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BECOMING A PROVERB.

The ease with which Portland appropriates to herself the minor (and major) things which outlying Oregon communities have always considered peculiarly their own (and have not sense nor courage enough to hold on to), is becoming a proverb in the State. It is alright, of course; she has a perfect right to grab right and left and make the most of those things her neighbors do not appreciate enough to fight for; it is the prerogative of any great commercial center to do the octopus act when it can. We used to blame the metropolis for her incarnate hoggishness and cold-blooded aggression, but we reneged on that because of the apathetic, indifferent, irresponsible mood of our own city regarding such invasions, and find that Astoria is not alone in this negative and regrettable attitude. Indeed, the whole situation presents twin-proverbs. Successful aggression on the one part; and deadly supineness, on the other.

The latest contribution to the commerce of Portland, made by this city, is the turning over of the Pacific Navigation Company's business, "lock, stock and barrel," the Sue H. Elmore, Gerald C. and Evie. The owning company declares it is owing to the excessive charges on Tillamook freight, hence to the metropolis and inland points that the change has been made; that it must absorb these charges or take the Sue H. Elmore, and the lesser craft, off the coast run; in fact, that it is acting on the defensive absolutely, and saving its business. Admitting which, and considering the late and vigorous howl that has gone up from Portland about the wretched service the Tillamookians have been subjected to, out of Astoria, it is easy enough to see that the "excessive charges" referred to by the Astoria company, were, to say the least of it, plainly inspired. But, be it all as it may, the people of Astoria have received another patent lesson in the art of seaport building, and whether they will profit by it and rouse themselves to a plane of successful resistance to encroachments of the kind, remains to be seen and proven.

THE BIG SIXTEEN.

Admiral Evans, with his mighty and magnificent marine trust, is on the last foreign leg of the tremendous cruise from sea-board to sea-board; every ship in prime condition; the crews are in perfect health; no casualties are recorded; no losses, no trouble, no chagrin, interference nor dubious thing whatever, to report nor grieve over; the vast undertaking has, so far, been a superb success and the heart of the nation beats with splendid inspiration in the thought of it. It is all purely and distinctively American and we are completely justified in the pride and dependence we have placed in the men and ships, despite the carpings of inspired, and uninspired, critics.

Along with all other coast communities, Astoria devoutly hopes she may get a glimpse of the beautiful pageant when it enters the waters of the North Pacific, and that, if possible, the great fleet may go on up the Columbia to Portland; but, for the time being its future movements are so shrouded in doubt outside the range of the naval department at Washington, that hope is all anyone north of San Francisco has to comfort him.

OPTIMISTIC MR. SCHWAB.

Charles M. Schwab has just returned from a 20-day sojourn in Europe and with the cheerful conviction that "no men or combination of men could possibly keep America in a state of financial depression," the which has a pretty ring coming from one of the

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great leaders of the "Interests." It is a righteous and reviving thought to possess, and its wider habit in this country might become a valuable asset in time. We are too easily influenced the other way, and need the impulse of such ideas and their frequent declaration from authoritative and dependable sources. Mr. Schwab is at the head of one of the greatest labor-employing businesses in the country; and if he were in that group of "sore-heads" that is charged with the attempt to bear the labor market, and force continued hard times on the country for the expressed purpose of subjugating that element to a passive acceptance of any old wage-scale it may devise, he would hardly be quoted with such cheery import at this.

THREE MILLS RUNNING.

The opening up of three of the largest of the milling and lumbering plants at the mouth of the Columbia, is one of the cheering signs we needed to prove that the back of the dull season hereabout is broken. We hope they will run uninterruptedly for the balance of the year, and that all the rest will be humming with them; this, with a good salmon run and a market abroad reacting from the quietude of last year, should make 1908 a feature year with Astoria.

She can stand it alright! And with other good things that are likely to tumble out of the Pandora box of ultimates, she is ready to make the best use of good fortune and prove her inherent right to prosperity.

FIFTY FRATERNITIES.

With the installation of Astoria Council, No. 1307, Knights of Columbus in this city on Sunday last, the City-by-the-Sea rounded out her half-hundred of fraternal organizations, and may be styled one of the liveliest communities of the Northwest, in this line.

So far as can be ascertained every one of the 50 is in flourishing shape; doing its own particular function of mutual goodwill and aid and directing its membership along the paths of kindness and communal unity; a course of action that holds no considerable advantage when it is understood that only through the mutual, unified strength of the people can anything worth having be wrought. It is in such associations that some of the best and most popular franchises we possess, have been conceived.

EDITORIAL SALAD

Surely President Roosevelt is not afraid of his own shadow? Else why is he so concerned about the many retrenchments by railroad corporations?

Senator Stone's speech on the currency was ninety-nine parts partisan complaint to one part of constructive suggestion. The Bryan yell will appear when a plan for unlimited greenbacks is brought forth.

News from the fleet at Callao: "The ships are all in excellent condition, the machinery and batteries in perfect order and the crew in first-class health." The slanderers of the navy had hoped for better things.

The muckrakers assailing the American Navy are of the same class that raised a hullabaloo over the Panama Canal, and insisted that it would be nothing but a hole in the ground, where more than a billion would be wasted. These sensationalists quit when they run against facts.

GUESTS OF OREGON.

PORTLAND, Ore. Mar. 2nd, 1908. The Executive Committee of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents is meeting in Chicago this week to decide upon the details of their convention this coming summer, to be held in Seattle. J. H. O'Neill, of Portland, is a member of this Committee, and when he left for the East last Friday carried with him a most cordial invitation from Portland Commercial Club to include at least a two days' sojourn in the "Rose City" in the itinerary of the Association's Northwestern trip. Their friendliness for Oregon has been

manifested by the Travelling Passenger Agents on innumerable occasions. Mr. John Harper, who will superintend the float making for the Rose Festival in June, is an expert in this line, and for many years has had charge of this feature for the "Veiled Prophet" of St. Louis.

