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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, and Idaho—Showers.

PARTY CALLS, AND PRIMARIES

It is a question in Oregon, just now, as to whether the law, or party, is the governing force in the adjustment of political issues.

Acting, primarily, upon the best instinct of citizenship, we shall obey the law first, and then adhere as closely as that law permits, and our conscience behooves, to the demands of the Republican party; and having fulfilled the statute, shall get squarely behind that party's candidates and stay with them to the end.

"If thy hand offend thee, cut it off! Obey the law, or repeal it!"

The primary law is fairly and squarely on the statute books and was placed there by, and with, the consent of the people, in party and out of it. With some few essential amendments, which in time will be made, it is likely to stay there forever. Popular laws are not easily abrogated, for all attempts of the kind are construed as retroactive and dangerous. And yet, if such edicts shall prove to be hurtful, confusing, inadequate, or palpably bad, the people may exercise their original prerogative and recall them.

The people must speak first upon the men and measures pending; after that we shall have our say on candidates, policies and premises for which the Republicans of Oregon, Clatsop county, and the City of Astoria, stand sponsor. We are moved to this statement, again, by the repeated and insistent demands as to why we are silent on all pro-primary matters.

LOWER COLUMBIA COAL.

Thirty-five well known citizens of this city have just returned from a visit to the coal mines at Cardiff, up the Cowlitz River, in Washington, whither they went as the guests of the company controlling the property. These men are a unit, practically, in the statement that there are almost inexhaustible quantities of lignite coal in plain sight and workable lay, at the mines; and that the owners are actually at a point where the only thing left to do is to market it.

It is freely admitted by the representatives of the company that the coal is not of the highest grade. They assert, however (and so far, without successful contradiction), that it is as good as the ordinary output sent to this market from Australia; and that for all domestic purposes is an excellent and satisfactory article.

It is to be placed on the Astoria market at a delivery cost not to exceed \$6,000 per ton, and in such quantities as will give the last man a full opportunity of testing it for every merit it possesses. Bunkers are to be erected at a central and accessible point and the business is to be handed with a view of establishing the staple, at once, and for all time, as among the chief of the commoner supplies on this market. It is well worth the interest of every man and family in the city, and the try-out will probably fix the commodity as one of permanent features of local commerce here.

The coal is to be exploited as a factor in the steamship circles of this port, and is liable to cut considerable figure in that end of the commerce, since, while it is not quite so good a steam producer as the foreign article, the difference in cost at the bunkers, will far more than balance the physical demerit alluded to. Hence, the next door product is likely to cut quite a swathe in its particular realm of industry and commerce as Astoria stands for those elements.

MR. McCUE'S STATEMENT.

The statement, published over the signature of Assistant District Attor-

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ney John C. McCue, in this issue, covering the strictures recently laid at his official door by the councilmanic-committee-of-five, as to the neglect of duty in the prosecution of certain public evils alleged to exist here, etc., etc., speak for itself, as defensive matter, in very direct and comprehensible terms. It goes to the root of the question of official responsibility for the non-prosecution of these violations of law, and puts the police of the city equally on the defensive as to their share in that failure to do this simplest duty; and at the same time illustrates the exact cause and influence that has deterred Chief Gammal and his men, to wit, the over-weening ascendancy of the police commission and its inspired inertia along these lines; and emphasizes the need of the earliest possible abrogation of this useless and impeding department of Astoria's civic organism.

DAILY WAR-SCARES.

Hardly a day passes that some new and dismal prophecy is not uttered in high places, by men of supposed standing, as to the absolute unpreparedness of the United States to engage in war. And we doubt not there are many essential things to do, yet, to put us in first-class fighting trim, and that an instant call of the sort, might stagger us a bit, at least, until we got over the "daze." But we deprecate the eternal foisting of the question on the public and the world. No other nation on earth would permit such indiscriminate discussion of its vital affairs; and the claim, that broadcast criticism is conducive to administrative remedial action, is not as true as it would seem to be. Great departments of government in this country are not amenable to popular stricture so much as they are to limited appropriations by Congress; this is the "milk in the cocoanut"; and when the people learn just how fast they are growing, how immensely their specific agencies are expanding, and realize the need for larger equipment and more generous contribution, the matter will easily rectify itself.

