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IT WAS SWIM, OR HANG!

How Charles Gram Went up Against an A. & C. Freight Engine.

Charles H. Gram, State Deputy Labor Commissioner and factory inspector, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor etc., etc., is in the city on an official visit, overhauling the mills, factories, canneries, machine shops and industrial plants generally, to see that they are all complying with the statutory requirements in the care of their mechanics and workmen and in the proper adjustment of their mechanism; the most of which he finds well within the law on all points, and what exceptions there may be, in line for immediate improvement.

In the course of his peregrinations about the city, yesterday, he found himself at a point on the waterfront within easy striking distance of the office of the Columbia River Packers' Association offices, provided he footed it across a couple of hundred feet of A. & C. railway trestle, or, otherwise going round about for several blocks; and "time being of the essence" of all Gram's contracts, he decided to use the open trestle, especially as there was no engine nor train in motion anywhere near him. So he boldly went his way, picking his route along the rain-soaked ties and listening to the suggestive "swashing" of the floor-tide below, eyes down, and umbrella up, with the single and sole idea of planting his foot safely on each alternate tie ahead of him.

At the usual critical moment he heard the sudden clang of an engine bell, and glancing up, he saw old "No. 1," the yard engine of the A. & C. bearing down on him (having just filled her oil tanks at the Standard plant) hustling to her duties up at the depot yard. Gram was exactly midway between two bents, with no chance of stepping out onto a cap, and not knowing just how fast the engine was moving he dismounted the fleeting notion he had of taking the foot-board that hung below the tanks on the rear of the engine, and casting his umbrella to the winds of heaven and the tides of the Columbia, he scuttled over the tie-ends and hung on the four-by-four guard rail on the outer side of the track until the danger was past, and then clambered back on the ties and began a hunt for his "lost nerve," which he soon found, and proceeded, more than gingerly, over the balance of the route. His umbrella was reported later as having crossed the Columbia bar, and headed south, like a black can-buoy out on a "glad-time." Charlie says it was "swim, or hang," and he chose the latter even with the alternative startlingly imminent and in spite of the fact that "No. 1" dropped all sorts of hot water on his hands as she went by. He has pretty nearly recovered, however, and the memory of it will be the most poignant element of the affair. This is written to perpetuate it!

It Does The Business

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

It would be a good thing if we could all dispose of a job lot of prejudices at bargain rates.

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would like to suggest that pilots, bar, nor river, are made in Portland; they are the peculiar product of the seas and rivers they navigate, especially the bar men, despite the contemptuous rating in which the Oregonian holds the members of the Columbia River Bar Pilots' Association.

Be wary, gentlemen, of the terms of your new law! Remember the fate of Port of Columbia bill!

WE QUIT, RIGHT HERE!

We have never, for a moment, cherished the notion of interfering with Portland in any of her cherished plans for commercial up-lift, save in the case of the Port of Portland bill, last winter, when we opposed her 'teeth and nail' on the simple ground of self-defense and made good in the fight. We know the futility of contending single-handed against her, and the hopelessness of her ever doing aught for this city or this end of the river. We are in her way here; she wants to maintain supreme control of the maritime commerce of the state, and will probably do so until the fortuitous turn shall be made that shall give us our share of it, as the nearest, most natural, most feasible, of all the cities and harbors in Oregon.

Our contention, later, has not been made with a view of thwarting her ambitions along this line (save, insofar as she might seek to do it by revamping that bill and using it to hamper and involve us), but against her wilful and cold-blooded oversight of the honest claim of Astoria to commercial consideration, as the second city and the best port in the State, and the persistency of the Oregonian in heralding the Sound ports as the only alternative left the people of Oregon if Portland shall fail to make good in her ambition.

We quit, right here! It's up to Astoria and Astorians to save their own faces. If this city has the snap, the gumption, the money, and business nerve to go after things, to do things, to gain things, and to profit by them, now is her chance to do something; if she has no qualities of this sort she may simmer into "innocuous desuetude" and make the best of her inaction. We are here to fight for her when it is necessary, but we want a shoulder-mate, a cause, and the backing that goes with honest championship. This man's town has no recourse save her own pluck and spirit and power, and she need not look elsewhere for aid or comfort!

How to Avoid Pneumonia

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DRUGGED, BEATEN AND ROBBED.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 17.—J. B. Graham, said to be a well-to-do rancher from near Dickinson, N. D., is dead from the effects of being drugged and beaten yesterday. Graham was found in an unconscious condition near the railroad tracks, his pockets rifled and a bad wound on his head above the temple.

How to Avoid Appendicitis.

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JURY LOCKED UP FOR THE NIGHT.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Walsh jury not having reported a verdict at 5 o'clock, were locked up for the night.

COFFEE

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

"A MOTHER IN ISRAEL."

Day by day, and year by year, the ranks of the splendid pioneer group of Oregon are thinning; all too soon we shall be called upon to mark the passing of the last noble soul who may justly claim the honor and prerogative of having founded this great commonwealth and given forth the heirs that are to perpetuate it. The death of Mrs. Sarah Dameron Owens, at Empire City, on Thursday last, accentuates the nearness of this sad phase of our history, her four score years and ten, of life, pointing plainly to the unconsidered flight of time, time that consumes, absorbs, obliterates, and takes from all men that which they cherish most.

No limit may be put upon the tenderness wherewith we shall deal with the few who remain of this great cluster of stalwart parents of our statehood; and if we have fallen short, ever, in the measure of our tribute and consideration for them, we may find surcease from reproach in the fuller honor we shall pay to those still surviving. The late Mrs. Owens was of the "Mothers in Israel" of old Clatsop and left an unfading impress of her noble character upon the community, her children, and her children's children, being yet with us to share the benefits of her gracious career and her fine strong womanhood. Five children, eleven grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren survive her and possess the inherent right to tread the paths of honor she marked out and to urge the course upon those who look to them for guidance.

The study of such characters as hers makes doubly manifest to us all the priceless quality of our heritage. By the light of their faith and patience, courage and success, we may better gauge the real value of our work and worth and warrant as their accredited successors in the illimitable tasks of civilized life.

A FRIENDLY HINT.

While the Portlanders are about it they may as well save themselves what of loss and time is possible to be saved by a careful revision of the newly proposed Port of Portland bill. For instance the clause wherein the port reserves to itself the limitation of liability in the sum of \$10,000, covering loss and damage to vessels by reason of the carelessness of the tug-masters and pilots operating under its aegis, is worth a close review for the purposes of amendment in that it shall not conflict with the federal supreme court decision in the case of the ship Thrasher, for which the tug-owner, Warren, of Victoria, paid the full cost of vessel and cargo and wrecked a fine business in the doing of it. The owners of the Thrasher and Warren fought the matter of liability through all the courts of the land and the decision of the Admiralty court was sustained and the tug-man went to the wall.

The Warren tug fastened on to the Thrasher and entered the Straits of Fuca, Victoria-bound, without a licensed pilot on board the tow, and the ship veered out her course a hawser length and smashed on the rocks. This was the basis of one of the most famous marine fights ever put up, and its issue is out so old, old as it is, as to preclude it from having a direct bearing on contravention of the clause alluded to.

We suggest it out of sheer good feeling toward those in charge of the measure, and if we see anything else worth their notice we may call attention to it. And before we leave the subject, we

A SURGICAL OPERATION



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