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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair and warmer, except near coast.

SAN FRANCISCO NEXT.

We do not know what the purposes of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., in the matter of the sea-connections for the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, otherwise the "North-Bank", railway, are, but we are going to venture a suggestion, in the mere hope that it coincides with the ultimate program and in the interest of the road, the cities of Astoria and Portland, and of the Northwest, generally.

That is, that the N. P. (already the most powerful competitor of the Harriman lines up here), put on a swift and frequent steamship service between San Francisco and Astoria to connect with the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad and the S. P. & S., for Spokane and the East; two, or three big, fine liners, capable of handling all the freight and passengers that may be commanded over the splendid route; at least, until the larger, and inevitable, proposition of the extension of the Hill system down the coast from this city and Seaside, is accomplished. Such a line ought to be popular, with the three-fold blend of sea, river and mountain attraction; and as a freight route, the water-level service between the two great terminals should fix and perpetuate it as among the standards of the Pacific Coast for all time to come.

A couple of handsome steamers, fast, roomy, and large carriers, doing a twice-a-week-round-trip with a freighter to ease off the over-plus, and a commensurate train service out of this port, up the glorious Columbia valley, to Portland and Spokane, would be soon among the ideal traffic systems of the country and as famous as James J. Hill could hope to make it. Astoria longs to be a terminus on a line of that sort, because it comports so thoroughly with her unescapable destiny.

BY WAY OF DEMONSTRATION.

The Rose Festival to be held on the 2nd of June next, at Portland, is to be in a class by itself so far as the Pacific Coast is concerned; for beauty, scope and unique attraction it will surpass anything ever put on by the metropolis of Oregon or any other live center of the Northwest. The largest possible latitude is to be allowed the Oregon cities and towns that desire to contribute to its glories, and its success is to be State-wide in consequence.

Astoria is going to figure in the celebration that honors and perpetuates the glory of the Oregon rose, primarily, and all the other and manifold attributes of the Beaver State, and it is well that she should make a star presentation of her share in the composite excellence of things Oregonian. We want this city to send a float and delegation to Portland in this interest, as shall at once, and for all time, proscribe the intangible, yet certain, anti-Astoria spirit that prevails up Portland-way. We want that animus laid, and we want a new sense of interdependence and friendliness created that will mean more for both cities and the State; and we know of no better way to accomplish this than by sending there, on this occasion, a car, and people, and message, that shall typify the new and happier spirit.

The work is in excellent hands for just an outcome, and for the common good of all concerned, and the supreme success of the event; it is hoped there will be no let-up until Astoria shall be rewarded with the honor of a leading presentation in its myriad achievements, along with a manifest better feeling at the metropolis, in all ways.

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A WRETCHED POLICY.

We believe we express the candid and unanimous opinion of this whole section when we declare that the removal of Col. W. S. Roessler from the practical direction of the jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia river to be a grave mistake. He has impressed everyone with whom he has come in contact in this relation as being eminently fitted for bringing the huge task to final and satisfactory conclusion; he has the confidence of every man in this country and of the department to which he belongs, and his recall is a serious and regrettable piece of departmental stupidity.

The policy of the government in taking capable men away from such big enterprises just when they have attained the mastery and faculty of perfecting of it, is deplored all over the country, and found its worst expression in the earlier stages of the Panama canal works. Colonel Roessler is a man of ability in his profession as a military engineer, and was doing good and devoted work on the great trust confided to him here; and what of competency his successor, presumably Major Langfitt, shall bring to the work, will not compensate for the injury done the project in the removal of Colonel Roessler. The change is an official blunder, that is all there is to it!

EDITORIAL SALAD

The Japanese jingoes look like a reality to their unprepared neighbors in China.

The Ohio Republican platform beats in Ohio must not forget to carry the State by the usual majority.

Chicago is a wide-open town, but the aphorism that "everything goes" does not apply to the anarchists.

The end of Goebelism is bitter, as its beginning was tragic. It is best to respect the ballot in a nation that is founded upon it.

The Ohio Republic platform beats all productions of the kind in treating senatorial courtesy as totally immaterial.

Tariff revisionists who say they are not for protection should not go so far that their changes would be equivalent to free trade.

A century of calamity has not yet taught builders or owners of property where crowds assemble that exit doors should open outward, never inward.

Snator Gore calls Oklahoma the "most overwhelmingly Democratic State in the Union." Kentucky was once a Democratic Gibraltar, but it became sick of bad politics.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Of Public Health and Marine Hospital Service of the U. S.

