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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon and Washington—Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain.

THE DRUMMERS SAY SO.

Astoria has always maintained that she held her own, as a fairly live center for business and commerce, with any like community in the Northwest, and that she speaks by the card is proven daily by the casual testimony of the drummers who throng here constantly. They say she is in better business shape than lots of her compeers, and what is more, is one of the best "payers" on the circuit north of California. This proof is first-class in quality and ample enough in quantity and coherency and moves us to stick to the cheerful text of our original claim.

It is a good thing for a town or city to cultivate this assurance that its business and prospects are all right and that it is holding its place in the scale of expansion, with its fellows; it begets nerve at home and respect abroad, and keeps us continually in the minds of those who are looking for locations of the sort. Good local cheer is an asset of no mean value and costs nothing to cultivate so long as it has a decent and recognizable standard to build upon, such as we have, and such as we intend to maintain.

NEBRASKA SETS PACE.

The Bryan pace in the Presidential race has been set by the State Democratic convention of Nebraska, in the most unequivocal fashion. Just how it is to be maintained remains to be seen. It has been set a time or two before, but has turned to a laggard gait that but emphasized the defeat wrought for it.

There are, in history, numberless instances of men who have dwelt long in the public eye, but who have never attained to the fiat endorsement of that public to such an extent as to have great public trusts thrust upon them; and Mr. Bryan is in that class politically and will remain there so long as he lives and talks. He is an interesting figure and genuinely respected throughout the country; but he lacks something that begets success, without which he will always linger on the normal plane of his somewhat ambiguous title of the "great Commoner," a status that looms pitifully small in this land of Commoners, who differentiate only with the sizes of their bank accounts; a distinction that even William Jennings must soon lose if he does not abate his really conspicuous accumulations.

THE BITTER ENDING.

There is a profound and convincing lesson in the desolate, pauper burial of the young Jewish anarchist, Lazarus Averbuch, at Chicago. It should sink into the receptive soul of every young man in America and warn him against the danger, futility and shame of taking over the abnormal doctrine and habit of that desperate creed. It should open his eyes to the fundamental proposition that society, with all its wrongs, hazards, incongruities, shams and shames, is not to be warped into any prescriptive mould that may be set for it on the moment; that time, and the mutations of time, alone can convict and clear it of its faults and follies. The history of mankind is writ very plainly and this is one of its simplest rescripts.

Anarchy is the vainest of all the manias, and as detestable as it is vain. It's most devoted adherent bears nothing more from the laches of so-

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ciety than the other untold millions of his fellows, and his puny resistance to its edicts is one of the supreme follies of the hour; the world grins sardonically at his frantic claims and violent expressions, and plods its grim way to better things, howsoever slowly they may come. Averbuch is a type of its incredible failure as a cult, and no glory his miserable fellows shall attribute to him shall ever wipe out the infinite sacrifice of his young life.

JAPAN LOADING UP.

The tight little empire of Japan seems to be loading up with prospective trouble, and to the man on this side of the Pacific she seems to be "biting off more than she can chew," let alone digest. With China putting up a nasty front and bucking the arbitrary "little brown man" vindictively and "for keeps"; with Russia quietly, but rapidly, accumulating money and stores and re-forming her army and navy for a new and tremendous campaign of reprisal; and the United States of America still to be cuffed into a condition of subservience to this modern, but fore-shortened, trans-Pacific Achilles, it would seem probable that the husky and dominant Asiatic is going to get more than a "wounded heel"; that his toes will be steppon on, his back wrenched, his face punched, and his solar plexus disconcerted generally, before he is through with his self-sought engagements. But his grit is to be admired, all the same. And if he issues from the melee with any sort of grace at all, he will be accorded all the honors of war, and then some.

"SIS IN NEW YORK."

There is always a feeling of rest, contentment and simplicity in the far-away country villages and cross-road hamlets far from the hum and bustle of city life. There is a trustfulness that admits of open doors and hospitable welcome. A newcomer is looked upon as a friend until proven otherwise. Each individual in the little town knows the movements of his friends and neighbors. Down in Indiana, in the Southwest part of the State is a little hamlet with its cross-roads, postoffice, blacksmith shop, old-fashioned tavern and the usual brick court house. This is the home of "Sis" the generous-hearted, frolicsome Hoosier girl who is forced by circumstances, from romping the streets of her native village to tread the cemented sidewalks of New York City, where she becomes the butt of ridicule. Her sallies of wit, as she gets back at her tormentors soon it appears that she is outgrowing her provincialisms and as the women mingles from the child, she rapidly adapts herself to her surroundings and becomes a self-made woman. The Tom Boy returns to her Indiana home a lady of culture when she replaces the old latch string with an electric bell and the rag carpet gives way to rugs on hardwood floors. It's a pure, sweet play brimming with fun. "Sis in New York" comes to the Astoria Theatre, Saturday, March 7th.

