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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain.
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THE WORLD-WIDE ANNIVERSARY.

The whole Christian world, for this one day, casts aside the imperious demands of livelihood and fortune-making along with the gross elements of business that characterize those pursuits, and turns its thought and energies to the pleasant task of making others happy and trying to be happy with them.

It ranks above all other prescriptive feasts of civilization, not alone on the score of its divine origin and influence, but in the deep universality of its recognition and observance by those indifferent to, and even immune from, its cardinal precept.

Anything that arouses the gentler thought and kindlier activities of the human heart is a blessing incalculable to all men no matter whence it falls and every known feast of any and every nation on the globe is worth the studying on that ground alone.

The Morning Astorian wishes its fellow-named friends, compatriots, and citizens, the best of everything incident to the happy season and the year about to dawn; that they, their families, their businesses, their hopes, plans and opportunities, may eventuate happily and with such an abundance of things desired as shall mark this Christmas and the new year, as paramount in the individual histories of each and all.

THE INEVITABLE CRITIC.

One Reuterdahl, the German correspondent for an English paper, accompanying the American fleet on its "Round the Horn" voyage, has done the very unclever and ungrateful thing in sending home a severe criticism upon the personnel of the fleet to which he is attached by the sheerest of courtesy and will, in all probability, be dumped on "the Beach" at Trinidad, as soon as the squadron arrives there.

The naval authorities are deeply incensed at his strictures and have lost no time nor spared any pains to render them nugatory. The man must be an ass of thoroughbred strain to indulge in such stuff from the very midst of the but fairly started venture in which he figures as a guest, and will probably pay dearly for his buncomb. Die-tates of the most ordinary sense of duty would have prompted this man to withhold his censuring pen so long as he was afloat in the midst of the men he was scoring, no matter what his critical conclusions happened to be; and that they were not honest, lends color to the assumption that he was sent to the post he occupied for this especial and insolent purpose.

The English have ever been our

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keenest critics in naval matters and it is quite understandable; they have every reason on earth to be addicted to this sort of thing, and may have more and even better reasons for harsh and disparaging estimates before they quit the habit. But the strictures will not emanate from the cosy comfort of a guest-room on board an American vessel.

All America is behind that fleet of 16, and the pen of one magazine hireling will not disturb the pride and confidence of a nation; but it may start a feeling that has lain dormant for the better part of half a century, and end in the disruption of a prized friendliness that were far better not disturbed at all.

AMERICA'S "ROTTEN BOROUGH."

We deprecated the President's order despatching federal troops into Goldfield; and we hope his second order calling them out of there will remain good, and that the "rotten borough" of America will be compelled to show her hand and do something for herself. Nevada seems to expect that the "army" will do all her dirty work in her commendable effort to disparage and defeat the Western Federation of Miners, but it is time she learned that the army has something else to do than to float around her sand-dunes and take the brunt of her local bickerings.

She has not done one single thing to indicate that she has any power of her own nor any sense of her initial duty in this premise, and the order that will remove the troops by the last day of this month, is likely to arouse her to some tangible showing as to her own responsibility.

We look for trouble there, of course; no one ever saw a situation such as that now supervening at Goldfield result in any other way; but it is up to the State of Nevada to do something for herself; then if she has not got the sand nor the people to settle the rumpus, she may turn again to the source of all national relief and protection and ask with some show of clean conscience, for the help she needs.

MASKED ROBBERS.

Four Men Hold Up Fifteen Patrons of Saloon.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—Four masked men entered the saloon of Wm. Wright last night and obtained \$400, in money, eight gold watches and four revolvers. The watches and the currency were secured from fifteen patrons of the saloon. The men were playing cards at the tables, when the visitors, each presenting a leveled revolver entered.

The players were persuaded to drop their game for the moment and line up at the bar, where two of the quartette accepted their contributions while the others stood at "present arms." After this ceremony, one of the collectors went behind the bar and divested the cash register of \$40. Then the four left the saloon and escaped.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Even in the stress of presidential possibilities, the sailing of the fleet, the restoration of confidence, the Pettibone trial, the Christmas preparations and the currency bills, an occasional item reminds us that we are still digging the Panama canal.

Uncle, dear Uncle, please send home my coat, the one that I soaked in July. For this Elliston weather is hitting me hard; please send me that coat or I die.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Enough democratic senators have been found at Washington to form a campaign committee—but it isn't a very big committee.

The man who buys his Christmas presents of his home merchant is the one who keeps up the Christmas spirit.

NEW HOTEL.

Total Cost of Its Building Will Be \$6,000,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—The permit for the new La Salle Hotel, to be erected at La Salle and Madison streets was taken out yesterday. With the furnishings the hotel will represent an investment of approximately \$3,500,000 and with the land, which was leased on the basis of a value of \$2,500,000 the total will run up to \$6,000,000.

A feature of interest, as showing the sharp decline in the price of building materials, is the statement that the present cost is placed at nearly \$500,000 less than would have been the case five or six months ago.

It is expected the work of construction will be begun sometime between March 1 and May 1 and that fifteen months will be required to complete. The building will be 22 stories high, with two basements and it is said, will be the largest hotel building in the world. It will contain 1,172 rooms.

DIED ON SHIP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Leaving four children to the care of strangers, Mrs. Rosalbin Mizzi died on board the liner Hamburg which arrived yesterday and was buried at sea. The family was on its way to America to join the father who has established a home here. They traveled in the steerage and after the mother's death the children were cared for by other women in the steerage and turned over to the father on their arrival.

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Yes, but your Christmas would be mighty miserable if you didn't have those same kiddies.

Admiral Evans sends back Christmas greetings as he steams towards the equator and warm weather.

There is a good deal of sparring for wind in the Fish-Harriman match.

Goldfield should remember that this is the season of peace on earth—even if it takes troops to enforce the order.

COFFEE

A middling steak and first-rate coffee are better than middling coffee and first-rate steak. Consider the cost. Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we pay him.

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Nos. 21, 25 and 29 run via Ft. Stevens. No. 23 runs from Clatsop Beach to Astoria and Portland direct. Additional train will be run from Astoria to Ft. Stevens and return on Sunday, leaving Astoria 11:30 a. m., arrive Ft. Stevens 12:25 p. m. Returning leaves Ft. Stevens 2:00 p. m., arrives Astoria 2:45 p. m.

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