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THE TWO FRONTS.

Our people should not forget that there are two fronts to the beautiful bay that lies at our doors; the land-front and the water-front.

The latter is perfect; nothing we can do will add to its charm nor increase the glory of it, and we would not change it if we could. It is a fixed and universal delight to all men, natives and strangers alike, and the view from any level we possess gratifies every sense and ideal we cherish.

But the view the other way around is quite another thing; that is, the near-view from the channels that pass close to the dock-lines; it is simply hideous; a disgrace to the community and a patent confession that we are without pride and spirit enough to get in and clean up.

We hear of it often, far too often from sources that might as readily say something very much pleasanter and more to our credit if we but gave cause for it as amply as we furnish grounds for the adverse comment. And it is high time we were going about our business of making this change. It is up to us, generally speaking, and up to the property owners there, primarily and specifically.

If there is not charter authority enough in the present organic law of the city, then we had best amend that instrument to a point that will give the common council power to do this work at the cost of the property and enforce its orders. As a general thing we would avoid prescriptive rule as liable to misconstruction and abuse; but there are times and persons susceptible to no other system of control; and the good of the public is a bigger thing than the purse of a negligent, or a penurious, owner, who contributes deliberately to the discredit and disfavor of the city.

As a mere starter, we suggest that, at least, the rotting, falling, and abandoned buildings, docks and piling, black, ragged, valueless, and hideous, be torn out and done way with, by a commission appointed by the council, or on the initiative of the people, or by any other competent authority; and that no time be lost in the doing of it. It will be a winning card for Astoria to have these things out of sight when the tens of thousands of visitors flock in here this summer, scores and hundreds of whom have been here before and will note the radical improvement and comment on it to the certain god of the city.

THE \$1000 LICENSE.

There is a doctrine gaining ground throughout the East that the saloon, as a business element, will become vastly more tolerable, morally, and much more profitable to its owner, if it shall pay an annual license of \$1000, in lieu of the lesser sums now universally exacted throughout the country. And if the rule proves efficacious there, it will be just as good for the West; and Astoria being of the West, the subject becomes one of interest here.

With her 50 saloons, Astoria has one for each 300 of her people, which, in itself, is too restricted a margin; and when this is reduced by the elimination of, approximately, 150 children and 50 wives and mothers, the residuum of 100 men to patronize each saloon, curtails the reliance of the business to a group so small that extraordinary indulgence, and practically common drunkenness, must make up the paralyzing shortage that else would ensue.

These are the conditions that make against the saloon as a business. There are two powerful agencies always at hand with the people for the checking of this evil, to-wit, high-license and prohibition. Of the two, many prefer the former because it provides the instant and positive standard of regulation, without having recourse to the sumptuary and sweeping strictures imposed by the latter; and we believe that 90 saloon-

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men out of a given hundred will hail the higher fee and the higher class of business it enjoins, to the annihilative rule of prohibition. It is worth the thought of all concerned and is suggested for the purpose of invoking that thought and such action as it shall inspire for the putting of the business on the best and highest plane.

THE SUBMERGED LAW.

San Francisco, her convicted boot-lers and the appellate court of California, collectively, are furnishing the people of America one of the rawest and boldest examples of the law, submerged, and lost, in technicalities, ever known to man.

After long months and years of carefully planned and executed courses of prosecution by men thoroughly equipped for the work, with hundreds of thousands of dollars poured out like water by other men who were inspired to the task by the cleanest and most patriotic motives, convictions and penalties were reached that were deemed salutary and of exceeding value to the city at interest as well as to the whole Pacific Coast. And now comes an edict from palpably inspired sources that divests the victory achieved of its essence and excellence; a decision wrought of fine-spun and flimsy technicalities that will not bear the faintest touch of honest inquiry into the motives that put them out.

The law is in the market with a vengeance and is fast out-bidding the popular clamor for justice and the rejrisals wherewith it alone is charged. The common folks of today are beginning to realize that the law is not for them; that its authority and power and largess are for the men with money enough to pay for its technical transmutation into a shield and buckler for detected scoundrels; and some day that weariness will find expression in terms and acts that shall be a law unto the people until the purity and justice and strength of the organic law is restored and the web of shameless sophistry and dicker-ing in which it is now submerged shall be torn aside and rent to shreds before the very rage of a people undone.

