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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho —Southwest storm signals displayed.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Let no man forget that Astoria is in the direct line and forefront of Oregon expansion as soon as it shall be resumed actively, after the interlude necessary for the re-adjustment to things, due to the inspired stringency we are undergoing.

The government, the transportation companies, the industrial world, all have their eye on this place and are nursing big plans for the earliest possible development; nor will the mere transitory hiatus forced upon them by the money-powers, deter them in the final application of the last one of the great improvements.

We have our future in capable hands, and the least we can do is to keep up our own courage and pass it along where soever it may do a bit of good. The lull may be a good thing for us all, and make what is to come the surer and more ample. Astorians are ideal waiters, and on this sole score, their innings will be the more pronounced and valuable when the tide shall turn to flood of fruition.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION NEEDED.

Day by day there is apparent, on all sides, a growing sentiment in favor of a special session of the Oregon legislature. The doubts are increasing as to the quality of things that have been done, and left undone, during the hypothetical period of the "legal holidays," and the people will be glad to see legislative action taken toward the confirmation of these ambigous phases of procedure; so that the future will be free from all sense of insecurity and unhampered by the vagueness now prevalent everywhere.

There are immense values wrought in these unsettled conditions; values that vastly outweigh the cost of an extra session of the legislature; and we believe the Governor would be amply justified by the results that would obtain. He is a good lawyer, himself, and his professional brethren over the state seem to be as hopelessly mixed on the status of things as the less-informed laymen.

The sooner the call is made the better. It is a question of importance and invites all, by way of expediency, that can be given it. The Californians have taken the lead on the coast, and are hard at work unravelling the snarls into which they have drifted. It is the only legal solution at hand for the problems set up by the untoward season that is, we all hope, drawing to a close.

THE YEAR AHEAD OF US.

We have had a taste of the Harriman-clique program and it will become a dietary matter with us all before the general elections of November, 1908, shall reveal the man and the doctrines that are to sway for the four years following. There is a potential year ahead of the people of the United States; a year in which tremendous influences are to be exerted for the preservation of the money-supremacy of the group and the plans they have formulated to destroy everything that bears the sign-manual of Theodore Roosevelt.

In the hour of the greatest prosperity ever recorded in the United States of America, the first shaft is cast, far, and hard, enough, to apprise the people that there is another agency to reckon with than the forceful one at Washington; a pregnant hint that that prosperity depends largely on the humor of this bunch of conspiring robbers that exist and operate by the law-codes they themselves have built up through long years of political and legislative debauchery; that they will drag the country down with them, if the people ordain a limit for their greed and its achievement; that no power may dwell here, that overshadows, and over-rides, theirs.

There will be no desperate crisis, no monumental catastrophe, no vast nor utter ruin, in a money-sense, because these conspirators know that such an issue would drive the people like sheep to the standard of the man in whom they have the greatest confidence they ever felt; but there will be a pinching, a squeezing, a condition of denial and saving and parsimony, public and private, that will tend to shatter the faith and hope founded on the Rooseveltian regimen and mimify its effect at the critical hour of the election.

The program is rich in chicane, immense in its latitude, and in the hands of the adriotest of the money-kings' lieutentants everywhere. There are untold millions behind it, and a conscienceless hatred at its head. Its success, or its failure, will make an unforgettable epoch in this country; and the people themselves must say, at least, what that epoch is to mean to them.

Never was there a time when the people owed more to themselves than in the year lying ahead; men must read and study and think, and weigh the situation as they have never done, since the awful exigencies of the great Southern rebellion evoked their profoundest interest; the engagement of 1908, must settle for all time the momentous question as to who shall rule in this land, the people or the money-power, and the electors, holding the balance of authority, as in all tremendous issues, must make the reservation and hold it against all the alluring and wrecking deceptions of the financial clique in this, their death, struggle for perpetual domination.

AFFAIRS ARE BAD.

Theatrical People Feel Financial Stringency Acutely.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—These are evil days for stage people and theatrical business. It is estimated in theatrical circles that almost three thousand actors and actresses are out of work. Actors and actresses may be seen daily in Broadway vainly making the rounds of the agencies. The financial stringency, the dearth of satisfactory plays, the sterility of the playwrights and the construction of too many theatres have combined, it appears, to bring about a serious condition of affairs in the theatrical world.

A record of failures was established in September and October, for 80 per cent of the new serious plays were fiascos. The authors of these plays compribe the most successful writers in their class. The companies which were gathered for these plays were disbanded and few of the players have found new engagements. Meantime many road companies have returned, having found the season a bad one. As the actors and actresses have suffered, so have stage hands and theatrical employes of all classes.

Daniel Frohman says that until money conditions improve there can be no improvement and that plays of strength and originality must be written by the playwrights before the managers can be induced to invest thousands of dollars in them.

Mrs. L. L. Fernandez, one of the chief theatrical agents in New York, says that the theatrical business is in a state of actual stagnation, and other theatrical agents agree with her.

MARKET UNSTEADY.

