the nature of which was not given out here. At the Cleveland home tonight, Mrs. Cleveland talked with a reporter and said that the former President was improving rapidly. "Mr. Cleveland is much better, although he is still very weak in the legs," she added. "The trip to New York was purely a business one."

Mrs. Cleveland went on to say that Mr. Cleveland will go to New York more frequently from now on.

DESTROYER TO MAKE 35 KNOTS.

Craft Being Built for Japanese Navy is of New Type.

TOKIO, Oct. 17.—A new type of destroyer is being built for the Japanese navy. It will be the biggest as well as the swiftest afloat. It will have a tonnage of 1100 and a speed of 35 knots. Its armament will be one five-inch and eight four-inch guns and it will have four torpedo tubes. It is intended that it shall be able to accompany battleships in any weather.

Up to date the fastest torpedo craft are the German G. 137, which is said to have made in its trials last month 33 knots, and the British Cossack, which, the same month, in a trial run on the Mersey, made 33 1/2 knots.

WILL BUILD AT COLUMBIA.

Goldfield Neighbor to Have Sampler of 400 Tons Capacity.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 17.—W. H. Scott, of the mining and brokerage firm of

Ice Cream....

Made from Pure Sweet Cream, 40c. Quart.

Whipped Cream

40 Cents a Quart

TAGG'S PARLORS

483 Commercial St.

Scott & Amanu of Goldfield is at Salt Lake to secure plans for a large sampling works at Columbia, Nev. Columbia, it will be recalled, is one of Goldfield's nearest neighbors, the town beginning where Goldfield leaves off.

Columbia is tributary to practically all the Goldfield district, and has ample railroad facilities. Mr. Scott stated that his his associates and himself were having the plans drawn in this city for a sampling plant with a capacity of from 400 to 500 tons a day, and when these plans are available work upon the plant will begin without delay.

The camp of Goldfield, he states, never was in a better way to achieve success, and the most gratifying era there is just dawning. It is contemplated that a sampling plant at Columbia will draw ores from a great many Nevada camps now handicapped in marketing their resources.

COAL DEALER HELD FOR TRIAL.

Prominent Philadelphia Charged With Larceny in Boston.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Charged with larceny of \$5,705 from the city of Boston, Joseph T. Hilles of Philadelphia, a member of the firm of Hatfield & Hilles, dealers of Pennsylvania and New York, was held for trial in \$10,000 bail in the superior criminal court today.

The case against Hilles is the result of the finance commission investigation of prominent business and club man in Philadelphia. The indictment is independent of the Klous case, which is now pending.

GETS FIRST KILLING FROST.

Western New York Has Freeze Month Later Than Last Year.

BUFFALO, Oct. 17.—There was a killing frost throughout western New York last night. Ice formed in small pools and it was the coldest night of the season. The first killing frost of last year in this vicinity was on Sept. 14, a month earlier than this year.

The official record of the Buffalo weather bureau this morning showed a temperature of 35.5 degrees, but in outlying parts of the city and throughout the country the temperature got considerable below freezing.

I have been afflicted with sore eyes afflicted with Sore Eyes for 33 Years, for thirty-three years. Thirteen years ago I became totally blind and was blind for six years. My eyes were badly inflamed. One of my neighbors insisted upon my trying Chamberlain's Salve and gave me half a box of it. To my surprise it healed my eyes and my sight came back to me.—P. C. Davis, Cynthia, Ky. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

TEA

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Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Includes items like Reclining Go-Carts, Mirrors, Ranges, Magic National Heaters, Iron Beds, Simmons Iron Bed, Granite inlaid linoleum, etc.

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