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### THE WEATHER

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Rain and colder.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho—Rain or snow; colder.

### A DAY OF DESTINY.

Fifteen days hence, to wit, on the 16th day of the present month, the big, \$40,000,000 railway enterprise known as the "Spokane, Portland & Seattle," James J. Hill's latest and best achievement in empire building, will inaugurate its public service and take up its particular task of contribution to the history of the great Northwest; and, it is hoped on all sides, with an abounding profit to its builders and owners as well as to the country it will stand for.

It is one of the ideal roads of the western world; for solid finish, modern equipment, and scenic glory, it stands without rivalry north of the California line; and when its raw newness shall have worn off and it is balanced and adjusted to the perfect lines of its bed and course, it will be accounted the marvel and pride of railway construction on this coast.

It has the good will of the whole country, because it is one of the greatest and best types of the work Mr. Hill has done in his wonderful career as an expansionist; because of its undisputed prominence in the development of this magnificent territory and its commanding place in the systems of transportation of the North as the key-route of the Columbia Basin.

It is built with an eye-single to the saving of time in freight and passenger traffic. Speed, and moving tonnage, at their highest attainment, are the essentials of its operation and it will make good on both. When its time-cards and traffic sheets are in the hands of the business world, it will be found to offer more in the way of despatch than any line west of the Rockies CAN offer.

Good luck to it! We do not know just how Astoria is going to figure in its destiny, but we do know it is a superb enterprise and entitled to the fullest appreciation the live modern can manifest. March 16, 1908, will be a day of destiny for the northwest!

### FWLER'S PANACEA.

From the despatches at hand it would seem as though Representative Charles N. Fowler's currency bill (just reported unanimously and favorably from the House committee on banking and currency), is the real thing, a genuine panacea for the financial ills of the country; and if it proves to be but one-half as efficacious as its author and sponsors claim for it, the country will accord to Mr. Fowler a degree of grateful acclaim rarely giving to any living man.

But like all excellent things that conserve the general ease and safety of the masses, it will be found to contain some objectionable feature, some element of restriction or disadvantage to the "interests," and will probably die hard "in the barnin'."

Its terms indicate fairness and ample provision for adjustment of untoward conditions; but fairness and prescriptive strength are not what the all-powerful rich of America want in the matter of legal enactment; and the only recourse the people have is in such demonstration as may result from it as an accomplished and tried-out law. We hope for the best always; but we have seen so many glittering things pass into the limbo of negation and failure, that we are reserving our "rahl rah's" for a more propitious and salutary occasion.

### FIRST AID KITS.

The suggestion of the New York physician that all railway trains out

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HAS  
MONEY TO LOAN ON  
GOOD SECURITY

of that city be equipped with "first aid" kits, containing bandages, stimulants, anaesthetics, splints, plasters, sterilized cotton, etc., for use in case of accidents, is a wise and merciful one; and is applicable to every rail line in the country, and for the matter of that, to every steamer line as well.

On nearly every train and steamer these days there is to be found a physician, or a nurse, or some person gifted with knowledge of the ready use these things, and if not, there is always a common-sense individual in the group of travelers who will know what to do with them or find a way to apply them to the very great comfort, and perhaps, ultimate safety of injured people.

It is an expedient that should commend itself to all transportation concerns, and costs but little to maintain; while its benefits are sure to be pronounced, and gratefully received by any upon whom the worst of an accident shall fall.

### PANIC BREEDERS FOILED.

From the great centers of trade and commerce of the United States come unequivocal messages of the unsurpassed buying of merchandise all over the country; of expenditures for new stocks and supplies that parallel any in the history of business in America; of scoffing and jeering at "hard times" and panicky conditions; a cheerful and a true word of actual prosperity and a prospect of abundant and solid trade for year. From New York and Chicago the fiat of plenty and success issues simultaneously and in terms of harmony, giving the lie to the panic breeders and stimulating the energies and hopes of all men.

What of local dullness may pend during the spring months is but the repetition of the annual subsidence of business at this time; there is no cause for anxiety nor alarm nor "howling". The broad and general revival is bright and good and cheerful, and we should make the most of it, without emphasizing the quietude that besets us every year of our business lives. It is good that the great markets of the nation can send out this word and counter-act the specious stuff the interested "interests" are uttering for the discouragement of the people; and the sooner the lie is interpreted and proclaimed, the better for all men.

### EDITORIAL SALAD

Succotash is a dish borrowed from the Narragansett Indians and called by them sickquash.

The Spanish armada, with which Philip of Spain attempted to conquer Britain, consisted of 130 ships, 3165 cannon, 8766 sailors, 2088 galley slaves, 21,855 soldiers, 1355 volunteers and 150 monks.

A procession of icebergs sent against the surface of the sun would melt at the rate of 300,000,000 cubic miles of a solid ice a second, and its heat is estimated to produce a force of about 10,000 horsepower to every square foot of its surface.

Although court plaster is useful in protecting small scratches or abrasions of the skin from harm, it should not be used over any considerable cut or wound in process of healing. This will heal much faster if simply covered with a bit of soft linen, held in place at the ends with strips of surgeon's plaster.

