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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon and Washington—Rain; high southerly winds in interior; strong southerly gale along coast.
- Eastern Oregon and Washington—Rain, Northern Idaho—Rain or snow; warmer; high southeasterly winds.

THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS.

Congress is in session. It has its hands full, and is, we hope, equal to the task of discharging its great and manifold obligations to the country. Uncle Joe Cannon is in the saddle and that means something in the way of expedition.

It is to be a Presidential year and the usual significance will attach to all questions, bills, resolutions and procedure generally, in conformity with the alignment, political, and otherwise, of the members; and the color of all action had well be merged into the "blue" of doubt and dubious contention, along party lines.

The present Congress has some vastly important business before it in which the people are vitally interested, and in which the banks, the railways, the trusts, and all corporate-establishments figure prominently and not, for the main part, with any great degree of credit, considering the lines upon which they have done business and the heartless advantages they have taken of the too "elastic" laws that govern them.

We do not agree with the generality of people who are attempting to solve the banking and currency issues of the hour through the newspapers and magazines that we are in sore need of more elastic laws; we contend that we are desperately in need of laws infinitely more rigid, and what is more, the stronger code. The country is corporation-ridden almost to the "last ditch" of popular forbearance and is wise to the stress; therefore it behoves Congress and the officers of the nation to get in, for once, and do something that shall restore confidence, not in the banks and the money-market generally, but in the laws and the agents of the people charged with their exact and just administration.

THE DOLLAR MEASURE.

All men have use for the dollar in the common adjustment of life, its duties, its pleasures, its aspirations, its exactions; it is used, and abused, according to the gumption, spirit, habit and necessities of the man in whose hand it lies. It has attained to the chief place in the calculation of the ordinary mortal, and it will buy anything, from the commonest commodity to human life and character; the scale of values it stands for is found in the standards of human cupidity, safety, ambition and prodigality. The human has become dollarized, and the dollar humanized, insofar as the relation of the two are concerned and the impossibility of separating them goes. Law, religion, social ethics, love, fraternity, fellow-faith, and hope itself, are warped into the dice and paper-leaflet of commerce, until man dare not espouse even the gentler elements of life, without first reckoning the reflected influence of the dollar, because, sooner or later the dollar is going to assert itself in the chain of circumstance that follows the set of inspired command.

It has cheapened existence, morally; and made it intolerable in physical sense; and has become the "touch-stone" of all endeavor to the utter exclusion of the once boasted bases of individual action and judgment. This, of course, outside the rare noble use that is made of it. Bond and bargain and bâle are the slogan of money and the want of it; and yet we go on cultivating it and forcing it into the last crevice of our existence and put it above and beyond almost every virtue and grace that makes for the fullness and sweetness of life.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1907.

It will pay any citizen of this city to carefully review the record and work of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce for the past year. It is replete with accomplished fact and suggestive interest for all men who have the good of the

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city and section at heart, and is calculated to furnish happy inspiration for the conquests of the coming year.

Its officers have been faithful to the big trust confided to them last January and Secretary John H. Whyte and his corps of assistants have done everything conceivable for the enhancement of the community interest and have made the name of Astoria a signal of energy and attraction in all corners of the country as well as abroad.

There is no change nor cause for discouragement or disaffection and every reason on earth for continuing the good work and expanding it to such a limit in 1908 as will fix the claim of this city and county in the consideration of every man everywhere who is looking for home, business and investment. Stand by a good thing and make it better and stronger and use it rightfully when you know it has become a power for real accomplishment.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

In saving for a rainy day don't pride it by hoarding.

Alliteratively speaking, frenzied finance led to a fictitious fury.

A favorite word awaits the meeting of the Sixtieth Congress. It is "elastic."

St. Louis comes nearer than any other city to being the center of population, the center of business and the center of American geography.

Oklahoma's entrance into the Union was long deferred, but she is making up for lost time all right. Gov. Haskell's friends are already boozing him for president.

Another of the reports hard to understand is that the railroads are reducing their activities, and yet suffer from a shortage of cars to handle the freight offered.

Gold production in the United States is approaching \$100,000,000 a year, of which nine-tenths is mined in the trans-Mississippi region. This is a good time to dig pay dirt in increasing quantities.

The American people never show the slightest lack of confidence in the financial stability and soundness of the national government. Congress can work along this line and know that it is on solid ground.

Rehearsals have begun for the new Ziegfeld review, "A Dancer's Tour of the World," which will present Adeline Ceene, the wonderful Danish dancer, to the New York public early in January.

Rehearsals have also begun for Frank McKee and William Harris' production of "The Waltz Dream," which will receive its metropolitan premiere shortly after the opening of the New Year.