TODAY'S ASTORIAN.

The management of the Morning Astorian is putting forth, this morning, a 44-page edition of the leading public print of this city and section that is a credit to the community; a valuable commentary on the utilities and commerce of Oregon and the Northwest that should be hailed by the interested stranger, as well as the native, as among the best expositions of the advantages of the lower Columbia Valley, seen for many a day.

The regular edition of 12 pages is devoted, as usual, to the news of the hour, in all its varied phases, from all sources abroad and from home and the other 32 are dedicated to an account of every conceivable element of interest on the commerce, industry, business, and institutions of Astoria and her allied territory, in the clearest and most comprehensive way possible. Nothing of actual importance in all this country has been overlooked, and all has been treated justly and conservatively and with an especial aim to yielding the most and best information, obtainable from reliable sources, to the investor and home-seeker who has Oregon, Clatsop county, and the city of Astoria in his mind's eye.

Time, talent nor expense have been regarded in the compilation of this paper. It is sent out as the best expression of things that are, here-about, from an office that is actuated by unquestioned loyalty to this city and county and state, and the hope goes with it that it will serve, in some measure to react favorably on all three departments of the common-wealth.

EDITORIAL SALAD

There are three democratic factions in New Jersey and in Oregon. First, those who are for Bryan; second, those who are against Bryan; third, those who will take to the woods.

The house of representatives is entitled to thanks for passing the general appropriation bill. The government will exist for a while longer.

When you read of floods and blizzards and snow and blockades in the east, are you not glad that your home's in the Far West?

A force sufficient to move a ton over a good road will move eight tons on a railroad or 32 tons on a canal. The waterways can't be downed.

It will keep the railway people busy this year to construct all the lines that have been laid out on paper this winter.

The strongest combination ever formed has been unable to permanently check the country's prosperity.

Russia seems not to have profited by her experience in tackling one easy-thing in warfare.

Kansas democrats declared for Bryan and the next day a blizzard swept the state.

With the boosting campaign outlined, the thing for everybody to do is to boost.

Uncle Joe Cannon bears his anniversary honors with all the grace of youth.

With a war in Turkestan, we will have to take another course in geography.

The added pay for the army is the best ammunition that could be furnished.

The soldiers can almost hear the jingle of that advance in pay that is coming.

C. W. Morse realizes that a winter may be too cold, even for an ice man.

The democratic spielers view with alarm the rising tide of prosperity.

Two battleships that cost \$9,500,000 each are a good many, especially in the estimation of countries that can't afford them.

Not much sleighing can be credited to the present winter in the East, but there are some who find more pleasure in automobile skidding anyway.

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Conspirators Before Judge Landes Charged with Defrauding.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Thomas P. Daniels of Milwaukee and Attorney Fred'k C. Stuckmeyer and John Sterling of Chicago, with seven other co-defendants, will be placed on trial in the district court on Monday. They are alleged to be involved in a conspiracy that netted \$75,000 in less than six months.

The men are charged with defrauding promoters of business enterprises by offering to finance their schemes, charging fees for "investigation" and then telling the business men that the "capitalists" refused to invest.

Daniels, who is also known as T. P. Cameron, is alleged to have headed the conspiracy, using the name of T. P. Cameron Investment Co., with offices in Milwaukee.

Stuckmeyer and others are alleged to have represented themselves as capitalists in order to have business men give their business to Cameron.

Three alleged victims are the St. Mary's Machine Company, St. Mary, O., John A. Sanderholm, Des Moines, Ia. and Dr. T. B. Bugg of the Southern Land Company, Bardwell, Ky.

The other defendants to be placed on trial besides Daniels and the Chicago men are Frederick Kingsland, Isaac L. H. Holton, Geo. J. Munroe, Jos. C. Kinney, Charles E. Brown, E. H. Todd and Geo. W. Dingman.

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