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## THE WEATHER

Western Oregon—Showers, cooler, except near coast.

Western Washington—Showers.

Eastern Oregon—Fair.

Eastern Washington—Fair.

Idaho—Fair.

## A TECHNICAL VICTORY.

After all the abuse and reproach cast upon the Appellate Court of California for its alleged adverse rulings on the pleas sent up to it by ex-Mayor Eugene Schmitz, of San Francisco, the Supreme Court, in the appeal filed by the prosecution, declares the intermediary court to have been absolutely right in its findings and denies the prayer for reversal. This is not only a legal victory for the Appellate Court, but a technical triumph for the criminals at bar; and a back-set of no mean proportions to the men who have figured as the champions of law and order and morality there, including the invincible Heney and the well-meaning Spreckles. The whole mis-carriage illustrating the farcical ends to which the law, in its innumerable and vicious interpretations, can be carried with enough wit and coin of the realm.

Justice must be done, of course, even though the moral conviction of the scoundrels in question be worldwide and complete; and yet there is a great measure of good to be realized from the serio-comic play of events there. The dirty manipulators have been ousted and it is hardly likely they will carry their pleas for restitution to the limit of contesting the status of their successors; and this, of itself, is comforting, or should be, to a community that has sounded the depths of every known civic evil in the past 23 months; and has freed itself even through the blunders of its deliverers.

## AMUSEMENT-LOVING ASTORIA

Astoria is unhappily situated, just at present, in the matter of the gratification of her amusement-loving propensities; she is off the direct line of the common circuit over which the best schemes of entertainment travel; and it is regrettable in the extreme that she is denied anything in this line, for she is quick and responsive to such pleasure-calls, at all seasons. It is one of those communal attributes that should be cultivated to the limit, since it serves to soften and placate other and harsher tones in the public character of a place and people.

Popular love of amusement and sport is an unequivocal asset to any city or town and should be fostered unremittently, always with the tendency to the cleaner and higher levels of the cheerful cult, and always with the dominant idea of putting the fresher and harmless schemes of public enjoyment above the grosser phases of indulgence.

We wish it were possible to have every fine play and game and lecture here, that reaches Portland; and yet, are thankful for such of the best as we do get. The deprivation is very real to Astoria. Her people are generous patrons in all such lines and should have more of the opportunities afforded larger places, as much for the real beneficial effect of the higher grades of amusement as for the compensation of an admirable and universal local spirit. Some day Astoria will cease to be a tangent-point, off the beaten paths of the great circuits; and when she comes into her own as an accessible port and station on the highways of the North-

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west, she will be denied nothing in the line of genuine and approved entertainment.

## THE WINNING TYPE.

The despatches from San Francisco tell of a young man, the son of an admiral and principal owner of a great ship-building plant there, who, in the prosecution of his mechanical studies, has shipped to sea on the maiden voyage of the monster mechanism he himself worked upon in the shops at home. This is the type of young American that wins out.

He has worked at his trade long enough to learn to love it, and loving it goes about making himself an adept and a success. This man will be heard from in the days that are to demand the highest qualities in his line. His trade is one of the most intensely practical in the whole gamut of human activity; and he is practical enough to aspire to its very pinnacle of trained proficiency in order to meet the last limitation of its demands upon him as a representative. The glory of the thing is all to come; what he is doing at this time, is but the hard-headed, logical, manly route to specific accomplishment by-and-by. The glory, if any there be, lies in being sensibly devoted to a masterful and honorable trade and man enough to know it from its base to its climax of achievement. He'll get there, alright! There are many like him, and yet far too few.

## EDITORIAL SALAD

Wish they would change the name of that newest marvel of mining camps. Rawhide is far from elegant and then, too, the suggestion of a "skin" may unjustly reflect on what promises to prove a truly rich mining camp.

English want Churchill's story of Africa in a blue book instead of a magazine to preserve the dignity of the writer's office. Odd none ever has respect due the White House be maintained similarly.

The jurors who reached a verdict by tossing a coin and were fined \$50 each by an indignant court, will have time to study whether their test proved, "heads you win, tails we lose."

Havana Electric Company's annual report shows a potent reason for the intervention—dividends paid, deficit eliminated and surplus created—all under United States law and order.

Match concern income for last fiscal year was \$2,296,000—this at 5000 matches at 5 cents. Yet the night is not yet when we shall not be stranded and howling for a light.

Allegation in a receivership case was that \$15,000,000 for collateral to secure a bond issue was sold for \$250,000. Almost a submarine scandal—so watery one might say.

## DECAY IN WOOD PREVENTED.

It is estimated that a fence post, which under ordinary circumstances will last for perhaps two years, will, if given preservative treatment costing about 10 cents, last eighteen years. The service of other timbers, such as railroad ties, telephone poles, and mine props, can be doubled and often trebled by inexpensive preservative treatment. To-day when the cost of wood is a big item to every farmer, every stockman, every railroad manager—to everyone, in fact, who must use timbers where it is likely to decay—this is a fact which should be carefully considered.

It is easy to see that if the length of time timbers can be used is doubled, only half as much timber will be required as before and only one-half as much money will need to be spent in the purchase of timber. Moreover many wods which were after a long time considered almost worthless can be treated and made to last as long as the scarcer and more expensive kinds.