Mr. Harry Lauder, the Scottish comedian whom Klaw & Erlanger imported for their vaudeville bill at the New York Theatre, will not appear in any other theatre in this country and will sail for England on Saturday, December 7th. No individual player in vaudeville has ever made such a success as this artist has at the New York Theatre. He holds the audience for an hour at every performance and keeps everybody in a continuous roar of laughter. He returns to England under the compulsion of contracts with leading vaudeville managers there, which have six years more to run.

RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Delegates began arriving in Washington today to attend the national rivers and harbors congress which convenes tomorrow for three days' session. Pounds of three thousand delegates are expected representing every section of the country. The movement has a national scope and has the object of securing from Congress larger appropriations for improvements for the inland waterways of the United States. "Not less than fifty millions a year for waterways development" is the slogan of the delegates.

COFFEE

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BURNS--MOIR FIGHT

Comments on the Scrap by English Papers.

SPECTATORS HOOT VICTOR

Burns Undoubtedly the Best Man—Moir Badly Rattled From Beginning to End of Fight—English Press Not Pleased With Burns' Victory.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Although giving him all credit for beating "Gunner" Moir in the heavy weight battle in London last night, the English press is not well pleased with the victory won by Tommy Burns, according to the extracts from the English papers cabled here early this morning. The English believe Burns to be an American as a matter of fact he is a Canadian and it is evident that much of his unpopularity is due to that fact. Burns attempted to make a speech when he entered the ring at the National Sporting Club for the purpose of explaining his nationality but he was hissed down. Even his victory after a fight which all admit was his from the third round, he was booed.

That Burns had all the best of the fight from the beginning is admitted by the Sportsman, which says that Moir was badly used up while "Burns on the other hand, had not turned a hair and not only left off without a mark, but even the parting of his hair was not disarranged."

Continuing, the same paper says:

"It was not the fault of Burns that the splendid crowd that packed the National Club in every part had to sit out such a disappointing show. Moir is the one to blame. It is not to policy to go back on a loser, but Moir was absolutely painless."

"He went into the ring a model, well trained man, evidently as hard as a board, and with a pull of over a stone in weight and the advantage of two and one half inches in height. Yet his blows lacked the power of a featherweight.

"He was uncertain and ill at ease from the outset. Indeed, his nervousness was so apparent that even Burns could not help smiling. Though outclassed and outgeneraled, Moir seemed incapable of altering his methods. He was thrown off his guard by the wily man in front, and so worried by his seconds that at times he appeared altogether at a loss as to what to do.

"We on this side did not see the best of Burns for the single reason that Moir could not extend himself and inch. The winner has a nasty habit of beating in with his head on the neck or cheek of his opponent. Moir was hampered a bit this way and looked to be holding more than he really was."

Under the most favorable circumstances, however, Moir could never hope to make any show with Burns, who will, despite the disappointing display given by his opponent last night, experience very little, if any, trouble in beating whoever may be put up against him on this side of the Atlantic."

The situation of the railroads is typical of the general status of American business, only perhaps the railroad's problem is a little more aggravating. They are not suffering from a dearth of business, but from a necessity for more facilities at a time when they are unable to finance improvements.

This is one of the most serious features of the present situation, for the reason that the railroads are literally the arteries of commerce. To the extent that they adequately serve the needs of manufacturer, merchant, and farmer, each will prosper. If either the arteries or the blood fails, both will suffer. Production without transportation is useless.

It is because railroad managers believe that these facts are being more and more generally realized that they are confident, as one of them puts, that "The sun will shine now. When the agitation against the railroads shall have passed away, the money that they so urgently need will be forthcoming."

SHOW LIFE IN ARMY.

Uncle Sam Resorts to Moving Pictures to Gain Recruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Although it is not possible to move a military post about the country for the purpose of showing to possible recruits the actual work of the army, the recruiting service is determined not to be outdone by the navy, which has sent the gunboat Wasp to the Hudson River and Long Island Sound points in an effort to induce young men to join the navy. The army is about to use moving pictures as a means of showing to young men who may be induced to enlist, all about life in the army. A large number of films have been made and these will be sent through the country and turned over to moving picture shows. The proprietors of such shows will be asked to use as many of these pictures as possible and after they have been shown for a few days a recruiting party will move into the town. It is expected that many recruits will be obtained in this manner. The pictures show the life of the soldier in garrison, in camp and in field, and exhibit him at play as well as at work. Recruiting in New York is proving unusually successful just now. At one station 180 men were enlisted in a month.

There must be a great deal of business when the chief complaint is a lack of currency to carry it on to the best advantage.

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