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**WEATHER.**  
 Western Oregon—Increasing cloudiness followed by rain in extreme northwest portion.

**WHEN MERCHANTS SPEAK!**  
 When the merchant body of a big community (or of a little one, for the matter of that), speaks, for, or against, people, or conditions, or both, the message is heeded to the last limit of that community, and the tone and touch of authority is emphasized and recognized at once.

They are the people who have the most at stake in the course of civic blunders and transgressions and they naturally keep in closer intimacy with these next and nearest the untoward condition, and know what to do and say and when the word and act are necessary.

The expression of the Astoria merchants yesterday and today, in the public-prints of the city, sent the money flurry and the attitude of the banks of Astoria, in a case in point. It was conclusive with the last man who cherished a doubt of any sort, and gave the cue for the final, and best, estimate of the situation that has prevailed here yet.

The merchants are the first to feel all losses and are the first to know what, and where, the barriers are, in times of doubt and dismay, and when they say things are all right, to any extent, the rest of the people may rest assured of the wisdom that induces the declaration. They are up against the elemental life of the community in its last phase, the municipal, departmental, social, moral, financial, commercial and educational and are, or should be, the best informed class of citizens everywhere; therefore, the word that comes from them as a body is entitled to first place among the bases upon which all public questions are handled and settled.

**WEST-BOUND MILLIONS.**  
 Yesterday the Atlantic liner Kronprinzessin Cecelia arrived at New York with eight millions of European gold for the American market and one and a quarter millions of that sum is due the Portland banks.

Tomorrow, the steamship Lusitania is due there with ten millions more, and without doubt the Northwest, Portland included, will receive a big per centage of that shipment.

These are the items the country is looking for just now, and they tell the story of relief as nothing else can. We do not know how often they will repeat themselves in the immediate future, but it is certain they will not cease until the situation has been practically cleared and the inherent excellence of conditions in America will rapidly readjust everything to normal bases.

The abnormal monetary confusion that has been thrust upon the country was, we believe, the deliberate work of meanly inspired operators in the East who are determined to wreak signal vengeance on the administration of President Roosevelt for the bold, timely and thoroughly effective "jacking-up" given them during the past two years; and this conclusion is justified on the simple ground there was absolutely no other admissible cause for the uproar, and this reason is in logical line with the threats that have been made by the masters whom he has rebuked and restrained, and reduced to the common level of people within the law of the land. That it does us all good to see them thwarted and denied their vengeance, goes without saying, despite the zeal with which all men are saying it.

**SAN FRANCISCO HENEYZED.**  
 Langdon, for district attorney of San

Francisco, by 18,000 plurality! That's the stuff!

That means San Francisco has been Henezyed to some purpose, and is safe from the domination of her enemies; it means that she has killed the last of the vemin that has ruined and disgraced her for all these years, and she may set up a tablet of honor to Francis J. Henezy as soon as she can catch her breath. He has done an immense task in her behalf and has won a superb victory for her, and no argument on earth may disprove his share of the achievement.

The whole coast is glad of the news of Mayor Taylor's re-election and of the ascendancy of good government in the metropolis where the mantle of shame and the cloud of disaster have been the cardinal signals of the time for the past 19 months; and the hope is broadcast and sincere for a splendid future for old Frisco, and for her early resumption of the glories of the past, commercial, social, and civic.

**A HINT TO THE GOVERNOR.**

A friend at our elbow suggests that if these specific legal holidays are to be kept going for the balance of the month, Governor Chamberlain will have no need to utter an elaborate proclamation for Thanksgiving Day, as it will take its place in the calendar of special exceptions along with the rest of the November days. Unless, so be, the financial heavens shall clear and money matters get back to ordinary lines, in which case it will be opportune to just spread himself in the matter of thanksgiving call and cause. We trust the latter alternative will thrust itself upon the chief executive of Oregon and her people, along with all others in the land.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Washington's new railroad station has a Presidential waiting room, and the only time there is any fun using it is by courtesy on the evening of some March 3.

The Oklahoma situation is decidedly more cheerful now that it is realized there are Federal jobs in a great and sovereign state also.

The New York Charter Revision Commission contemplates increasing the salary of the Mayor's office, it being impossible to increase the cost of the Mayor.

Bill Ward says: "Oh, wouldn't the American people rapturously enjoy the placing in jail of a few specimens of the financial pirates who have recently been caught trying to loot the banking business?"

These are good times to remind one's self that the energy diverted to side lines would often build up solidly one's main business.

The mineralogist who claims that the gold supply will hold out about 39,000 years doubtless forgot about Christmas.

He is no aeronaut, but Charles Wyman Morse traveled long in the air with the best of them.

Above all, get a balloon; you will soon be looking down on all other earthly possessions.

With so many discharges the railroads are in danger of knowing it's not loaded.

**NAVAL TONNAGE.**  
 Great Britain Leads, France Second, and America Third.

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.**—An interesting statement showing the relative order of warship tonnage of the principal powers has been compiled at the office of Naval Intelligence, which is intended as an answer to frequent inquiries of persons throughout the country who have manifested an interest in the maintenance of the navy and its relative strength and importance. The statement shows that according to the tonnage of today, Great Britain leads the world with a tonnage of 1,633,116; the United States following with a tonnage of 611,616; France third with a tonnage of 609,079; Germany fourth with a tonnage of 529,032; Japan next with a tonnage of 374,701, and Russia, Italy and Austria following in the order named.

However, were the war vessels building by the various nations now completed, the United States would be third in the list, with a tonnage of 771,758, following closely France, which would be second with a tonnage of 846,112 and Great Britain the leader with a tonnage of 1,821,610. The other naval powers would stand in the same relative position as they do with their tonnage of today, although each should show a very substantial increase.

**NEW TRIAL ASKED.**  
 Land Frauds Claim Indictment Was Defective.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.**—Judges William B. Gilbert of Portland, Erskine M. Ross of Los Angeles, and Wm. W. Morrow of this city, sat in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday listening to arguments on the appeals of Former State Senator Willard N. Jones and Thaddeus Potter of Portland, under sentence for conspiracy to defraud the government out of public lands. This case was prosecuted in the Federal court in Oregon by Francis J. Henezy and Wm. C. Bristol, United States attorney for Oregon.

Jones was fined \$2,000 and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary on McNeils Island. Potter was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to be imprisoned for six months in the county jail of Multnomah county, Oregon.

A new trial is asked for on the ground that the inception of the conspiracy was alleged to date more than three years before the indictment.

The appeal was taken under advisement and will be decided during the next term.

**KILLED BY TRAIN.**

**NANAIMO, B. C., Nov. 6.**—Two men were killed near Chemanius this morning when a logging train ran away down a steep mountain grade. The locomotive engineer, L. White, of Vancouver, dashed his head against a stump while jumping from the runaway train. He was instantly killed. Walter Asbery jumped and was also killed. The brakes refused to work and the train got beyond the control of the engineer.

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**TRUTH AND QUALITY**

appeal to the Well-Informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing, therefore we wish to call the attention of all who would enjoy good health, with its blessings, to the fact that it involves the question of right living with all the term implies. With proper knowledge of what is best each hour of recreation, of enjoyment, of contemplation and of effort may be made to contribute to that end and the use of medicines dispensed with generally to great advantage, but as in many instances a simple, wholesome remedy may be invaluable if taken at the proper time, the California Fig Syrup Co. feels that it is alike important to present truthfully the subject and to supply the one perfect laxative remedy which has won the approval of physicians and the world-wide acceptance of the Well-Informed because of the excellence of the combination, known to all, and the original method of manufacture, which is known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

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