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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.

THE SPECIOUS BOOSTER.

In these piping times the best of the American magazines are frequently made to stand for very reckless writers on the part of their really accredited writers and are, to the extent of the imposition, injured and discredited in given localities. A case in point is that of the popular, and usually trustworthy, "Success," of New York, whose recent article entitled "Our Own Northwest" (written by one Chauncey Thomas), was as bald a piece of specious boosting as has floated across the Columbia Valley horizon in many a day.

It appeared in the October issue of that magazine; and the character of the work stamps its author, at once, as a man perfectly able to discriminate between straight and crooked writing, and leaves him with no excuse for the raw blunder of turning a really meritorious literary article upon a general and interesting topic into a palpably inspired advertisement for a particular section of the country he was sent out to describe.

Couched beneath the candid predicate that he intended to scrupulously avoid the very wrong he committed, Mr. Thomas proceeds, most cleverly, to herald the vital and unescapable importance of the Columbia Canon, as the only water-grade level railway haul from the Rockies to the Pacific; and after going into specific and curiously apt detail to bolster the admirable deduction, abruptly and illogically abandons his thesis, and swings his glib pen into the heat and heart of as plain a case of deliberate "advertising" as is ever seen between magazine covers.

The sum of his sin does not lie in the fact that he "advertised" Puget Sound, Seattle and Tacoma, as the sea-terminal of this magnificent route for the traffic of the world across this continent; but that he primarily damned, and later ignored, the Columbia's own sea-gate for that commerce. He faintly praised the city of Portland, in order to mitigate the stinging insult of complete repudiation accorded her, and barely breathed the name of this port throughout his article; for all of which he might be forgiven, had he not committed the miserable laches of describing, in glowing, compelling, grateful periods, the superb, down-grade line from the mountains to the sea, only to abandon that route within 60 miles of that sea, deflect it northward OVER ANOTHER RANGE OF MOUNTAINS, TO A HARBOR 167 MILES FROM THE SEA, without a word of accounting for that three-score miles and the possibilities of the simpler, straighter, quicker, safer route and harbor here at the very mouth of the Columbia.

The whole story is a glaring exhibition of pre-conceived, if not pre-concerted, elaborate, high-grade advertising, for which Mr. Thomas' principals will do all the reckoning in the end.

THE "HOLIDAY" SEASON.

It was credibly reported in this city yesterday by parties just returned from Portland, that Governor Chamberlain intends to extend the present period of "legal holidays" all through the coming week if it shall be necessary for the financial ease and safety of the state; but that he will proclaim the proscription from day to day so as to be able to check up at the moment the expedient is no longer needed.

In view of the Governor's diligent search, the other day, for some legal excuse for revoking his original declaration in this behalf, we were convinced that he was not sure of his predicate, and scarcely likely to be induced to repeat the act; but, the assurance now comes that it is actually essential, as a means of gaining time for the Portland banks, which simply must have relief from their immense credits in the New York banks, to go on with their regular business, and this being

ances, than to witness anything less well-advised and far more hurtful.

The case is very plain to all the people now, and there is nothing to it of a threatening nature. It is simply a condition of affairs in New York, precipitated by the use of extraordinary volumes of money in the handling of the country's crops that prevents the banks there from immediately meeting the demands of their western creditors among whom figure, very conspicuously, the banks of Portland.

It is much easier, and better, to put up with the momentary inconveniences incident to this unusual course (adopted to meet as unusual a juncture) than to get unduly timid and insist upon foolish and ruinous practices that might invite real disaster.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

It is a wise citizen who can name all the modern uses of corn and coal. The national corn exposition bewildered the farmer when he saw all the things his crib now contributes to the arts and sciences.

The wireless telephone adopted by the United States Navy will be a great convenience in the voyage of the fleet to the Pacific. An occasional conversation among the sixteen battle ships will prove a pleasing amusement in lonely waters.

In his latest New York speech Mr. Bryan substituted an improvement of his own for one of the proverbs of Solomon. A complete revision of Solomon would be necessary before the Bryan sort of politics could pass muster.

The Swiss Automobile club will contribute to the military service a corps of volunteer motorists, using cars of from eighteen to thirty-six horse power, wearing a special uniform and armed with revolvers. This branch of the militia will find recruiting easy.

An Indian princess of direct lineage unveiled the statue of Massasoit at Warren, R. I., last week. The descendants of Pocahontas are not as exclusive a set as they imagine.