The best slingers of the Roman army were from the Balearic Isles. Boys were trained to early proficiency by having their dinners suspended from a tree and being required to cut the string with a sling stone ere they could dine.

### APPRECIATIVE ALASKA.

Much to the shame of our federal government, Alaska still continues under the primitive government provided for these Esquimaux, although there are now thousands of citizens in that country and every evidence of a new civilization, waiting a simple sign that the Sixtieth Congress will distinguish itself by giving Alaska at least the semblance of rights accorded to immigrants coming to the eastern shores of our country. Alaskans

certainly appreciate what Congress has already done in giving to them a delegate, but are sorry to relate that the majority of our law makers have looked upon his position as a non-entity and an ornament. But right here I must state that the Alaskans all agree that President Roosevelt personally has recognized our delegate with proper appreciation, and we believe if our delegate has not made an impression on some of our law makers, that at least our President has given him a fair hearing and extended to him the courtesies that we believe his official position should entitle him.

The best citizens of the district are in favor of a territorial government. While we feel that it may be some time before Congress will grant us that status, at the same time I would not feel as though I were doing justice to the vast business interests of the district if I did not state at this time that we are now ready for this territorial government, and will welcome the day that Congress will think as we do about it.—Judge W. H. Bard in "The Alaska of Today," February National Magazine.

**Prof. H. A. Howell, of Havana, Cuba, Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.**

"As long ago as I can remember my mother was a faithful user and friend of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but never in my life have I realized its true value until now," writes Prof. H. A. Howell, of Howell's American School, Havana, Cuba. "On the night of February 3rd our baby was taken sick with a very severe cold, the next day was worse and the following night his condition was desperate. He could not lie down and it was necessary to have him in the arms every moment. Even then his breathing was difficult. I did not think he would live until morning. At last I thought of my mother's remedy, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which we gave, and it afforded prompt relief, and now, three days later, he has fully recovered. Under the circumstances I would not hesitate a moment in saying that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and that only, saved the life of our dear little boy." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

**A Fortunate Breakdown.**  
"Did you see the Alps?"  
"Oh, yes! Our car broke down right opposite them, and do you know I'm almost glad it did. I found them so charming and interesting."—Puck.

**Wanted—A Diamond.**  
A box of roses every day.  
Their meaning well I know;  
Such interest in botany  
But one intent can show.  
Well, botany is nice, I grant,  
And yet, it seems to me,  
It's really time we had a course  
In mineralogy!  
—New Broadway Magazine.

### COFFEE

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## Mrs. Fowler's Free Lectures

At Astoria Theatre beginning Sunday, March 1, 2:30 p. m., God's Plan of Salvation Was Written in Man from the Beginning," to all. Phenological examinations and health consultations given daily at Occident Hotel, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., till March 11th. Her classes on the use of electricity to cure disease will begin March 3rd at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

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## BIDDING ON BONDS

Bidders Sell At Advance Make Handsome Clean up

### INVESTMENT A 2 CENT STAMP

In the Recent Allotment of New York's Non-Taxable Bonds Two Boston Men Cleaned up the Very Tidy Sum of \$125,000.

NEW YORK, February 29.—

The experience of a certain express clerk who at the last sale of Panama bonds made a comfortable fortune through the investment of a two cent stamp, selling at an advance the bonds allotted to him before he was required to pay for them, has brought forth a host of imitators. So prevalent indeed has the custom become of attempting to make something for nothing that bids in this city are examined with extreme care nowadays. But in the recent allotment of New York's non-taxable bonds, two Boston men, by the investment of a two-cent stamp and paper sufficient to contain the terms of their bid, set a record by cleaning up the very tidy sum of \$125,000. They bid for more than \$30,000,000 worth of the bonds and accompanying their bid was a check for \$168,000, or two per cent of the bid demanded. The check was guaranteed by a certain loan and guarantee company of which one of the brothers was president. "We didn't know how we could actually raise \$10," one of them is quoted as saying at the time. But even while making the bid they were arranging for the disposal of any bonds allotted to them, and this disposal was made at an advance netting them \$125,000 clear profit. Had the disposal not been made they would have had no loss, since the check would simply have proven worthless and the bonds would have been allotted to some other bidder. Having sold them at an advance, however, it was an easy matter to get money from the purchaser to cover the \$168,000 check. Thus in a manner almost laughable in its simplicity two men with a total outlay of perhaps three cents cleaned up \$125,000, incidentally showing Father Knickerbocker that there is a well developed financial acumen outside his own domain.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

## First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 14, 1908:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$403,597.61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,898.91
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	47,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	1,400.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	56,930.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	51,204.04
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	46,085.15
Due from approved reserve agents.....	200,595.03
Checks and other cash items.....	487.62
Notes of other National Banks.....	13,955.00
Nickels and cents.....	322.51
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Special.....	\$194,000
Legal-tender notes.....	120 194,120.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	2,350.00
Total.....	\$1,019,945.87

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	24,408.91
National Bank notes outstanding.....	47,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$646,648.86
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$176,513.10
Certified checks.....	375.00
Total.....	\$1,019,945.87

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss.:  
I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
S. S. GORDON,  
Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February, 1908.  
E. P. NOONAN,  
Notary-Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
W. F. MCGREGOR,  
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