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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain.
Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho—Rain or snow.

PORTLAND'S "BIG STICK."

Portland's "big stick", the Port of Columbia bill, is being waved with fierce ardor just now, by the Oregonian, as a prelude to its formal introduction to the people of the river district, via the "initiative" in June. Every day or so there is a savage growl from the big daily on the score of the shabby treatment this darling of the metropolitan slippers received at the hands of the courts last year and a string of threats as to what will be done with it this year.

The fact of the business is, the Port of Columbia bill is not popular in Portland, beyond the radius of a few shipping offices, and its acceptance there, as a costly and ineffectual expedient for mere temporary control of the river business, is very doubtful. The Oregonian is mighty but it has yet to justify its gospel of hoghishness, in this relation to the people who are expected to pay half a million for a dubious privilege, and then continue paying year by year, simply to fill the pockets of a Baker's dozen of conscienceless operators, in commerce that must sooner or later be done from the mouth of the river.

It is morally certain that the law will never be accepted by the people of Clatsop county under any circumstances whatever; that it will be fought to the last court in the land. The whole proposition is nothing but a raw tissue of buncombe strung on a thread of lies involving the tug and pilot service here, that will not stand for a moment in the light of honest inquiry; and the Oregonian may make up its mind that a "walk-over" for this palpable fraud, next June, is among the most dubious of all that the people will be called upon to vote for and will come out of the electoral mill in tatters. We had it pretty well shredded; but that is nothing to what will be done with it this summer.

We would like to join Multnomah in some decent enterprise for the commercial uplift of the Columbia River basin, but we gag at this infamous graft and are a unit down here in our willingness to stand in the very fore-front of its implacable enemies. It is among the worst things ever submitted to a decent public, and what that public shall not know of its infamy by the dawn of election day will not be chargeable to this paper nor this people.

THE COLUMBIA IN LINE.

It is quite within reason to anticipate, that in the event of any notable movement in Congress for river and harbor improvement, this winter, the Columbia river will receive adequate consideration, from the fact of its growing importance as a commercial factor and the huge railway enterprises that are centering in its basin. We need much at the mouth of the river and between this harbor and the mouth of the Willamette, and thence to Portland and shall be glad to see proper attention paid to that section, and to all points in the upper reaches of the great river; for the cardinal reason that every atom of improvement contributed to the river east of Tongue Point makes for the supreme essential amendment of the conditions here, since all that may be done elsewhere is futile without the fulness of progressive work here and on the bars; and aside from the commercial reasons that are accumulating steadily in this behalf, there are strategic grounds that will amplify themselves before many moons to such an extent as will give impetus to all that is needed in this locale.

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little or no thought given to this huge artery of ours, but the national administrative sense has been at last aroused to the dangers that confront the whole Pacific Coast, and there is no reason to suppose that we can be overlooked much longer. It is up to our Senators and Representatives to stand shoulder to shoulder with the California and Washington men and see that the Columbia figures conspicuously in the consideration and benefits given to this immense and radical doctrine of coast defense, and we doubt not they will do it promptly and strenuously.

SIGN THE PETITION QUICKLY!

It becomes the bounden duty of the people of Astoria and Clatsop, in sheer self-defense, to sign the petition now before this public at the instance of Secretary Ed. Rosenberg, of the United Fishermen of the Pacific, and sign it quickly and to the last man in the county. It tells its story very plainly, in simple, unambiguous language, and there is enough in it to inspire the last shred of interest we have in the salmon industry of the Columbia.

There can be no question of the readiness of our people to prosecute this fight against the ruinous policy of the fish-wheel owners of the upper river and for the preservation of the industry for which we are famous and which means millions a year to the community aside from the work it furnishes to thousands of our people. Read the petition and then sign it and urge similar and instant action on every friend you've got!

LEVIED, BUT NOT PAID.

There is not a citizen in all America who, for one instant, ever believed that the fine of \$2,240,000, levied against the Standard Oil Company by Judge Landis would be paid. It was a foregone conclusion that the utter limit of legal resort would be projected into the famous case and that, sooner or later, the needed expedient, in contravention of the edict imposing it, would be found and worked. Popular opinion finds justification in the steps already taken by the monster combine, and after a little while some hidden clause in the vast and intricate volume of "law" will be found that will forever bar the collection of the stupendous fine, as well as the Judge who will be quite ready to admit its applicability. But all the same the people are glad to know there has been one jurist who was immune from the spell of the Octopus and who did his duty as no one ever did it before in history.