Call Money More Normal But Business Not Active.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The Stock Market has continued unsettled and irregular this week with occasional rallies. The call money market in New York has been more normal but the general conditions of money and exchange markets through the country have entirely dominated the situation. The abundant evidence of the harm being done by the dislocation of the exchanges, the currency famine and the resulting obstruction of business activity have not obscured the hope of an early resystem, for which it is universally acknowledged only a sentiment of confidence is requisite. Continued inflow of gold and expansion of bank note issues have operate toward relief which was manifest in the decline of the premium on currency.

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ASTORIA--ABERDEEN FOOTBALL

SCORELESS GAME PLAYED ON THE HOQUIAM GROUNDS SUNDAY—STRAIGHT FOOTBALL THE RULE—ASTORIA PENALIZED.

Aberdeen and Astoria played a scoreless game at Aberdeen Sunday afternoon. Aberdeen had confidentially expected to defeat Astoria, and the outcome of the struggle on the grid was anything but pleasing to the home players. The game was played at Electric Park where the baseball games take place, and a crowd of some 500 saw the game. The crowd was made up largely of Hoquiam people, who rooted for Astoria from the kick-off. Principal among the rooters were "Jelly" Girard and Homer Fletcher, old-time Astorians, while a big delegation of former Astorians from Aberdeen likewise urged on the blue and white. Harry Graham, brother of the irrepressible Roxy, was one of the officials.

Rain had rendered the field quite slippery, and neither team was able to make a fair showing. Astoria suffered on this score more than Aberdeen, for the visiting eleven depended to a considerable extent on its fast men for yardage. It was a struggle on the lines of straight football, and there was little to choose between the teams.

The First Half.

Astoria outplayed Aberdeen in the first half, but even so Aberdeen's goal was never in danger. Straight football was the rule, and on the slippery field it was difficult to gain. Aberdeen slightly outweighed Astoria, which counted in favor of the home team. During the entire first half the ball was near the center of the field, and Astoria's advantage was apparent only at times, when the visitors had the pigskin in Aberdeen's territory. Hoover made some excellent plunges, and Stebick's work was also a feature. He hit the line like a battering-ram. The Astoria line seemed stronger than Aberdeen's, and it was only through the best efforts of Phillips, Aberdeen's coach, Herren, McNeil and Beltz that the Oregonians were prevented from carrying the ball down the field.

The Second Half.

The spectators predicted victory for Astoria in the second half, the belief being general that the supposed superior wind of the visitors would tell. The prediction seemed likely to be fulfilled, for almost immediately after the kick-off Astoria rushed the ball down the field. The pigskin was carried to Aberdeen's 25-yard line, where a fumble gave it to Aberdeen. Egerer then essayed an on-side kick, and on the slippery field the Astoria backs missed the ball, Aberdeen recovered it. The mishap netted Aberdeen almost 40 yards and put the ball well into Astoria's territory. The necessary yardage was made by Aberdeen in three downs, and, with the ball on Astoria's 25-yard line, Egerer tried a place kick for goal. Stebick broke through, however, and blocked the punt. Thus, the only chance for a score faded. When time was finally called the ball was in the center of the field.

Suffers From Penalties.

Astoria was penalized on four occasions, for a total of 45 yards, while one penalty of five yards was registered against Aberdeen. Penalizing ruined Astoria's chances to win, as the penalties came at times when the visitors seemed to have the home players on the run. Neither club employed the forward pass to any extent, Aberdeen working it three times, twice for gains. Astoria tried it once, but Holmes' pass was declared illegal, and a 15-yard penalty resulted. Hoover punted well in the first half, but Egerer had the better of the kicking in the second half. The game was one of the cleanest exhibitions ever seen in Aberdeen, and not a murmur of complaint was heard during the game from either of the teams. Holmes of the visiting team made good yardage.

Coach Phillips and Captain Flynn, of Aberdeen, speak in the highest terms of the excellent work and gentlemanly conduct of the visitors, and, though disappointed at the strong showing of Astoria, are delighted to have cultivated the acquaintance of so sportsmanlike a team. Manager Jackson, of Astoria, and all of the men on the team share the feeling of friendship expressed by the Aberdeen officials, and mean to show Aberdeen's representatives a royal good time when the Harbor lads play at Astoria. The work of the officials was quite the game.

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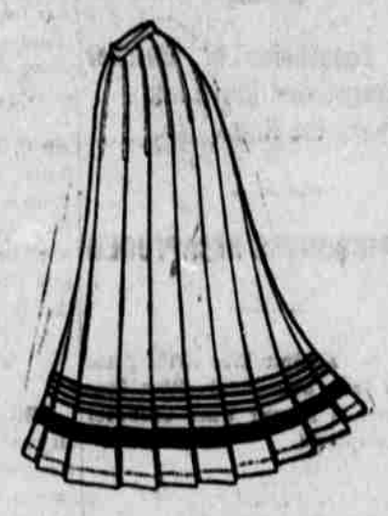

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