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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon—Increasing cloudiness followed by showers. Western Washington—Showers. Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Showers.

MISTAKEN CLEMENCY.

Orchard, the many-times murderer, self-confessed, soul-sickened, hopeless; a man to whom despair has become as a garment, and to whom men, and light and life are as nothing, in the face of the black eternity of forgetfulness and oblivion he longs for. This is not the man to whom human mercy appeals; to whom respite would come as a gift of peace; to whom judges and mandates and reprieves appeal. It would be a criminal blunder to offer him anything but the death he craves as a boon and the earlier it is granted him the profounder the benefice.

We have watched this man's habit and poise as well as it was possible at long range, and are inclined to concede him the one manly virtue of dignity in the front he has put up to the fate he knows he has deserved; he has been quiet, patient, silent; has set up no plea, no demand, no contest, and has asked for nothing but the fulfillment of the edict that yields the only peace he may ever know. And we believe the recent stir in behalf of commutation, or freedom, or whatever else his friends are seeking, is a cruel mistake and should be abandoned.

Orchard, in the deep silence and barred seclusion of a penitentiary is comparatively free from the hideous burdens of biting reproach and repulsion that would make a hell of his life on the outside; and the only justification that would bolster the idea of his release now, would be the theory of deepening and prolonging his punishment by sending him forth in the vigor of his early manhood, to battle, as the Wandering Jew battled, against the cursing and condemning world of men. On any other hypothesis than this, clemency is out of the question.

WE WANT OUR DUE.

The recently filed report of the municipal special committee detailed to investigate immoral conditions alleged to exist in Astoria and especially as to gambling, was so warped with cheap politics as to forego any and all allusion to the remarkable and wholly creditable changes that have been wrought here in the past year or two; and that the truth may be known beyond our borders and simple justice may be done Astoria, we desire to say that every dance-hall in Astoria, with all its concomitants for evil, has been closed, and sealed against future existence and practice in this man's town; that the banking-games of chance, along with the gentry who conducted them, have been shut down and out, and will stay out. What of minor gambling is afoot here is not of a quality or scope to frighten anyone, and it is under espionage and knowledgeable comment, and subject to reactionary treatment at any hour. The city is cleaner and more wholesome than it has been in years and public sentiment is stiffening against license of all kinds. The old-time indifference that is supposed to prevail in all sea-port cities, is passing; and the larger and decenter policy of regulation and restriction is abroad with programs unheard of here before.

Astoria has become cognizant of the injury these evils inflicted upon her commercial and social reputation, and they are to be expunged and man-handled until this port and city is openly and broadly acknowledged as one of the safest and cleanest on the coast, and her present status of redemption predicts full and early achievement along this line.

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REAL HOME LOYALTY.

Is there such a business-quality, in these days of merciless competition, as actual, faithful loyalty to one's home town and market?

There is endless spouting and blowing and "rah-rahing" about it on all sides; but who, and where, is the man that honestly adheres to the doctrine? This abstract howling for a principle of this sort only emphasizes the constant departure from it, and does grievous injury to the community and its commerce.

Scarf as we may, we owe an always increasing obligation to our own habitat and people and businesses, and if we do not keep things going, of our own volition and faith and pride, we cannot expect much from the man outside. This duty lies at the door of the seller as well as the buyer. The man who deliberately raises margins on the staples at home drives his neighbor to the field beyond, in sheer self-defense; and neither stands justified by expedience in the eyes of the on-looking neighbor.

There is but one clear path to pursue: Stand by the home man, the home plant, the home-product, first, and far; and when he forces you out of the near sphere, let it be known of all men in plain terms. The public business, and the quasi-public concerns, should be the last, and generally are, to turn down the local interest; yet it not infrequently happens, that they, too, go out of their way to become patrons of foreign establishments; all of which is bad policy and hurtful neglect.

EDITORIAL SALAD

The big fleet has rounded the continent so smoothly that the only amende left for the naval critics is to turn turtle.

The Ohio Republican platform is for an adequate navy. This is a safe adjective, but its usefulness somewhat depends on going into particulars.

Among the fish to be eaten in Greater New York during the Lenten season the sucker species will be as prominent this year as ever before.

The anarchists have served notice on young King Alfonso. A man of authority is no longer safe, whether he wear a royal crown or a policeman's star.

Nebraska's Democratic delegation is instructed solidly for Mr. Bryan. He named it himself and wrote the platform, which is good practice for the Denver one-man show.

The Jamestown Exposition grounds are offered to the government for \$2,500,000. Uncle Sam need be in no hurry. None of the showmen will rush in to cut him out of the bargain.

The Ohio Republicans should not revise the tariff with so sharp a pair of borrowed shears that it would take a microscope to discover any remaining protection for American wages and industries.

