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AN ALL-ASTORIAN MATTER.

In time past we have had a good deal to say, and fight for, in regard to what Portland was endeavoring to do to wrong this city and port, especially in the matter of the Port of Columbia bill, etc., and now that that issue has been laid aside and the people of Astoria are going after their own commercial equipment and intend to set up a port of their own (upon practically the same lines Portland will employ to extend her maritime influence from South Portland, on the Willamette, to the seaward curvature of the Columbia river bar) our people must think hard and steadily and stand squarely alongside the men in the Chamber of Commerce who have this thing in charge; in other words, we must fight for our own project as strenuously as we opposed that of Portland, or stand impeached for stupidity and laxity.

This is purely a local matter, yet it is more potentially essential than anything that confronts us and affects every interest here as vitally as the Port of Columbia law would have, had it stood the test of judicial inquiry. Once we have gained legal status as a port we will have prestige and influence that is lacking now and can go after what we want with, at least, the assurance we are what we claim to be.

The Port of Astoria must become a slogan and be sounded with snap and certitude from the day of our investiture. It may take time to reach the plane of the Port of Portland in the range of commerce as it enters and leaves the mouth of the Columbia, but charter by charter, cargo by cargo, house by house, it can be builded to a point where competition will soon cease in the interest of the infinitely quicker despatch that will be demonstrated here; along with other expedients and advantages possessed or to be gained by our own initiative and inspired effort.

The first thing to do is to get squarely on our feet as a recognized port: That is an All-Astorian matter now!

IMMUNITY; A FIXED PRICE.

We desire to say very frankly that the wide-spread and frequent holding out of the boon of immunity in favor of one thief, or more, to secure the conviction of others, is a rotten practice, and is becoming so common as to make it standard procedure, to the disgrace of the courts, bar and people. It is simply another way of fixing the price for criminal testimony and putting a premium on criminal cowardice.

The plea that it is essential to reach conviction pre-supposes the weakness, or worse, of the laws and their administration, and begets the contempt inherent in such a conclusion. Any principle of action that sets up the idea of the easy avoidance of the law, (especially the penal statutes) is calculated to undermine the strength and dignity of the law; and adds that much to defensive schemes of the lawless.

Barbers, in open court, with the Orchards, Ruefs, Calhouns, Goslins and Burkes, are inimical from any and every point of view in which the law is held in the common mind: The co-criminal sees it with profound satisfaction as "another way out," and despises the law he has broken and which has broken itself in its

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deal with him; the decent citizen looks upon it with amazement and disgust because it transposes his sense of honor of, and obligation to, the law; judges, attorneys and jurymen, in the course of their duties to the people, must deprecate the abridgement of the purpose and function of the law they are sworn to uphold; while the indifferent layman assumes his first degree of interest in the law when he realizes that it can be dealt with.

As to the man who figures as an escaping defendant in an agreement to tell what he knows of his erstwhile friends and co-conspirators, he is not only impeached as a criminal, positively and directly, without inquiry or trial, but is a consummate coward and sacrifices any and all for the poor price of his own freedom. It is time a halt was called in this specious practice.

FORESTRY AT THE O. A. C.

The students in forestry at the Agricultural College are making their first collection of seeds of native trees and shrubs for use in the establishment of a forest tree nursery and arboretum. The purpose in view is not only that the work shall be instructive to the students in the study of seeds and seedage, silviculture and dendrology but that the plant shall be a source of data to the whole state upon the growth, habit, resistance, and general character of the trees and shrubs of Oregon, so far as is possible to grow them upon the same site student or institution.

Not only are local seeds being collected but seeds from the home districts are coming in from friends of students and institution. This kindness on the part of those residing in the more distant and mountainous parts of the State is highly appreciated as it enables the class to obtain a much greater variety than otherwise would be possible with the time and means at the command of either students or institutions.

Owing to the fact that the course is but one year old only the general and preliminary phases of the subject have been considered by the students in the work. The O. A. C. forest club, an organization of those interested in the forest of the state, is now discussing forest fire laws, their enforcement, efficiency, and improvement. Each student is assigned a phase of the topic in hand and in due time reports his findings to the club. Prominent timber, mill and lumbermen upon invitation discuss various topics before the club, as transportation, timber preservation, forest conservation, re-forestation, improved methods of lumbering, U. S. forest service work, and similar topics.

Later the advanced student will take up work looking to the solution of some of the very practical problems now before the wood users of the country.

The great problem of what to do with the waste, including the standing timber that is injured by insects and fungus foes will be one of the first to be investigated so soon as the equipment of the department will permit.

The statement is made upon good authority that fifteen per cent of the nature timber on the western slope of the central region of the Cascades is wholly lost through fungous diseases, and that another fifteen per cent is graded as cull. Beetles, borers and minor foes do considerable further damage and it is safe to say that the sum total of these losses must amount to millions of dollars. It is reasonable to suppose, in the case of recent results in agricultural practices in our own country, to say nothing of the modern forestry practices of Europe, that the major part of this loss could be turned to gain through the intelligent investigation

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Other great problems are those relating to taxation, re-forestation, utilizing mill waste, improved methods of harvesting the crops, disposing of the debris and weed trees, timber technology and the preservation of lumber.

These problems together with many more it is the purpose of the college to help solve through the department of forestry as well as train men to take hold of the practical work and problems of our forests and thus insure the best possible use of the tree crop.

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