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WEATHER.
Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair.

ASTORIA'S TWO NECESSITIES.

Now that this city and port has concluded to go its own pace and do for itself those things most essential to its commercial progress, it were well to define, and go at, the basic matters in order to have something safe and solid to build upon. And from the best expression of popular sentiment, as heard on the streets and public places here, the two most necessitous elements of the Astorian program are, the establishment of the Port of Astoria upon the same full lines as Portland is proposing to develop her port, and the extension of the "common-point" rate on grain to this city and port. One is as essential as the other and both are practically inseparable in the working out of what shall follow.

The preparation of the Port of Astoria initiative is in excellent hands and will be sent to the people in due time for their action at the June polls and should include the whole of Clatsop county so far as its authority and operation go. Once we have the legal, commercial status upon which to conduct our maritime negotiations, we will be independent of any other commercial influence, in the State, or out of it, save for what we may cultivate upon friendly and business basis in the future; and even in this behalf we shall be in wonderfully better shape.

As to the extension of the common-point rate to Astoria, we have but to invoke the latest amendment to the Interstate Commerce Law, which confers the rate upon any point in the field where it operates and to which it may be rationally extended as a shipping center in the district where the rate prevails. It is not probable that the transportation lines involved in such a step will make any determined fight against it for the simple reason that the three companies, are, practically, under one system of ownership and control, the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, and the Portland & Seattle; and any contention they may be disposed to make will be offered upon the hypothesis that they, themselves, are not yet ready to haul grain here upon a common or any other rate. Yet this plea would not avail to hinder us in preparing for the business we are entitled to, and must have in a very short time; especially as we are laying the foundation of a legally established terminal port for the handling of this very business.

The Chamber of Commerce is moving carefully and thoughtfully on these two important lines and by the time they are achieved we are likely to know a good deal more about our real attitude with the great concerns that will eventually control this business, than we have, as yet, been able to ascertain with even a shadow of certainty. We hope to see both measures pressed to conclusion and that that conclusion will be profitable for all concerned, the port, and the railways leading to the port.

DIED AT HIS POST.

Deep as the regret everywhere is over the death of Captain William E. Larkins, who expired from heart disease at the wheel of the Lurline in Portland early on Monday morning, there is almost universal comment on the fact that he died at his post, the sign-manual of the best faith a man can show to his trust, and to those who have confided it to him. No

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greater tribute can be paid to any man than to say he was ever faithful; and this is what all men say of Captain Larkins. The waterfront people of the metropolis, and from there, all along the Columbia river, to the Flavel dock in this city, there is only the word of praise and genuine respect for this man who for nearly two score years has been in almost daily touch with the river population; and always with that kindly, pleasant and certain intimacy that makes for such a career as his. To be famous is one thing; to be true, constantly and unwaveringly, is another, and the best.

Are American women coming to their senses? Some Paris importations of gowns and lingerie which were sold at auction yesterday by the government did not bring enough to pay the duties. Home-made wearing apparel is good enough for them, apparently.

The New York Central has decreed that white shall be the signal of danger, but timid persons wearing red stockings will continue to avoid the pasture habitat of the fierce bull.

It seems almost too bad to bottle up the oratory of John Sharp Williams by making him a senator—but there is solace in the possibility that even that won't bottle him up.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., advises that no money be lent to a friend without a note. Evidently he has not been burdened with worthless "promises to pay."

"Ice trust magnates" get cold comfort from the decision of a high court that it's a jail they are to go to, instead of workhouse.

Dispatches saying that "Central America is on the verge of revolution" seem to have a familiar ring, somehow.

As usual, there are plenty of measures for financial relief that don't measure up to requirements.

Earthquakes in Sicily will not have been in vain if they paralyze the Black Hand.

Now a pause in two-cent fare legislation, while folks think.

BIG ARMY DEPOT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—The Examiner says: The federal authorities have taken definite steps to secure a site here for the biggest United States army depot in the country. It is to be located on part of the existing army reservation at Fort Mason and then run northerly on land at present submerged.

This submerged land is owned by the Dore family of this city and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and her sister, Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt, jr., of New York.

The land is to be condemned in the United States Circuit Court. Assistant United States District Attorney Clark perfected a suit for that purpose yesterday. Congress has already appropriated \$1,500,000 to pay for the site and filling in the submerged section. Outside the price of the condemned land the depot with its many buildings and wharves is to cost fully two million dollars.

The land to be condemned lies between Laguna and Lewis Streets and Van Ness Avenue and today is a small, shallow arm of the bay, upon which the headquarters of General Funston looks. Congress in passing its \$1,500,000 appropriation bill for condemnation and other purposes, did not provide in the act for the

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purchase of the property by arbitration. It fortunately specifies that the property must be secured by condemnation. This is why the federal authorities, through Assistant District Attorney Clark have a suit of that kind.

MANY PEOPLE HERE BENEFITTED

DRUGGIST TELLS OF REMEDY—HOME-MADE VEGETABLE MIXTURE AND DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING AND TAKING.

That the readers of this paper appreciate advice when given in good faith is plainly demonstrated by the fact that one well-known local pharmacy supplied the ingredients for the "vegetable prescription" many times within the past two weeks. The announcement of this simple, harmless mixture has certainly accomplished much in reducing the great many cases of kidney complaint and rheumatism here, relieving pain and misery, especially among the older population, who are always suffering more or less with bladder and urinary troubles, backache and particularly rheumatism.

Another well-known druggist asks us to continue the announcement of the prescription. It is doing so much real good here, he continues, that it would be a crime not to do so. It can not be repeated too often, and further states many cases of remarkable cures wrought.

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There is nothing alarming in the Hayti rebellion. It was due; that's all.

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PENNSYLVANIA GRAFTERS.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 28.—The appearance of Stanford B. Lewis, active assistant architect with James Hueston during the construction and furnishing of the new capitol, as witness for the commonwealth at the trial of the capitol prosecutions today tends to confirm the rumor that Hueston has an understanding with the commonwealth and is to be one of its witnesses. Today's sessions were devoted by the commonwealth to laying the foundation of its case.

James Scarlet in his opening address stated that the commonwealth expected to prove that the defendants conspired to defraud the state in the payment of bills for the capitol furnishings.

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