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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Cloudy with possibly rain.

A FEW WORDS MORE.

Reverting to the inspired article in the October "Success" magazine (alluded to in these columns yesterday morning), which was written by one Chauncey Thomas, and which deals with the harbors and commerce of the great Northwest, to the utter negation of the mouth of the Columbia River as an agency in this immense field, we desire, at this time to call especial attention to this man's peculiar, off-hand doctrine of wiping things off the face of the earth.

Commenting on this coast's equipment in the way of harbors he points out that San Francisco, once "the New York of the Pacific," is doomed to lose her commanding prestige before the looming expansion of Puget Sound, and then says there are but three harbors north of the Golden Gate, to-wit, the mouth of the Columbia, Gray's Harbor and Puget Sound; he then proceeds to eliminate this port, Portland and Gray's Harbor, adhering tenaciously, however, to his Puget Sound inspiration with all the ardor of a man earning a rattling big fee.

In his peremptory obliteration of the harbor here, he starts in with the assertion that the "navigable mouth of the Columbia is but a mile wide," as if that were an insuperable impediment, when the veriest school-boy in America knows that all entrances to rivers, from the ocean, are governed by channels, and that not one in a thousand of them, is a mile wide for the purposes of practical navigation.

His particular darling, Puget Sound, has to be approached from the sea through the Straits of Fuca, and he would be mad pilot indeed who would attempt to swing a ship a mile one way or another in that 14-mile-wide arm of the sea, which, too, has its channel ways as well as all other marine avenues. And if, as he says, our noble river has a navigable mouth only a mile wide, we must be content with the implied compliment, yet chary of attempting to use it for any such width as that.

With abounding faith in the contract he has assumed and really commendable allegiance to his predicate, Puget Sound and Seattle, he fails to offer any detail of the shipping interests that traverse the Columbia bar and river, though the records are wide open and constantly available to show that hundreds on hundreds of vessels cross that barrier every year; that it is safe and feasible for any 25-foot ship on any flood tide of the year; that it is a prominent object of governmental interest and expense in the building of an immense jetty on each of its lips, and that this jetty system is destined to make it the most available and accessible harbor, going, and coming, north or south, of the Bay of San Francisco; that its record of marine disaster is practically barren for the years it has been used as a haven for ships; that it is wholly on American territory and free from attack and interference by England in the event of war (an even present contingency on the Straits of Fuca); that it is deemed to be a harbor of sufficient scope and value to warrant the government of the United States in maintaining three distinct forts at strategic points upon both banks, at its sea approaches; that it has been chosen by the master railroad builder of the present age as the terminal ground for the two great trans-continental systems controlled by him; and that this single move has forced other great railway operators to buy in here in the same behalf, Hill and Harriman being both here, and others figuring mightily for terminal advantages at the mouth of the Columbia. And, failing to show any of these things (and many others), he has the unconscionable nerve

to launch his article on this subject with the lying assertion that his contributions to "Success" in this relation "WILL TELL THE FULL TRUTH, PRO AND CON WITHOUT FAVOR, OF THE PUGET SOUND COUNTRY; THE NORTHWEST AND THE PACIFIC COAST; AND . . . THAT IT IS WRITTEN, NOT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY LOCALITY, BUT SOLELY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC." "God save the mark!"

To be continued in our next.

OUR JUVENILE ATHLETES.

There is a pleasant rumor afloat in Astoria that her younger generation is bent upon the organization of an athletic association with full "GYM" establishment and equipment and a home of their own, with all the associated benefits inuring to such institutions. We are glad to hear this thing, and will be even more glad to herald its final achievement.

Under just what auspices it is proposed to carry this program out, is not yet evident from the detail that has been considered, but there are quite enough young boys and men here to perfect a strong organization both in business and technical ways; and there is nothing that will contribute more to the pleasure and profit of the boys than this very thing. It is badly needed for the very reason there is nothing of the sort in existence here. Aside from the distinct advantages inseparable from such an association in the way of health and development, there is the strictly social feature of having a resort where friends and visitors may be received and entertained at such times as the homes of those interested are not open or available; in other words, it offers the opportunity for the establishment of popular headquarters, in a club way, that will be very compensating. No barriers should be raised against so pleasurable and profitable an institution, and we hope the young people will persevere until it is an accomplished fact.

THE GREATEST MASTODON.

For the sum of \$30,000 J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased the famous Warren Mastodon skeleton, most complete and finest specimen of its kind in the world, and has presented it to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Lillian E. Zeh writes the story of the finding, purchase and mounting of the specimen, in The Technical World Magazine for November.

