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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional rains; southwesterly winds. Eastern Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Rain, followed by clearing and cooler.

THAT DOLLAR DINNER.

On the evening of the 18th inst., the Astoria Chamber of Commerce intends to give a dollar dinner at the Occident, and it behooves every live Astorian to be there.

No matter what the dinner may cost, a dollar a plate or ten dollars, it means dollars for this community in the future, and Astoria has a future as bright and large and compensating as any city in the Northwest.

General Manager Nutt and General Superintendent Forrest, of the P. & S. railway, the line that has more to do with our future than any single interest in the country, will be present; as will Col. W. S. Roessler, of the U. S. Engineer Corps, in charge of the jetty; Hon. Harvey Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian, than whom there is no better authority on Oregon affairs, past, and present, in the State, when he speaks by the card, and who knows, and has declared, the future of Astoria, as no other man ever dared to fathom, and state it, will be there, along with T. B. Wilcox and Tom Richardson, two Portlanders who, knowing much may, in bursts of real candor, give us some genuine encouragement, if not assurance, as to the things that are trending our way and rich with good for us and all Oregon.

TROOPS TO NEVADA.

No real American likes to read of government troops being ordered into the States, even upon the plea of necessity for public peace and safety; and the President's mandate sending General Funston and 1000 men to Goldfield, Nevada, will be deplored from one end of the country to the other, upon the general principle that, as Americans, we should be able to govern ourselves so as to obviate such extremities.

It is but another phase of the everlasting war between capital and labor. With the former as polished, resourceful, merciless, and vindictive as the latter is reckless, relentless and brutal, there can be no end to this warfare, and society must forever remain the bruised and battered nether-mill-stone of the conflict, upon the face of which the high standards and civic graces of the day are being ground to obliteration.

One is tempted to forswear the civilization he was born to and seek the peace and stagnation of the desert in view of the hopelessness of this eternal turbulence and wrong; but the living hope that the day and the man and the measure of redemption intervenes to keep man at his post and to go on trusting to the future just as he has done for countless centuries.

Cupidity of the rich, the corporate rich, and the endless struggle of the poor to escape the thralldom of poverty, together with the coarse cruelty that characterizes the engagement the wide world over, on both sides, leaves but meagre ground for any possible hope

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J. M. ANDERSON, CASHIER

short of the radical transition of society and commerce from the plane of existence and operation as now constituted, to other untried, yet, promising expedients of philosophy and practical organic levels.

PORTLAND TO THE SOUND.

Just as an indication of the exact truth of Astoria's claim that Portland's shipping should be handled from this port, we quote from Friday's Evening Telegram, of Portland, as follows: "One of the first vessels flying the flag of the Dons to enter the Columbia River for years after at Astoria from Valparaiso this morning. She is the Spanish steamship Minerva, under charter to Kerr, Gifford & Co., to carry a cargo of wheat to the United Kingdom. It had been the intention to load her at Portland, but the company has decided to send her to Puget Sound. She will receive orders this afternoon to proceed to Tacoma. The change in plans is owing to the congestion in the local harbor, 25 grain carriers now being assembled here, and all that can be handled conveniently at one time."

We are glad to see the Portland fleet growing to such proportions as to congest her harbor and compel the despatch of foreign carriers elsewhere, for the simple reason that this issue must be forced upon the metropolitan conscience sooner, or later, and the claim of Oregon's only great harbor be met, and conceded, despite the patent antagonism of the group of English shippers there. It cannot be ignored much longer, nor will it be after James J. Hill has perfected his plans at the mouth of the Columbia. His lead will be followed quickly enough once it is demonstrated, and Portland will wonder at the gross stupidity she has shown for years, when her hand is forced and she takes up the simpler and less costly program of shipping her stuff from here. There is some singular and ulterior motive behind a commercial program that sends grain and lumber fleets 112 miles inland in the one case, and 167 miles in the other, when the last vessel has to pass, or enter, the most ample, safe and naturally provident harbor on the route to either of the inland destinations.

Portland's fear of Astoria is a fetich now, but it will yield to the exorcising spirit of common-sense and the common-rate inside another 12 months.

THE DRY-WAVE.

North, East, South, and West, the revulsion against the liquor habit is asserting itself with varying degrees of expression and success. And it is time; for the United States, in a comparative sense as to population and territorial limits, has long since overtaken England in this, her national curse. The dry-wave has wrought an immense amount of good and will do far more to rebalance the nation than can ever be estimated. It is good for the rich and for the poor, without much distinction as to relative benefits, since the wild profligacy of the one is no worse than the sordid indulgences of the other.

From Astoria to New York City is a far cry; but the voice of public conscience has carried the length of the route and has debouched north and south on the way, until whole States and great cities are under the ban and barrier either in whole or in part. May it go farther and stay longer!

COFFEE

Three-quarters of coffee is such that we can't touch it; we make five grades of the top quarter.

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KEEP A-GOIN'.

If you strike a thorn or rose, Keep a-goin'. If it hails or if it snows, Keep a-goin'. Taint no use to sit an' whine, When the fish ain't on the line, Bait your hook an' keep a tryin', Keep a-goin'.

When the weather ills your crop, Keep a-goin'. When you tumble from the top, S'pose your out o' every time, Gittin' broke ain't any crime, Tell the world your pullin' fine, Keep a-goin'. When it looks like all is up, Keep a-goin'. Drain the sweetness from the cup, Keep a-goin'. See the wild bird on the wing, Hear the bells that sweetly ring, When you feel like sighin', sing, Keep a-goin'.

HAVE GOOD CLASS RECORDS.

Football Men at University do Not Neglect Studies.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 6.—University of Oregon football men during the season just past have made good records in the class room as well as on the football field. The records of the Registrar's office show that of the 20 men composing the regular squad, only half a dozen have received grades as low as "D" in any of their subjects. There have been no failures and their work as a whole compares favorably with that of last year, when in the final examinations in February, the football team ranked slightly better than the average for the whole student body. The records show also that for the two months just past, football men have cut fewer classes than any other class of students. Reports of absences of all students are sent to the Registrar's office daily and a careful record is kept. The University works on the theory that students are there first to study, and this means regular attendance at classes.

FOOTBALL GAME.

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—Seattle Athletic Club, 6; Multnomah, 0.

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Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, etc.

Capital stock paid in...\$50,000.00 Surplus fund...50,000.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid...15,338.57 National Bank notes outstanding...17,500.00 Due from State Banks and Bankers...2,277.42 Due to approved reserve agents...996.39 Individual deposits subject to check...\$338,200.70 Demand certificates of deposit...\$58,049.75 Time certificates of deposit...\$330,966.34 Certified checks...180.00 U. S. deposits...50,000.00 777,396.79

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, etc.

Capital stock paid in...\$100,000.00 Surplus fund...15,000.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid...28,642.97 National Bank notes outstanding...32,850.00 Due to other National Banks...5,157.63 Individual deposit subject to check...\$995,330.40 Demand certificates of deposit...\$226,041.18 Certified checks...1,122.63 923,094.21

I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 1907.

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