SITUATION IMPROVED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 18.—Mayor Taylor of this city and Repert Blue, U. S. Surgeon in charge of anti-plague operations, have issued a notice to the Public in which they state that the plague situation is very much improved, there having been since the first of January but two bacteriologically verified and but three clinical cases of plague, with only one death. What makes the situation peculiarly and distinctively satisfactory they say, is the thorough co-operation on the part of the city authorities and the citizens generally.

"There is every prospect they say," that by the time the fleet anchors in the bay of San Francisco, the city will be cleaner than it ever has been in its history. It is quite evident to us that the danger of an epidemic from plague is very remote."

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Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Campaign.

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E. B. TONGUE.

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COL. ROBERT HOUGH DEAD.

BALTIMORE, Mar. 19.—Col. Robert Hough, a confederate veteran and well known to horse owners throughout the East, died last night of congestion of the lungs, aged 67 years. He was one of the founders and for many years secretary of the Pimlico Driving Club and was familiar in the judges stands at trotting races in this section of the country.

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CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—More than 300 strike breakers left Chicago last night for Denver to take the places of Union boiler makers machinists and helpers on strike at the shops of the Union Pacific and the Denver and Rio Grande Railroads.

FIGHT ON HIGH GIRDERS.

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 19.—Chas Haviland and Chas. Bert, ironworkers, fought on the iron girders on the sixteenth story of the new National Bank of Commerce building at Pine Street and Broadway yesterday. The interference of others saved them from falling to the street. For five minutes the battle was waged on a steel beam 18 inches wide.

Haviland was badly cut about the face and had to be treated at a dispensary.

ATHLETES GO TO ST. LOUIS.

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—Two of the Metropolitan Districts best known athletes, Martin Sheridan and Melvin Sheppard, left the city last night for St. Louis, where tomorrow evening they will compete in the 10 games of St. Louis University. Sheridan is scheduled to appear in the broad jump and throwing the 56-pound weight. Sheppard will appear in the colors of the Irish-American Athletic Club in the special 1000-yard race with Lightbody.

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A COWTOWN Episode.

By Thomas B. Montfort.

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"SEE them two old plugs over there?" the landlord of the Maverick hotel asked, pointing across the street. The grocery drummer, who had been caught over Sunday in the little Kansas cowtown, looked up and saw two grizzled, gray old men sitting peacefully side by side on a dry goods box in the shade of a building.

"As mild and quiet as a pair of little innocent lambs," the landlord added, with a chuckle, "and dwellin' together jest like they was own twin brothers!" The grocery drummer yawned and took up a paper and began to read. The old men did not interest him in the least. It was no uncommon thing in his experience to see a couple of old fellows loafing on a village street.

"But that's jest the way they always are," the landlord went on. "You hardly ever see 'em when they ain't together. Wherever one goes the other goes, and whatever one does the other does. Ever since a feller come along here and put us on to it we been callin' 'em Damon and Pythias. You've heard tell of them chaps, I reckon?"

The drummer nodded. "Well, these two old cubs is jest like that so far as their friendship goes—stand by each other through thick and thin, and either of 'em would fight to the last breath for the other. And quiet and peaceable! You would naturally think they'd been raised up in a Sunday school and hadn't never heard tell of nothin' but the Bible all their lives."

The drummer made no reply, and a long silence followed. At last, however, the landlord emitted a soft chuckle and, pointing across the street, said:

"You wouldn't ever guess, now, a-lookin' at them settin' there that way, that they used to be two of the toughest cusses that ever run the range and that for two years they tried their very best to kill each other. Now, would you?"

"Hardly," the drummer answered. "It it's even so. I bet each of 'em has got a pound of lead in him now that the other put there, and as for scars—well, I reckon they've branded each other up about as complete as they could without puttin' the scars on double."

The drummer began to show interest. He laid aside his paper and asked for the particulars.

"Well, it's like this," the landlord began. "Joe Kern—that's the one on the right there—he used to be a cowboy and worked on the Triple X ranch, 'bout twenty miles south of town. And he was shore a holy terror. There was lots of mighty tough cowboys round here in them days, but the toughest of 'em was as mild and harmless as babies compared with Joe. Their little scrapper and shootin' wa'n't much more than Sunday school work when looked at alongside of what he done. "Among the eccentric notions Joe got into his head was one to the effect



"THE BALL OUT A LOCK OF HAIR FROM AID'S HEAD."

that this town didn't need no marshal and shouldn't have none. Accordin'ly, as soon as that idea hit him he sent in word to the marshal invitin' him to resign or move away and sayin' that he would be up in a few days and would be under the painful necessity

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