Congressman Wallace of Arkansas gained tremendous applause among his colleagues by reading the first half dozen words in three of his speeches, and asking "leave to extend my remarks in the Record." Such brevity was recognized on the spot as the soul of wit.

Simple Remedy For La Grippe

La grippe coughs are dangerous as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes.

F. N. Clark, president of the Columbia Trust Co, left on Sunday night for Portland on a business trip. He will be gone about 10 days.

Irritation of the throat and hoarseness little swallow of Kemp's Balsam, the best cough cure. Grip patients should make a note of this.

Wu Ting-fang, who has been reappointed Chinese ambassador to the United States, has embarked on the Pacific on the way to Washington. This distinguished Celestial is famous for interviews and says so many bright things that he is chief favorite among the correspondents.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Figured in dollars and cents the tremendous organization for public education which New York has built up represents the investment of the income from the enormous sum of \$2,000,000,000. The entire cost of Father Knickerbocker's schools as they stand today is nearly \$100,000,000, according to the latest report of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education, a sum spent for education alone and equal to one-tenth of the annual appropriation of Congress for the various needs of the entire country. Of this \$100,000,000 about one-quarter, or \$25,000,000, has been used for the purpose of sites, so that the value of the real estate in this city devoted to education is on its present valuation probably greater than that held by any one of the city's money kings. For the erection of school buildings \$60,000,000 has been spent, thus making these holdings larger than those of any owner of skyscrapers. It has taken more than \$11,000,000 to equip these schools. The Board of Education now owns 520 buildings and leases 60 more thus bringing the total owned and operated by the city to nearly 600. The total area of the sites occupied is 461 acres. If the area were cut up into building lots 25 by 100 feet and placed end to end it would give a strip 25 feet wide and 152 miles long reaching for example from New York to Albany, all of which is devoted to the cause of education in that city. The total school attendance each day aggregates more than the combined population of Nevada, South Dakota and Alaska.

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French papers are beginning to talk of the Panama Canal as an assured fact, and of the time when a direct voyage can be made from France to its island possessions in the South Seas. The short cut from Europe to the Pacific will be appreciated, and Uncle Sam will be glad to have performed a great service to the commerce of the world.

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Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. T. R. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

SATURDAY NIGHT SHOOTING.

Fred Inquist Released on Bail—No Complaint as Yet.

Further particulars of the shooting of John Maninen were learned yesterday. Inquist was released from jail on Sunday on depositing \$250 cash bail. Maninen is at St. Mary's Hospital getting along well. He does not speak English and is uncommunicative, so that his story of the shooting was not obtained, and nothing could be learned from him. Inquist states that the injured man came to his place, intoxicated, and asked for \$5, which was refused him. Inquist not having the money in his pocket, Maninen insisted that the \$5 be taken from the cash register. Again being refused he created a disturbance and was ordered from the place. He then attempt to assault Inquist with a grip sack which he carried, and Inquist, having drawn his revolver from beneath the bar, is not aware as to whether the revolver was discharged by a blow from the grip, or whether he pulled the trigger in his excitement. He claims that he did not intend to shoot, but to frighten his assailant. As he swung the grip at Inquist, Mannin attempted to crawl over the bar, whether to assault the proprietor or to take the money from the cash register is not known. While a charge of assault with a deadly weapon is booked against Inquist in the city prison no formal complaint has been sworn out. The result of the victim's injuries will probably be awaited before a complaint is filed.

TO CATARRH SUFFERERS.

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T. F. Laurin has been advising all who suffer from any of the symptoms of catarrh, such as offensive breath, dryness of the nose, pain across the eyes, stoppage of the nose, discharges and dripings in the throat, coughing spasms and general weakness and debility, to use Hyomei. He goes so far as to offer to refund the money to any user of Hyomei who is not perfectly satisfied with the results.

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ALL RIGHT! LET HER GO!

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The Matin reports that conferences between Premier Clemenceau and the French representatives at Berlin and Tangier make it practically certain that there will be no necessity of modifying the French policy in Morocco.

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