SUNDAY NIGHT ATTRACTION.

On Sunday evening, March 8th, the big sensational melodrama, "No Mother to Guide Her," will be the attraction at the Astoria Theatre. The piece tells a story of strong heart interest. Though bordering at times upon the extremely sensational, still, there is throughout the action said to be plenty of laughter providing comedy interspersed, and there is nothing inconsistent or unnatural in the production. The management has provided the play with special scenery and ingenious mechanical effects. One of the most pleasing features of the show is the large number of specialties that are given. This is a play that will please the ladies as well as the gallery gods.

THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY

There is no apparent limit to the various things the electric current is asked to do. From shearing sheep and dogs and plucking ducks, to the other extreme of making music and the production of diamonds lies a multitude of uses for the mysterious force. Electricity is, or can be, used

in every plane of life, in every profession, all trades and in all amusements.

Twelve electric omnibuses in Philadelphia have proven commercial success. The number will be increased to fifty as soon as possible.

Five thousand electric flatirons are produced every week at the Lynn, Mass., factory of the General Electric Company.

A 50,000 volt, 40-mile transmission line supplies electric power to Minneapolis from the St. Croix River. At a substation at the city limits the voltage is reduced to 13,800 at which pressure the various stations and substations of the Minneapolis Electric Company are supplied.

Sometimes it is desirable to plate large castings with copper or other metal but it is impractical because of the large sized vat which would be necessary. The new method of applying the electrolyte is to use a paint brush attached to one pole of the source current. A smooth, adherent and strong coating of metal may thus be built up to any desired thickness. This process has been found successful in plating with silver, gold, copper and nickel.

In the Cincinnati city hospital typhoid patients are no longer subjected to the old ice-water baths when their temperature reaches a dangerous point. Under the new method the patient is first sponged off with ice water; then a wet sheet is wrapped about the body and the blast from an electric fan is turned on. Recent experiments have proven this method far superior to the old Baptist treatment.

The drinking water of Philadelphia is taken from the Schuylkill River. It has been found that at a certain point this water contains two and a half millions of bacteria to a cubic centimeter. After a thorough straining it contains from 253,000 to 708,000 bacteria; after ozonization, by electricity, it contains only 5 to 55.

Seven brass horns are being installed in the Grand Central station at New York for the announcing of trains. The operator in his booth will announce the trains in a telephone receiver; the tones, greatly magnified, are reproduced from the horns in the waiting rooms.

Up to the middle of September the General Electric Company has sold a total of 1023 steam turbines. The company entered upon the construction of steam turbine factories in the fall of 1902 and the first turbine was shipped from the works in February, 1903. That was four and a half years ago. The 1022 turbines sold in the interval averaged approximately 1000 kw. capacity each, making a grand total of about 1,000,000 kw. capacity. Prices have averaged close to \$30 per kw., so that the cash value of sales aggregated over \$30,000,000. At the present time the company's turbine business is running about \$8,000,000 a year, or say 12 per cent. of total sales.

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Failure.

"Very frequently," says a New York lawyer, "there is an element of unconscious humor in the findings of a jury. To my mind, the best I ever heard in this connection was the verdict brought in by a coroner's jury in Michigan, who were called upon to pass upon the case of the sudden death of a merchant in Lansing.

"The finding was as follows: 'We, the jury, find from the physician's statement that the deceased came to his death from heart failure, superinduced by business failure, which was caused by speculation failure, which was the result of failure to see far enough ahead.'"—Harper's Weekly.

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MISS EMMA GOLDMAN

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THE PRIESTESS OF ANARCHY

"Too Well Acquainted With Police Stupidity to Expect That They Would Find Her" is Way She Answered a Reporter.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Miss Emma Goldman, the so-called priestess of anarchy, spent yesterday in Chicago, keeping clear of the police and resting with friends at 970 North Winchester Avenue. She has been here since last Wednesday night.

Miss Goldman was in good humor when she was discovered by a reporter. The police had not seen her, but Assistant Chief Schuettler had said he was not seeking her.

"Of course I did not expect to be found," she said. "I am too well acquainted with police stupidity to expect such a thing as that. I expect to go out tomorrow and go about my business as usual, and if the police want me, of course, they will arrest me. But I can't see what charge they can make against me."

"How about the report that you are liable to be deported by the government under the law forbidding the admission of foreign anarchists to this country?"

"There's nothing to it. It was talked of when I returned from Europe last fall but the government authorities could find no law for it." "Are you naturalized American citizen?"

"I am an American citizen. My father was naturalized when I was 17 years old. That made me an American when I became of age."

Miss Goldman said that she would go right on with her plans for meetings and would hold them unless stopped by the police. However, she found her way blocked last night by inability to secure a hall. The owners of all public halls in the city have been notified that the license will be revoked if the case of any one who allows Miss Goldman to speak.

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