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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washing-
ton—Partly cloudy; probably oc-
casional rain; westerly winds.
Eastern Oregon and Washing-
ington, Idaho—Fair.

JUDGE LANDIS' "STRAW."

According to President Louis W. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, the imposition of the \$29,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis against the Standard Oil Company, was the concrete expression of popular antipathy against the "Interests"; that it was the "straw that broke the camel's back," etc., etc. We had not looked on the subject from Mr. Hill's peculiar point of view, but now that he has made it so plain to us, we hasten to say that we do not believe his conclusion tenable for an instant. Judge Landis did not render any such decision against the Standard Oil people because he thought it would be popular; because he was inspired with a desire to make himself "good" with the people of the country; because he had "his ear to the ground" and took his cue from an outraged public sense of wrong; because it conformed to the tenor and tone of current and accepted estimate of a glaring and patent robbery: He did what he did as a jurist without fear and without reproach, under the law, at the behest of the people for whom that law stood and to whom he was responsible; he did it because the Standard Oil Company had absolutely failed in the doing of its own duty to that people; and if, as Mr. Hill says, "it was the straw that broke the camel's back," then Judge Landis' duty has been better done than we thought.

Mr. Hill, as a railway president, may be classed among the "Interests," but we refuse to place him, as we have always refused to place his father, in that particular category that the Standard Oil stands for; or where certain other inimical combines figure; and we deprecate his voluntarily doing it himself even in defense of a class-interest; it is a far-cry from the policy of expansion, of development, of empire-building, to which James J. Hill has given the best years of his life (and which it is presumed his able son has adopted along with the mantle slung to his own young shoulders by that father), to the incredible system of conscienceless robbery to which the giant oil combine descended and challenged such judicial punishment: We insist that there are interests, and interests; and that some of them are wholly bad and indefensibly rotten; and we further insist that President Hill and the huge properties he represents, have no place in the estimates reached by Judge Landis and the people at large; and, we again, and still insist, that the great fine is no sort of "straw" until it is paid into the federal treasury.

OVER THE OREGON'S PATH.

Sixteen lordly fighting-machines, armed, equipped, officered and manned to perfection, and representing the power and place of this nation on the high-seas of the earth, are, at this writing, swinging their imperious flight down the Florida coast and will soon be on the path of the famous old "Oregon" from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and, incidentally, to Astoria and Portland. The Eastern contingent has given them a superb send-off, and will watch their progress with devoted intensity, while we of the west will, with alert anxiety, scan the passage to its end. And we must be prepared to give them a welcome, equalling and surpassing, the pride that characterized their farewell on the home station.

It is to be an epoch on this coast that may not be passed over lightly; and it will serve immensely to brighten and signalize the customary inertia of the "Presidential election year." The eyes of all nations are centered on this demonstration, and in the main, with friendly hope for its complete success. But

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Andrew Young

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TOMORROW'S BANQUET.

Tomorrow night will witness the inaugural of the series of public dinners to be given in the future by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, and it should be made so decidedly interesting and profitable of results that its successors will be looked for eagerly, as the newest and best medium for the expression of the civic needs and advances.

There will be plenty of intellectual fodder as well as the viands that serve the inner man and lend zest to the quality and tone of discussion. There should be no limitations set on the range of suggestion and argument of the hour, except the hours themselves; and our citizens and their guests should realize the scope of the occasion and make their several plays to fit and coincide, as to subject, and treatment, and time, so as to get as much of value and interest in the session as possible. We hope it will be a "red-letter" night in the annals of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and the interests it stands for.

ASTORIA'S NORMAL GOOD SENSE.

Yesterday morning at the banking hour in this city there was absolutely nothing to indicate that the people had any sort of misgivings about their banks; there were no crowds nor lines nor apparent signs of any nature beyond the normal attention to current business in the local banking field; and it is a tribute to the practical good sense of the people of Astoria. The city is manifestly glad of its own command of a disagreeable situation so manifest in every hour of the eight weeks it has lasted and especially at the crucial hour of resumption; it speaks volumes for the business acumen that pervades that whole community and will prove a huge asset in the clearing up of a season of public disquiet.

It is but another lesson in the school of experience and a rare one in its unusual expression. It will pay handsomely in the long run and contributes mightily to the credit of the city and its people, in more ways than one.

TRICKING THE AIR INTO SERVICE.

In a mountain side in northern Michigan there is a hole that strikes down into the ground some three hundred and fifty feet, for the purpose of entrapping a river and compelling it to do a strange new thing, so writes H. G. Hunting in the Technical World Magazine for January.

