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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington-Rain; high southerly winds; interior southerly winds; gales along coast.

Eastern Oregon, Washington, Idaho - Rain; high southerly

NEEDS ITS FRIENDS.

There is not a man within living touch of the vast Columbia basin who can afford for an instant to lose interest in the great convention now on at Washington under the organic name and style of the National Rivers & Harbors Congress; and if his interest has not yet been awakened, then it is his duty to his section and his country to get in and study the program and work of this great assembly of men banded for salvation of the people from the tremendous and predatory exactions of the affiliated railway interests of the America.

Nothing in the way of popular exploitation has ever approached the scope and significance of this enormous effort and it is sure to make history of incalculable value before the hour arrives for its dissolution. It's cardinal object is to secure from the Congress of the country, an omnibus appropriation of \$500,000,000 to be devoted, exclusively and entirely. at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year, to the radical and permanent improvement of the waterways of the United States, in magnificent scheme; a project absolutely ample and well-poised as to the volumne without parallel in the records of human of business underway and in prospect, bearings that it places every agency it touches profoundly on guard against the chance of error and fraud and invokes the largest possible consideration from both its friends and opponents.

What Congress will do with the great petitions remains to be seen, but there are some minds in that assembly that know the concrete aptitude of the huge plan and its uttermost value to the nation at large and who will do their best to secure the allotment of this huge sum; but there are others (and notable among them, the Speaker of the House of Representatives), who are pre-disposed against the measure and will do what they may toward its defeat. Yet the project will never be killed; it will live on and on, and the years will bolster it with larger and graver reasons for its final success as time passes. It is really a living issue, with its final success at time passes. It is really a living issues, with a vitality so immeasurable as to practically defy final annihilation.

Naturally, the greater waterways of the country will receive the earliest and deepest consideration and treatment at the hands of the Congressional trustees who shall have control of this appropriation and the Columbia river and its great tributaries will figure conspicuously in the deal that contemplates the full equipment of these channels of commerce throughout the national domain, and we should be ever and always on the alert to back up this mighty work for the sake of all it means to us of the Northwest as well as to the whole people.

Everything that is done throughout this territory in connection with the Columbia or any of the rivers that debouch into it, must be done with an eye single to the ultimate prospects and purposes of this quasi-public Congress whose 2000 members are bent unifiedly and de voutedly to the redemption and utilization of the waterways of America in order to strike, and hold, a balance, as against the blasting supremacy of the rail transportation systems that are fast engulfing the people and their commerce in a mesh of miserable dependence and despotic extortion.

The American Tobacco Company is said to secretly control a large number of the supposedly independent concerns.

Now is the time

to Deposit Money

in the

Scandinavian-American Savings Bank to Draw Six Months' Interest July 1, 1908

J. M. ANDERSON, CASHIER

RESUMPTION.

Governor Chamberlain has announced his intention of putting an end to the legal holidays at midnight on Saturday, December 14th, one week from today; and the whole state will feel better for the order. It has never looked upon the use of the statutory holidays as any thing more than expedient, and an indeterminate means of relief; and they had run to a point that barely left them the right to such designation.

The people were beginning to feel that if the banks of the state could not re cover their footing in five or six weeks: there must indeed be something very radically wrong; and while this was practically unexpressed it was fast forming into a flat and flat opinion and must have found voice very soon.

Astoria has never been possessed of any pronounced fear, nor of an uneasiness that warranted very much expression, as to her own banks; they have been admittedly sound all through the "flurry" and have taken a very conservative stand in their dealings with

their patrons. This city has simply bided its time, and it is glad to know the time limit. Business is on a fair footing here, and while there has been a slight reaction in some of the local industries, there has not been enough of a dubious nature to produce general depression to any degree whatever. On the other hand this community is in an equable and receptive condition and her finances are so sition. It is so immense in all its as to establish the widest possible degree of confidence here when the legal safe-guard shall be removed. Astoria is all right and probably no city in the state will be as glad to see the hour of resumption and freedom as she will; certainly no other is in better condition to meet it.

WATERWAY SALVATION.

There is a modest, struggling, and wholly deserving institution in this city that needs all its friends and the best expression of their good-will. It is the Astoria Seamen's Friend Society, located on Exchange street midway between Eleventh and Twelfth.

The establishment is now comfortably housed and is in possession of a number of attributes that begin to make it what its founders intend it to be; but it still needs the constant interest of everyone whose sympathies lie with such an agency for good and with those in whose especial behalf it is maintained. This is a seaport of recognized standing the world over and should possess one among the best of such institutions as this and it is, or should be, as much a matter of local pride as of achieving the particular end devised for it.

The Rev. Mr. Elletsen and his good wife, who are in immediate charge of the benefice, are doing all in their power to carry on the work successfully and it has grown notably under their administration both in a business and an ethical way; but, like all eleemosynary affairs at their initial stages, this one can stand a very definite amount of practical help and it should be promptly and generously, for the good of a good cause and the name of a port that owes much to the men it is designed to relieve and comfort.

COFFEE

The world is full of anonymous coffee: "Java and Mocha."

Who returns your money if you don't like 'em?

Your grocer returns your money if you don't be Schilling's Best: we pay him

Secretary Taft Plotted Against at Home and Abroad.

