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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.

HAVE THEY ERRED?

With rather a jealous regard for the normal soundness and integrity of the banking business of Oregon, in general, we are led to wonder if the Portland bankers have not erred in their demand upon the Governor for the rather radical departure of an enforced "legal holiday" in which to recoup from an actual, or a threatened, stress: If they have not rather indicated a weakness, a timidity, an uncertainty as unusual as it is unexpected?

Why was it all done so hurriedly, and without the knowledge or consent of the outside banks which were taken wholly by surprise, and compelled to assume the identical and altogether unwarranted hazards confronting the metropolitan houses? It would seem that any situation requiring such unusual precautions must confront the banking business at large and not be confined to a relatively small group of banks in a single city.

We still believe there is absolutely no cause for uneasiness and that the finances of Oregon and the northwest are impervious to any existing encroachment; and if next Monday morning shall confirm this conviction, then it were well for the bankers of Portland to forewear such expedients in the future. The Astoria situation is one of undisturbed calm, and only a passing curiosity exists here as to the reasons that actuated the Portland men when they sought the peculiar safeguard at the hands of Governor Chamberlain.

RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH.

The Socialists of Seattle have been absolutely forbidden to address the public on the thoroughfares of that city under penalty of imprisonment and fine imposed by the minor code of the municipality. We are not at all socialistic that we know of, but this looks very much like a flagrant denial of the constitutional right of free speech. It is not altogether a matter of personal preference or prejudice, this forbidding something that is guaranteed by the organic law of the land, and if the Socialists of the Sound metropolis shall follow the lead of their Los Angeles brethren, taken some years ago, the police authorities will find out a thing or two of which they are apparently ignorant.

No man may preach sedition nor declare treason nor other disloyal doctrines, publicly, nor privately for that matter; but we doubt if any man may be stopped from using his tongue and brain in the candid expression of his views upon civic policies, industrial dogmas and social problems. The province of such public discussion is not confined to the press and rostrum of the country, for there are conditions under which neither the one nor the other are available. And every attempt to gag a man, or a body of men, reacts sooner, or later, in favor of the element and principle sought to be suppressed. History has proven this in a thousand instances and is likely to repeat itself.

PROSPECTS FOR OIL.

That an experienced oil man from the East has given his expert approval of the signs that tell of the presence of that product in the hidden depths of Clatsop land, and has consented to take over the practical end of the work of sounding for it, and will back his conclusions by reasonable personal investment in the initial company that is going after the stuff, is encouraging, to say the least of it; and we hope the Clatsop Fuel Company, the concern authorized by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce to make the introductory business movement in this behalf, will find inexhaustible wells of oil and start up a fresh and endless industry here, beside which all earlier ventures will measure insignificantly.

The steps that are to be taken are

wise and conservative and even in the event of disappointment, cannot operate to anyone's ruin. What may follow success cannot be even conceived; nor is it at all improbable that there are infinite stores of this great commodity in the uninvaded recesses of old Clatsop. No one ever knows where oil is until the probing drill taps the buried fountain and gives vent to the incalculable supply. It may be unsuspected for countless generations and then yield its bounty at the behest of some progressive innovation made in a radically different interest.

There is nothing like trying for a thing, especially if nature has given a palpable "hunch," as in this particular case!

MARINE APPRENTICESHIP.

The story from San Francisco, of the intention of the Pacific Coast Shipping Association to open up a system of apprenticeship in its various lines and services, for the boys and young men of the West and to care for and educate them to the honorable profession of the sea, is, we hope, true in every detail, and that it will not be too long in maturing. It is badly needed on this coast and will serve a great end once it is established. The sea as a bona fide calling has been far too long discredited and ignored and there is nothing wiser than such an effort at the rehabilitation of the craft. It is clean, healthful and profitable and has many alluring phases the ordinary shore pursuits lack altogether; and beside, it will surely raise the standards of the service and purge them of some of the grosser elements that have long disparaged the business. It will be a boon to thousands of young men and certainly a desirable accession to the marine interests.

GLEANINGS.

The Pacific Outlook, successor to the Oregon Mining Journal, comes to our desk in magazine form. It presents a handsome appearance typographically and its readers may be assured Arthur Conklin will spare no efforts that will tend to improve its columns.

Funny papers appeal to boys and girls and The Chronicle is only sorry that it does not receive more colored supplements to make glad all the boys and girls who want them. For next week the funny pictures have been promised to a little girl. From now on every home will know where the best printing is done and where the daily is published.—Dalles Chronicle.