Various organizations in the Oregon Development League are adopting a special letter-head for use during March and April only—something so striking that the colonist rates cannot be overlooked by its recipient. Business men are using the same stationery. Already answers are arriving to advertisements inserted in the greatest agricultural, fruit and dairy journals of the country by the League about the middle of February, and long lists of enquirers are being sent to the different commercial secretaries whose organizations are affiliated with the State body. Hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature are going East from every part of Oregon. Every mail carries its message. Especially valuable are the fruit bulletins and report of the Oregon State Dairy Association sent from the home office. The Los Angeles Information Bureau maintained by Oregon reports a number of people coming North immediately as a consequence of its few weeks' work.

"The trend of civilization has always been westward," said Henry Watson Cornell in a lecture recently delivered before Portland Business Men, "since it crossed Asia to sweep through Europe. Immigration is now flowing West through the United States with irresistible force, but the Pacific Coast is the limit of this great tidal movement, and here will be found the greatest cities of the world. The solidity and substantial character of Portland must impress any visitor, while the vast tributary district of both Oregon and Washington represents greater wealth than can ever be taken from the gold mines of the continent."

March 15th has been named by the judges of the Commercial Club's \$5,000 contest as the date when their labors will probably be completed. It is proving an arduous task to judge the hundreds of papers submitted.

RELIEVES IN FIVE MINUTES.

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In Spooning Days.

"What a beautiful thing is thought!" said she
"A boon it is to myself and Jim.
I sit and think he is thinking of me.
And he sits and thinks I am thinking of him."
—New York Press.

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CHARMS FOR LUCK.

The Sort of Superstitions Some Wall Street Men Harbor.

Let all the dear readers, feminine gender, take cognizance of what follows, for surely the fairer sex is, after all, the stronger sex. Women know no such abject obedience to superstitious fears and signs as do the men. With a view to eliciting something of interest, the writer had a chance to put a certain question to a captain of industry. "Tut, tut," he replied suspiciously, "you'd be getting me into trouble, would you?" With a promise that no names would be mentioned, he finally agreed to tell a thing or two.

The question was, "Aren't men in Wall street carrying all sorts of queer things to try to change their luck?" In answer to this the writer heard some curious stories. One man of worldwide fame, for example, carries a cane in the center of which there is a slender steel rod. Circling the rod, there are rings made of leather and of hard rubber, like the washers that plumbers use. Each seventh ring is made of leather from the soles of the shoes worn by the billionaire during what he considered his luckiest year. Elephants and pigs as lucky charms there are of course in plenty, but the proper caper is to wear the animal pinned inside on the watch fob pocket. Then there is another great financier who carries with him a gold ink well and would never sign a document with fluid from another receptacle. Once upon a time, when he had, say, only a playmate million or two, he signed a paper in a deal that doubled, then tripled, his wealth. The ink used that day was emptied into a long gold tube or well that he now carries. The ink was used up, but to the well, so he thinks, the good luck power has been translated. Lucky coins pass from father to son in several of the multimillionaire families, and the man who inherits them would never be without them. We have few secret drawers in desks or doors in houses, as they had in olden times, but there are many secret pockets in the suits made by smart tailors.—Brooklyn Life.

A GRATEFUL GUEST.

The Reward She Bestowed Upon Those Who Entertained Her.

"Human nature is a queer thing," said the philosopher.
"Not long ago some friends of mine got badly down on their luck. Times were so hard for them that they scarcely knew which way to turn for the necessities of life.

"At that most inopportune time they received word from a woman friend of theirs that she was coming to visit them for a few days. They were dismayed, but by the exercise of great ingenuity and by depriving themselves to almost the vanishing point they managed to entertain her and really to set before her most excellent meals.

"After she left their affairs continued to grow even worse, if possible, and while they kept up a brave front I was near enough to them so I couldn't help knowing all about it, though they were not aware that I saw the situation.

"I thought it was time some of their friends came to the rescue if a suitable way could be devised, so I wrote the woman who had been their guest—being slightly acquainted with her myself—told her I would head the procession, would like her aid and would be glad of any suggestions she could make as to a practical plan for helping our old friends without hurting their proper pride.

"Her reply gave me something to think about for many a day. She said she didn't care to help them, as they already lived too well and set too expensive a table; that when she had visited them they had a great deal more to eat than was necessary and that they must be very extravagant people; that it was undoubtedly their own fault they were in such trouble and that it would probably teach them to be more economical in future!"—New York Press.

The Missing Window Pane.

"Every kitchen has a window with one pane out in the Brazilian town of Rio Grande do Sul," said a cook. "That town is a servants' paradise. Servants live in their own homes there, as they should everywhere. They come to work at 7 in the morning, and they quit at 7 at night—a twelve hour day. Quite long enough. The paneless window is for the milkman, the baker, the butcher, so that these traders can leave their supplies—they usually come early—in a safe place. The Rio Grande servant is, of course, not there to receive them. She is in bed at her own home."

Monism.

Monism is the doctrine of the oneness of mind and matter, God and the universe. It ignores all that is supernatural. Monism teaches that "all are but parts of one stupendous whole, whose body nature is and God the soul;" hence whatever is only conforms to the cosmic laws of the universal all. Mind can never exist without matter, nor matter without mind. They are but the two sides of the same thing.—New York American.

The Bloodstained Equator.

Human life, I have reason to know, is held cheap at Equatorville, and the place is stained with many crimes. In fact, the whole equator is throughout its 25,000 miles a line of ignorance, savagery and blood. It is a black line which civilization ought to paint white.—Strand Magazine.

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