In an underground chamber at the bottom of this hole, the plunging water once caught is held up and robbed of a very precious possession which it is tricked into bringing down with it, and which oddly enough becomes more precious the farther down from the surface it is carried. For the treasure is air, which becomes compressed air, as the river carries it down into the underground chamber, and when it is released in the rocky cavern, cut in the solid heart of the mountain for its purpose, it is under such a pressure that it is ready and eager to act, and so is very valuable indeed for power in the neighboring mines.

The jump which the river makes is not at all spectacular, because it is all hidden inside of great steel tubes, five feet in diameter and, to be exact, three hundred and forty feet long. It does not make

a flying start, but flows to its tremendous leap as quietly as any other unsuspected untrapped thing might approach a pitfall. But once launched on its downward course, it becomes a subterranean cataract of more than twice Niagara's height. It is no wonder that the air, caught in millions of minute bubbles from the lips of special feedpipes which touch the flowing stream at the top of its leap, is helpless to escape till the bottom of the plunge is reached, and it finds itself imprisoned in the dark, with escape blocked everywhere by the invincible water, and its freedom only purchasable in exchange for the energy its fall has developed.

President Roosevelt and his cabinet are said to be in perfect harmony. In the event of a disturbance would it be proper to classify it as a tennis racket?

New Route East.

The new Canadian Pacific Spokane route is the short line between Portland and St. Paul. Their time the fastest. The line is equipped with the finest dining, sleeping and observation cars in the world, being the latest design of the car builder. It is to the interest of the traveling public to investigate this service. Through tickets from Astoria. Local office, 377 Commercial street.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT ON TAXES.

Sheriff Pomeroy, who has been withholding his report on the collection of taxes, until after the holidays, has finally made it as follows:

Amount of tax roll.....\$270,733.73
Amount of sheriff's assessments..... 57.98
Amount of penalty and interest..... 919.61

\$271,731.32

Paid treasurer.....\$261,043.25

Three per cent rebate..... 6,989.83

Errors, double assessments, etc..... 403.86

Delinquent and unpaid..... 3,294.38

\$271,731.32

In comparison with the report of last year, it will be noted that for last year the delinquencies amounted to \$3732.13, while this year they only amount to \$3294.38, although the tax roll is nearly \$50,000 higher than last year.

BANK STATEMENT.

Condensed statement of the condition of the Scandinavian-American Savings Bank, at the end of its third week of business, December 10, 1907:

Resources.

Loans and discounts.....\$33,550.37
Furniture and fixtures..... 3,674.41
Due from banks..... 11,771.46
Due from stockholders on unpaid subscription..... 10,330.00
Expense..... 1,942.36
Cash in bank..... 11,071.08

\$72,539.68

Liabilities.

Capitol stock.....\$50,000.00
Surplus fund..... 5,000.00
Profits..... 231.55
Deposits..... 17,308.13

\$72,539.68

NEW SUGAR REFINERY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A local firm has, it is said, contracted for the entire output of the Honolulu Plantation Company which is in the neighborhood of 30,000 tons per year of dry granulated cane sugar and involves an investment of about \$3,000,000. This sugar will be refined at the Honolulu Company's new plant which has recently been erected at a cost of more than \$1,000,000. As there are only two cane sugar refineries on the Pacific Coast and they have heretofore enjoyed the whole trade, this puts another cane sugar company competitor on the market.

Read the Morning Astorian.

The Store for Women BEEHIVE Ladies' Outfitters

Ladies' and Children's Long Coats Greatly Reduced

The days of profit sacrificing have come in the women's Coat section. While we have enjoyed an extraordinary trade in this department, we find ourselves with more coats than we need at this time. In order to turn these coats into cash as quickly as possible we have decided to cut prices as they have never been cut before. All idea of profit is eliminated and in many cases we are willing to take less than the actual manufacturer's cost during this sale. You know that for style, fit and general goodness there are no women's coats hereabouts to compare with ours. Whether you buy one for a Christmas gift or for your own use, by all means buy. Not a woman who reads this advertisement can afford to miss the bargain. Hundreds of them on sale in every wanted color and style. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$20.00.

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BROWN'S TALK

Well, I've got everything ready for a Merry Christmas at my store. Santa Claus is here and I want every child in the city to come here alone or with their parents and be one of us this week. You won't be in the way; I am here to sell shoes, but that isn't all. I want to make more friends than any man on this coast, and if I can win the little folks' hearts I'll feel pretty chesky. "Terry" is here, the pet of the herd of calves, whose little hides are used for your shoes. Come and see him in my window—he's a dandy.

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