Of the actual saving in dollars and cents through preservative treatment, a fence post such as was mentioned at the beginning might serve as one example. The post is of loblolly pine, and costs, untreated, about 8

cents, or, including the cost of setting, 14 cents. It lasts about two years. Compounding interest at 5 per cent, the annual charge of such a post is 7.53 cents; that is, it costs 7.53 cents a year to keep the post in service. Preservative treatment costing 10 cents will increase its length of life to about eighteen years. In this case the total cost of the post, set, is 24 cents, which compounded at 5 per cent, gives an annual charge of 2.04 cents. Thus the saving due to treatment is 5.49 cents a year. Assuming that there are 200 posts per mile, there is a saving each year for every mile of fence of a sum equivalent to the interest on \$219.60.

In the same way preservative treatment will increase the length of life of a loblolly pine railroad tie from five years to twelve years and will reduce the annual charge from 11.52 cents to 9.48 cents, which amounts to a saving of \$58.75 per mile.

It is estimated that 150,000 acres are required each year to grow timber for the anthracite coal mines alone. The average life of an untreated mine prop is not more than three years. By proper preservative treatment it can be prolonged by many times this figure. Telephone and telegraph poles, which in ten or twelve years, or even less, decay so badly at the ground line that they have to be removed, can, by a simple treatment of their butts, be made to last twenty or twenty-five years. Sap shingles, which are almost valueless in their natural state, can easily be treated and made to outlast even painted shingles of the most decay-resistant wood. Thousands of dollars are lost every year by the so-called "bluing" of freshly sawed sapwood timbers. This can be prevented by proper treatment, and at a cost so small as to put it within the reach of the smallest operator.

In the South the cheap and abundant loblolly pine, one of the easiest of all woods to treat, can by proper preparation be made to take the place of the high-grade longleaf pine for many purposes. Black and tupelo gums and other little-used woods have a new and increasing importance because of the possibility of preserving them from decay at small cost. In the Northeastern and Lake States are tamarack, hemlock, beech, birch, and maple, and the red and black oaks, all of which by proper treatment may help to replace the fast-diminishing white oak and cedar. In the States of the Mississippi Valley the pressing fencepost problem may be greatly relieved by treatment such as cottonwood, willow, and blackberry.

Circular 139 of the Forest Service, "A Primer of Wood Preservation," tells in simple terms what decay is and how it can be treated, describes briefly certain preservatives and processes, gives examples of the saving in dollars and cents, and tells what wood preservation can do in the future. The circular can be had free upon application to the Forester, Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

## THE MERCENARY WILLIE.

Craig Wadsworth, the best cotillion leader in America, admitted at a dinner in New York that men were colder and more mercenary than women. "It is born in us," said Mr. Wadsworth sadly. "Even as children. When I was a boy," he said, "I had a little friend named Willie. Willie appeared one day with a fine apple."

"'I'll give you this apple,' he said to a little girl, 'for twenty kisses.'"

"The little girl was amazed. That was not at all like Willie. Nevertheless she consented."

"'Shut your eyes,' said Willie. Sit down here and shut your eyes. And mind, if you open them, the bargain is off."

"The little girl obeyed, and slowly, very slowly, the kisses began to fall upon her lips. One, two, three, four, —a long pause—five, six—another long pause—seven—pause—eight, nine, ten—intolerable pause."

"'Oh, Willie hurry!'"

"'I'm not Willie.'"

"The little girl opened her eyes in astonishment, and drew back her pretty mouth from the advancing lips of a strange boy, a very common, shabby sort of a boy, whom she had never seen before."

"'Why, where's Willie?' she said."

"'He's down the street,' was the reply, 'sellin' yer kisses for two apples apiece. Better shet yer eyes agin. The next three boys is terrible ugly.'"

## O PSHAW!

One of the consuls to Persia, during a recent visit home, said at a dinner in Chicago:

"The present Shah will never be the equal of his predecessor. What a character the late Shah was! He never opened his mouth without saying something worth repeating."

"Lady Drummond Wolfe once got permission to visit the Shah's harem. She took a friend, a Miss Blank, who was about to be married. The two English-women wandered over the splendid palace, among the hundreds of beautiful young girls, and presently the Shah encountered them."

"'Come here,' he said to Miss Blank, in his crude French."

"She approached. He looked closely at her."

"'You are about to be married?' he said."

"'Yes, Your Highness.'"

"'It's late!'"

## 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.

## HE GAVE HIMSELF AWAY.

Apropos of the movement in New York toward the abolition of race-track gambling, Mrs. Jack J. Warren, the witty Vermont reformer, said the other day in Burlington:

"Race-track gamblers always claim that everything about the game is square. Cross-examine them very closely, though; looks into all their methods; question them on every point, and usually, like Col. Toddy of Tin Can, they'll give themselves away."

"Col. Toddy of Tin Can was a whist sharp."

"'I once, and once only,' he said in the smoking room, 'had all thirteen trumps dealt me.'"

"'You, I suppose, were—er—the dealer?' some one said."

"The colonel turned purple."

"'No, sir,' he roared. 'No sir, blast your impudence, I was not the dealer!'"

"The other nodded calmly."

"'Then may I ask,' he said, 'what happened to the trump which the dealer turned up?'"

## VICTORY SO-CALLED.

James Carroll, the amateur lightweight boxing champion of San Francisco, said at the end of a recent women's boxing and fencing exhibition:

"Physical culture among women, women's growing strength and pluck, lend interest to marriage, change marriage complexion."

"'How is poor Smither gettin' on?' said one man to another."

"'Well,' said the other, 'Smither is now almost recovered from the beat-in' he gave his wife last Saturday night.'"

## RICHARD SAMUEL DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Richard Samuel, one of the very few survivors of the famous "California Hundred," that represented this state in the Civil War, died at the Soldiers' Home at Yountville in Napa county, Sunday. He was a native of Illinois, 68 years of age.

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