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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain.
Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho—Probably fair.

DAY OF REPRISAL AT HAND.

The Portland Oregonian is opening a campaign for the resuscitation or rehabilitation, or reincarnation (any old term will do), of the defunct and forgotten "Port of Columbia" bill, the pet grafting scheme of the small coterie of shippers in that city, that was whipsawed through the Legislature last winter by tactics that were as raw as they were nefarious, and which was later thrown out of the supreme court on the ground of its rank unconstitutionality; and every line of that paper's comment on the bill and its pretended value to the metropolis is marked by a desperate sordidness that shows the venomous rancor of the defeat that overtook it last year.

All Astorians know the nature, and the animus, of the measure, and were a solid unit in bringing about its nullification, and will coalesce again to defeat it, whatever the limit of savage fervor wherewith the Oregonian shall seek to revamp it.

We know it to be the last desperate piece of chicanery to despoil this port and the commercial prestige thereof; and if the city of Portland and its press ever does any thinking about the value of the millions of money this city contributes annually to the metropolitan markets, it is time they were reckoning with the chance of reprisals along this line, and put a quietus on the man in the Oregonian building who has the ear of its managers; it is time the influence of that great paper was diverted from this wretched subterfuge and used to expedite the real truth of the commercial situation in the lower Columbia, namely, that the shipping is to be done from here, in the near future, by both the Hill and the Harriman systems, and not from the Sound, as the Oregonian persists will be the case. It is very plain that Portland would rather see the commerce of all Oregon go to Puget Sound rather than to this, the natural, the cheapest, the most direct and feasible port, the sea-end of the water-level, down-grade haul from the wheat fields of the Inland Empire; for what the Oregonian says of Portland must be true, and it says this thing every day lately.

If the loyalty of Portland to the State of Oregon is so shallow a thing that the metropolitan shippers can bring about the sheer commercial sacrifice of Astoria (which should, and would, be Portland's, and Oregon's, commercial right-bower), then Astoria will quickly learn her own duty to herself in the matter of her annual outlay in the markets that are part and parcel of her undoing. It is a queer attitude for the chief city of a great state to assume, that of being willing to send millions of commerce out to rival ports and centers in another state, rather than give the benefit to a sister-city, nearby, at home, and directly in line, and at the natural terminus of that line, on the easiest conceivable grades, and known to be the next and rightful place of commercial importance in the certain course of development now pending; it is so queer, indeed, that Astoria intends to watch closely, and figure accurately, and govern herself as comport with her own advantage and merit in the case. We have had about all of this sort of treatment we can stand.

The calendar is doing its best for an elastic currency. There will be five days in February.

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VERSATILE J. P. MORGAN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—That J. P. Morgan is not only the alert, aggressive and widely powerful financier who is reported to have said on a recent occasion "Tell the Secretary of the Treasury he must do it or I will," but also is a man in whom the qualities of imagination and sentiment are strongly combined, is disclosed by a writer who contributes to the forthcoming number of Appleton's an article explaining the dominant position occupied by Mr. Morgan in the financial world. To illustrate this point he tells some hitherto unpublished stories of the man who broke the money panic by offering to lend \$25,000,000 at the crucial moment. One of these is to the effect that Mr. Morgan in his capacity as the most influential director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, has prevented the straightening of the "air line" of this road between New York and Boston by the removal of a curve at Middletown, Conn., because the elimination of this curve would require the digging up of a graveyard in which members of his family are buried. The Appleton article also explains that the reason why the name of the road has never been changed to the New England, as has been proposed many times, is owing to Mr. Morgan who insists on retaining in the title the name of the city of Hartford where he was born. Numerous other incidents are given to show that the dean of American bankers has his softer side although E. H. Harriman and Jacob H. Schiff may not be inclined to believe this.

MORMONS IN GERMANY.

Missionaries Carrying on the Work in That Country.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—A number of Mormon missionaries, young men of German nationality, are carrying on a propaganda in Berlin. They make a house to house canvass, presenting themselves at every apartment. The missionaries have rented a house in the center of the city which is used as a headquarters, and here the greatest activity can be seen at any time. The conduct of this propaganda by Germans is possible because the expulsion order issued by the police in 1903 applies to foreigners only.

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NATIONAL BILLIARD MATCH.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The National Association of Amateur Billiard Players has accepted the suggestion of the French association for an international match. The final acceptance has been mailed to the French Club. The matches will take place at the Liederkreis Club about the middle of April. The games will be at 18 1/2 ball line and the balls used will be those used in France, which are a trifle larger than the American ball.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT STARTS.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 14.—A monster field of 132 players started in the fifth annual mid-winter golf tournament yesterday, 132 of whom turned in cards, six divisions of 16 each qualifying for the match play rounds which begins today and continues through Wednesday. P. W. Whittemore of the Brookline, Mass., Country Club led the field with a card of 79. C. L. Becker of Woodland, Edwin A. Freeman of Dyker Meadow, and W. B. Shalkford of Atlantic City, made 32 each.

AGREE ON PLANS.

Republican National Committee Chairman Makes Important Announcement.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—The speakers' stand at the Republican convention next June will be located in the south end of the coliseum. The delegates will sit in front of this stand; behind them will come the alternates, and the spectators will be allowed to occupy the space remaining.

This plan was agreed upon by a committee composed of Harry S. New, chairman of the National Republican Committee, Powell Clayton and E. F. Hart, members of the committee, at a conference yesterday. According to the architecture this plan will give a seating capacity of 11,250 with good acoustics.

It is a wise guesser who can tell whether the balloon, aeroplane or motor flying machine will be ahead at the end of 1908.

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