Dr. J. M. Holt, in command of the Columbia River quarantine (and Oregon sub-ports, Marshfield, Newport, Florence and Gardner), has just received from Washington, the annual report of the public health and marine hospital service of the United States for the fiscal year 1907.

It is a volume of 142 pages—not so very big—but as full of tersely told facts and figures that it could not be digested in a month.

Among the interesting recommendations of the surgeon-general is that two new grades should be established to prevent stagnation in the matter of promotions, namely, those of medical inspector and medical director.

To form some idea of the amount of work done by this important branch of the government the report of the Columbia River quarantine says: "Forty-two steamers and 76 sailing vessels were inspected and passed; 2086 crew on steamers, 1992 crew on sailing vessels, 19 passengers on steamers and 396 passengers on sailing vessels were inspected.

The tables in the back of the book are very interesting and one could spend considerable time with profit in perusing them.

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Soldier—Are we safe here, with your master's wine and cigars?

Valet—Perfectly. I told him not to show himself because the tailor was waiting with his bill.—Meggendorfer Blatter.

Up to Date.

Bank Cashier—Madam, I have no doubt this check is all right, but you will have to bring somebody to identify you.

Fair Caller—I know it, sir. I have read all about such things and know what your rules are. I have brought my little boy to identify me. Warrington, tell the gentleman who I am.—Chicago Tribune.

An Excuse.

Lazenbee—What did you say, my dear?

Mrs. Lazenbee—I say now that you've got your new suit, don't you think you'd better come to church with me this morning?

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MOTHERS' CONGRESS

Annual Convention Being Held in Washington This Week.

IS INTERNATIONAL THIS YEAR

Mere Man Doesn't Figure in This Convention, With Two Exceptions President Roosevelt and David Graham Phillips.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—There is one week in the year when Senators are back numbers, even in the Capital, and when Congressmen shrink into complete obscurity. That is when the Mothers' Congress assembles for its annual convention which is now in session here for a week. Heretofore these yearly gatherings have been made up of American women only, but this year the meeting has been made international in character and mothers have been in attendance from Persia, Turkey and other far off countries. All sorts of questions, from child labor and civic betterment to cooking demonstrations and discussions of how to make a boy mind without using the slipper, have been taken up and settled with much more expedition than is shown by the Congress at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue in disposing of its business.

Mere man has cut a very small figure in the proceedings as a whole, but two individuals of the masculine persuasion have come in for considerable attention, in one case flattering and in the other decidedly unflattering. The first of these is President Roosevelt who received the mother at the White House on Monday and made an address in which to tell them that they were really the backbone of the nation and its hope of righteousness and that without them the country would go straight to the bow-wows. Naturally, the mothers were pleased with this, and the President's endorsement of most of the reforms they favor has caused him to be very popular. If the Mothers had votes Senator Bourne's "second elective" campaign would have been able to show a clear majority in Washington this week. On the subject of race suicide, however, the Congress has declined to commit itself either for or against the President's well-known views.

The other man of whom the individual members of the convention have expressed a strong opinion is David Graham Phillips; the well-known novelist and magazine writer. It is fortunate for Mr. Phillips that he was not in Washington this week. Even at the safe distance of New York his ears must have tingled at some of the remarks launched in his direction. Some of them have declined even to mention his name in their remarks but have referred to him as "that horrid man." The trouble with Mr. Phillips, from the point of view of the Mothers, is that he has written a book which he calls "Old Wives for New" and in which he discusses divorces and some alleged shortcomings of the American wife and mother in a way that the official mothers of the country as represented here object to most strenuously. The book is just out and reached Washington about the same time as the delegates, and immediately set them buzzing.

The Congress of Mothers is on record as being strongly opposed to divorce. They believe in making it more difficult instead of easier, and they resent the novelist's suggestion in his book that wives are really responsible for a majority of divorces by destroying ideals constructed by their husbands before marriage, which the latter would be glad to preserve if they could. There are also some remarks in the book about the neglect of their personal appearance by women after marriage and how they are compelled to resort to cast-iron corsets and fat-reducing measures to which the mothers, especially the considerable proportion of them who appear to be dangerously near the 200-pound mark, took violent exception. At one stage of the proceedings some of the more fiery delegates considered the introduction of a resolution censuring the novelist, but this was not done as others pointed out that it would be hardly fair as there were other offenders in the same category, some of whom are women. Consequently the writer escaped the public reproach which many of the "old wives" would have

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