FULTON KICKS POLITICAL SHIN

Senior Senator From Oregon Doing the Anvil Chorus Business to Bourne's Political Aspirations - Foraker's Friends Take Advantage of Taft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6,-Poor Secretary Taft! While parties of merry Rus ian revolutionists are plotting to blow up the Secretary of War and his party during their journey toward St. Petersburg, Senator Foraker at home finally has touched off a mine that may yet topple the cabinet officer's political boom. Senator Foraker's announcement to the country that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for President. while not altogether a surprise, scarcely was expected at this time. It probably never would have been made had it not been for Secretary Taft's absence. The hour was ripe for such action, and although the Foraker boom may suffer senior Senator from Ohio had in view end of next week. will have been materially advanced. Only the most sanguine and optimistic of Senator Foraker's friends believe that he has any chance of getting the nomination. It is well known that his chief ambition is to demoralize the Taft forces splitting the State delegation and making it practically impossible for President Roosevelt to unload the Secretary of War on the country as his successor From now on the fight in Ohio will be watched with much interest, and there is no doubt that it will be a bitter one.

Senator Fulton of Oregon reached Washington this week and at once proeeded to administer a brisk kick in the shins to the campaign of his colleague, Senator Bourne, who is working overime in an effort to prepare a Roosevelt stampede in the Republican national convention. Senator Fulton declared that the people of Oregon are taking Mr. Roosevelt at his word when he says he will not run again, and that they are in favor of Secretary Taft for the nomination. He believes that the Secretary of War will get the solid Oregon delegation, despite Senator Bourne's "second election term" campaign. Senator Fulton is in favor of legislation in the coming session that will provide a more elastic currency. He attributes the recent financial flurry to stock gambling, and to curb this he would have placed a heavy tax on contracts made on margins. In fact, he is considering the introduction of a bill bringing this about.

As was predicted, John Sharp Williams had no opposition whatever in his candidacy for reelection as leader of the minority party in the House. At the last moment Congressman De Armond of Missouri, who had been widely spoken of as a dangerous candidate for the position, announced his determination not to enter the race. It is understood unofficially that this withdrawal, coupled died late this afternoon, with the knowledge that this was Mr. Williams' last term in the House, was partly the result of a political deal. Mr. Williams' public announcement that he will support Bryan for the Presidential nomination also had much to do with for 25 cents. the withdrawal of other candidates.

Have you ordered the Morning Astorian delivered at your door?

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 3, 1907.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts......\$428,212.26 Overdrafts, secured and unv. S. bonds to secure circula 5,561.96 U. S. bonds to secure U. S. 17,500.00 Bonds, securities, etc..... 62,147.48 Banking house, furniture, and 4.340.7 hue from National Banks (not 5,157.63 17,226.00 150.319.59 2,547.82

Due from approved reserve Clearing house certificates.... Notes of other National Banks 6,690.00 1,289.27 Bank. viz:

Treasurer (5 per cent circu-875.00

.\$913,509.17 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in 50,000 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....
National Bank notes out-50,000.00 15,338.57 standing . Due to State Banks and 17,500.00 2,277.42

Individual deposits subject to check \$338,200.70
Demand certificates of derosit \$58,049.75 U. S. deposits.... 50,000,00 777,396.79

I. J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me

his 6th day of December, 1907. GEO, C. FULTON. Notary Public. Correct-Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE,

GEORGE W. WARREN. L. MANSUR, Directors.

WILL NOT ANNOUNCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6 .- There is excellent authority for stating that Eleventh and Duane streets. it is not likely that Speaker Cannon will announce any more of the important from premature launching, the end the committees of the house until the latter

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

FRENCH RACE WINNINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 .- Announcement of the winnings on the French turf dur ing the season just closed show that W K. Vanderbilt, who headed the list last year, ranks sixth this year. The largest winner was M. Caillalt with \$124,600 while Mr. Vanderbilt's total winners were \$65,725.

It is better to cure the little cough than to take chances of consumption. The best cough cure is Kemp's Balsam. Druggists sell it at 25 cents and 50 cents a bottle.

IRISH JURY DISAGREES.

DUBLIN, Dec. 6 .- The jury before which James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of parliament, for North Longford, and 40 other men were being tried on charges of taking part in an unlawful assembly likely to cause a riot, has

Lane's Family Medicine will give you a digestion that will permit you to eat good things instead of "health foods" of various sorts that are as palatable as

DIES FROM INJURIES.

BOSTON, Dec. 6 .- Edward Cohen, of Lynn, the man who was shot by John Steel, an insane person, in the ante room of the Governor's office yesterday,

Constipation, or irregularity, is very often the cause of sick-headache. Lane's Family Medicine is the great preventive and cure of headache. Druggists sell it

PERS.... '...... John Gertully, of Blind Slough, was in Astoria yesterday.

Holiday Greeting:

The happy CHRISTMAS time is fast approaching and I take great pleasure in inviting you to inspect my new and well selected line of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Solid Silver and plated ware, Cut Glass, Umbrellas, and Gold and Silver novelties. I have the largest and finest stock this year to select from that I have ever shown in Astoria. PRICES are RIGHT; QUALITY UNSUR PASSED. Come early and make your selections. I will lay them away until you want them.

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Old Port-Tawny, rich, light and Old Sherry-Pale, clean, nutty. Angelica-Soft, agreeable, full. Muscatel-Very fruity, sweet.

WHITE WINES Riesling-Medium light table wine. Sauterne-Natural mellow, pronounced flavor.

Chateau Yquem-Full bodied Creme

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