An English expert reports that \$5,000,000,000,000 of gold is still to be dug out of the South African mines. Experts are often mistaken, and this one appears to be reckless in the use of ciphers.

A Philadelphia girl who decided at the last moment not to marry sent back \$50,000 worth of presents. The story of Brutus must now drop to second place.

Some of the Cuban revolutionary colonels feel outraged because the American provisional governor arrests those who try to provoke civil war. They ought to know that the American style of government insists on law and order as a necessary condition.

A Wall Street paper inquires: "May prices be said to have finally touched the Roosevelt square deal level?" Better ask those who have been violating the laws if they feel sure that they have struck bottom.

The gentlemen who have been breeding blind pigs are reluctant to retire from an occupation so profitable; but the welfare of the public is the first consideration.

Carey Hayter has been counting noses down in Dallas. Carey is always doing something to boom his community. Apropos of the increased population which he finds, it would be quite an idea if he got in line to help out some himself.

A Seattle paper says: "The Yukon is unfolding rapidly," but its chief need is railroad communications. The idea that waterways and railroads supplement each other is sound and winning its way.

The lumbermen and the railroads are having quite a game of tag. You catch me with an injunction and I will catch you with a refusal to take lumber shipments.

Gov. Hughes says New York is stamping out its abuses. Wall Street ought to rise above the idea that the operation will plunge the whole country into panic.

Being a president must be a better job than was suspected judging from the number of aspirants who are mentioned for the place.

Over 37,000 persons attended the opening of Boston's pure food fair. The little snacks handed out as scientific samples are quite acceptable in these days of dear marketing.

If a hail comes from a ship that passes overhead in the night, or by day, give a prompt, concise answer. The sky pilots have not yet established landmarks.

The Killers. It happened that once a man ran past Socrates armed with an ax. He was in pursuit of another who was running from him at full speed.

"Stop him! Stop him!" cried Plato's master did not move. "What?" cried the man with the ax. "Couldst thou not have barred his way? He is an assassin!" "An assassin? What meanest thou?" "Play not the idiot! An assassin is a man who kills."

"A butcher, then?" "Old fool! A man who kills another man!" "To be sure! A soldier!" "Dolt! A man who kills another man in times of peace." "I see—the executioner!" "Thou art! A man who kills another in his home." "Exactly—a physician." Upon which the man with the ax fled—and is running still.—From La Terre, Translated For New York Life.

Wanted More Orders. Everybody knows one or more of those conscientious egotists who cannot rid themselves of the idea that no one can be trusted to carry out the simplest details of routine work without their personal supervision, says the Woman's Home Companion.

It was one of these men who sailed for England leaving in his brother's care a parrot of which he was very fond. All the way across the Atlantic he worried about the bird, and no sooner had he landed at Southampton than he rushed over this cablegram to his brother:

"Be sure to feed parrot." And the brother cabled back: "Have fed him, but he's hungry again. What shall I do next?"

A Hard Debt to Pay.

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death, by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equalled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by Charles Rogers & Son, druggists. 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Worse Still. "A visitor to see you, sir." "Till bet he wants some favor," grumbled Senator Greathhead. "It's a lady, sir." "Ah! That means half a dozen favors."—Philadelphia Press.

Foreign Born. English Girl—I hear you're been visiting the States. What did you think of the native American? Englishman—I didn't meet any. I spent all my time in New York.—Harper's Weekly.

A Significant Prayer. "May the Lord help you make Bucklen's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. It quickly took the pain out of a felon for me and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds. 25 cents at Chas. Rogers & Son's Drug Store.

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Those who have tried it claim that it acts gently but thoroughly on the kidneys, relieving backache and bladder trouble and urinary difficulties almost instantly. Any cases of rheumatism are known to have been relieved within a few days, the pain and swelling diminishing with each dose.

A well-known local druggist, who is in a position to know, asserts that this prescription, wherever it becomes known, always ruins the sale of the numerous patent medicine rheumatism cures, kidney cures, etc. It is a recipe which the majority of patent medicine manufacturers, and even certain physicians dislike to see published. Few cases, indeed, which will fail to fully yield to its peculiarly soothing and healing influence. Being composed of common every-day ingredients, which can be had from any druggist, it makes up a good, honest and harmless remedy and at nominal cost.

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