This fossil prize is of extraordinary interest. It was discovered near Newburg, N. Y., though dug up more than fifty years ago—yet during all this time it has remained practically in seclusion of the general public; but now, thanks to the donor and the reconstructive effort of the distinguished paleontologist, Prof. Henry F. Osborn, the world at large is able to study and view it.

The skeleton measures fourteen feet eleven inches from base of tusk to tail and nine feet two inches in height. The tusks are eight feet seven inches. The tips still retain the beautiful polish given them during their long use. One especially interesting feature is the fact that the layer beneath the outer shell of the ivory rings, which resemble growth rings and appear to indicate that this animal was twenty-seven years of age at death.

An account of the finding of the mastodon follows.

GREAT MARKET FOR FLOWERS

There is a white hermit in Colombian wilds with monkeys, parrots and savages for company; his dwelling a hut of bamboo poles thatched with cocoa leaves on the Rio Magdalena; his food banana-roots and raw sugar; his object—to get orchids for the city's market. So writes William G. Fitzgerald in The Technical World Magazine for November.

The man crosses mountains with his caravan of loaded mules, and is assailed by floods; labors hip deep in the morass whose feverish mists are food for the glorious floral parasites high up on the trunks of forest trees. But no hardship counts if the store of cattleyas and odontoglossums grows great; if the airfeeding plants are seen in plenty, lighting the jungle gloom with their superb floral spikes; if at the season's end he can despatch one hundred and fifty cases of the dried plant packed in sphagnum moss down to Savanilla, there to catch the steamer north.

But the orchid hunter, after all, is but a free lance—a mere scout of an army 18,000 strong engaged in our harvest of flowers from ocean to ocean, and to this number we must add thousands of extra hands outside America. There is Bermuda, for instance, which lives largely by lilies—\$100,000 worth a year grown for the Atlantic states.

With this introduction, the author tells a tale of the "Harvest of Flowers" which is surprising. Photographs of various scenes connected with this industry are beautifully reproduced and the article is an unusually attractive feature of this ever attractive magazine.

TRAIN CREW HELD UP

Three Armed Men Rob Freight Train in California.

SECURE MONEY AND WATCHES

Los Angeles Scene of Hold-up—Robbers Believed to Have Started from Yards—Engineer, Brakeman and Fireman Compelled to Give up Valuables.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25.—Three armed men last night held up a freight train within five miles of this city, wounded one of the train crew, robbed them of \$250 and two watches, and made their escape. The train was a suburban freight bound for New Alhambra. It is believed that the robbers boarded it before it started from the yards. The engineer, fireman and head brakeman were in the cab when their assailants climbed over the box cars and covered them with revolvers and ordered them to throw up their hands.

While one of their number remained in the oil tank, extending a revolver in either hand, the two accomplices searched fireman, Matthew Brady, Engineer Ward Haines and Brakeman J. W. Woolman, taking all their money, and the watches carried by Brady and Haines. Brady objected at first to raising his hands and afterwards lowered them. One of the men on the oil tank fired, the bullet striking the fireman in one of his hands. Near Dolgeville the engineer was ordered to slow down and the men one after another jumped from the engine and disappeared in the darkness.

FAIR EXCHANGE.

A New Back for an Old One—How it is Done in Astoria.

The back aches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the bad back for a new and stronger one.

Mrs. Nancy Sewell, living on Jefferson street, Hillsboro, Ore., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and think very highly of them. I suffered from attacks of kidney trouble and at times endured much misery. My kidneys were too frequent in action and forced me to arise many times during the night. My back was so sore and lame that I could not stoop or bend over. I tried liniments and plasters, but without any good results. At last Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention and I procured a box. In a short time the pains left my back and my kidneys were restored to their normal and natural condition. I am now well and free from kidney trouble and do not hesitate to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to other sufferers."

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

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sale agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Henry E. Jones of Tampa, Fla., writes: "I can thank God for my present health, due to Foley's Kidney Cure. I tried doctors and all kinds of kidney cures, but nothing done me much good till I took Foley's Kidney Cure. Four bottles cured me, and I have no more pain in my back and shoulders. I am 62 years old and suffered long, but thanks to Foley's Kidney Cure I am well and can walk and enjoy myself. It is a pleasure to recommend it to those needing a kidney medicine."

HARRIMAN has bought LAND HERE! for Big Terminals. WHY DON'T YOU BUY NOW and GET IN! ON THE GROUND FLOOR. Come in and we'll show you some choice tracts AT REASONABLE PRICES.

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