A Hoquiam minister said the only objection he had to the advancement of that city to one of the second class was that it would increase the number of councilmen, and the kind they have at present, the less the better. This is what one might call real humor.—Aberdeen Bulletin.

The Alaskan cannerymen will appeal to Congress for a modification of the Chinese Exclusion Act in order to provide for the importation of Chinese laborers for employment in the canneries. They state that neither whites, Japanese or Indians are satisfactory employees in these institutions and unless more Chinese can be obtained there will be a heavy reduction in the output.—Exchange.

The Southern Pacific company has issued an order that no intoxicated person will be allowed to board a train. Now if the company will explain when a person is intoxicated the traveling public will know just when to quit drinking.

When it comes to detective ability the Parisian papers are certainly wondrous. One of them has discovered that Secretary Taft visited Japan as a spy. Now wouldn't that fuddle you?

"Cocktail" Charlie Fairbanks is doing the "off agin, on agin, gone agin" business in regard to his Presidential hopes.

Wall Street is realizing the wisdom of the maxim: "You may fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool all the people all the time."

Henry and Rogers are having a scrap in "Frisco" and Heinze and Rogers have just finished a set-to in New York. It's and it's don't seem to mix very well.

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."

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.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

University of Oregon, Eugene, October 30, 1907:—The next qualifying examinations for the Rhodes Scholarships for this state will be held at the University of Oregon, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 21 and 22 1908. The arrangements for conducting the examinations will follow closely those of last year, with the exception that an examination fee of \$5.00 will be charged all candidates. The examinations will be under the direction of the Oregon Committee of Selection, composed of President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, chairman, President Ferrin of Pacific University, President Coleman of Willamette University, President Crooks of Albany College, and President Riley of McMinnville College.

STATE DEBATING LEAGUE.

University of Oregon, Eugene, October 30, 1907:—The Oregon State High School Debating League, organized during the past summer, is meeting with hearty cooperation from all parts of the state. Up to the present time 15 of the larger schools have signified their intention of joining the league, including Pendleton, Baker City, LaGrande, Ontario, The Dalles, Astoria, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Bandon, Marshfield, North Bend, and a number of smaller ones. On account of the reorganization of its high schools, Portland was not able to enter, but will do so next year. The state has been divided into four districts, and a championship team will be chosen from each district. The final debate will be held at the University of Oregon. A handsome silver cup will be given to the winning team.

POWER HOUSE UNDER A RIVER.

About twelve miles from the city of Baltimore on the Patapsco river, there is now nearing completion what is probably the most extraordinary power plant in the United States, if not in the world. So writes Arthur H. Goldsborough in the Technical world Magazine for November.

This plant, which is being built for the Patapsco Electric Power Company, by the Emerson Ferro Concrete Construction Company, of Boston, is a radical departure from the usual methods of hydro-electric construction. Briefly speaking, the dam and power house are one; in other words, the dam is made hollow and the interior, which is about two hundred feet long and twenty-eight feet wide, is utilized for the generating machinery.

At the present time the equipment of the plant consists of two alternators, direct connected to two five hundred horse power horizontal turbines. This will be shortly enlarged by the addition of another turbine and alternator of equal power, bringing the total horse power of the plant up to fifteen hundred.

Photographs accompany the article which describes the remarkable plant in full.

INVENTOR OF CARBORUNDUM.

Edward Goodrich Acheson, inventor of carborundum and silicon, and in a broad sense also of artificial graphite, is a man who possesses advanced ideas at variance with accepted faiths, says The Technical World Magazine for Oct. His was a long struggle for recognition, extending over a period of some twenty years. But imaginative and optimistic, as well as self-reliant and determined, he succeeded.

Born of Scotch stock in Bellefonte, Pa., in 1850, Mr. Acheson attended the Bellefonte Academy until his seventeenth year, when he left school to give his time to the perfecting of a drilling machine, for which he took out a patent in 1872. During his odd moments he devoted his time to the study of chemistry and electricity. At nineteen years of age he built a dynamo of original design; and in 1880 he began experimenting with a crude electric furnace.

His career may be said to have begun in 1882, when he found employment as draughtsman at Menlo Park with Thomas A. Edison. His ability so impressed Edison that he was taken from the draughting room and sent to the lamp factory to learn the details of that branch of the business. So successful was he that he was dispatched to Europe by Edison, where he spent several years installing electric light plants.

Returning to America he severed his connection with Edison, and in 1891 entered on the experiment which resulted in the invention of carborundum.

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