We have yet to make history that tells of defeat and spoilation at the hands of an enemy, at home, or abroad, and the day is still remote when that shame shall fall. Until it does, our best influences were better turned to other and silenter means of achieving that which is needed.

"What Women Will Do."

Is the title of Harry Jackson's latest and greatest play presented by the Holden Bros. & Edwards Company. In speaking of the play the critics throughout the country acknowledge that Mr. Jackson has succeeded in getting much of the color of Charles Dickens' great story, David Copperfield, upon the stage. The play is not a direct dramatization of that novel, but founded on some of the principal incidents. The action being placed about James Steerforth, Rora Dottle, Emily, Micawber, Peggotty, Uriah Heep and Hammond Peggotty, the rough young fisherman in love with Emily, the innocent young woman who forsakes him for the promises of Steerforth, later to be cast aside. The punishment of Steerforth, when he is drowned during a hand-to-hand fight with Hammond Peggotty, with a few other scenes in which Mr. Jackson has deserted Dickens, gives the play a melo-dramatic flavor. The comedy element as supplied by the Micawber family. The scenic effects are excellent, the parts are well played, and the success of the play is demonstrated by the applause and hearty laughter at each performance. "What Women Will Do" will be seen at the Astoria Theatre, Sunday, March 29.

WILD BEASTS.

From time immemorial man has trained and utilized domestic animals to help him hunt and capture other animals, but you have to go to the far east to see wild and savage beasts of prey broken in to such purpose. So writes Captain Francis Thatcher in the Technical World Magazine for April. It must be remembered that, however much you "tame" a wild beast, he always remains wild and his savage instincts are likely to break through the thin veneer of training

Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Campaign.

For Congress.

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To The People.

In submitting my name to the electors of the Fifth Judicial District for their consideration for the office of District Attorney of said District, I desire to say that if I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, honestly, vigorously and impartially perform all the official duties pertaining to said office, without fear or favor, endeavoring always to accord to every individual, irrespective of party, politics or personalities, a square deal under the law, keeping always uppermost in my mind the interests of the tax payers of said District and State.

E. B. TONGUE.

and bringing-up, by which they are kept in subjection.

Some years ago, when traveling through the independent state of Guzerat, in India, I visited Baroda, the capital, where the Maharajah keeps quite a menagerie of wild beasts in various stages of subjection. On special occasions sports are held in a vast arena, where they have elephants and buffaloes, and all manner of wild beasts fight with one another. I attended one of these festivals, and it was there that I noticed a pair of panthers being led on chains like dogs. Now, of all animals of the feline tribe, none are so dangerous or treacherous as the panther. He is very much more formidable than the tiger, for he has the cunning fox added to the ferocity of the tiger, and I was not a little surprised on being told that these brutes were trained to hunt deer out on the vast plains which surround the city.

A description of hunts with panther and hawks, follows— exciting and interesting.

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NOMIA IN FROM TOCOPILLA

Hanalei Leaves Out For San Francisco—Breakwater Back From Coos Bay—Transport Saturn Calls For Coal—Alaskan Ships Getting in Line

The steamship Rose City arrived in at the O. R. & N. Piers yesterday at 1:40 o'clock with 195 passengers on board, the larger per centage being in the second cabin and steerage. She made good time up, considering the fact she was bucking a north-wester all the way from the Golden Gate to North Head. She was just 49 hours between heads. She went to the metropolis after a stay here of two hours, unloading local freight.

The fine steamship Roanoke, from the California coast, docked at the Callender pier at 8:30 o'clock last evening, with 119 passengers, and plenty of freight. Captain Dunham reports the nor'wester as stiff all the way up the coast, but otherwise the run was a pleasant one. She left up for the metropolis at 10 o'clock and will be down again early on Friday morning.

The Federal transport Saturn, from San Francisco to the Bremerton navy yard, called in here on Saturday night last, at a late hour, for coal, having exhausted the supply she left with in contending with the nor'wester that prevailed all the way up the coast. She took on 50 tons at the Elmore dock and left out Sunday afternoon, to continue her voyage.

The steamer Lurline, which was expected back on the lower river run yesterday, is going on the Portland-Vancouver run for a day or two to warm up her new engine-work, and smooth things down for the more extensive route.

The German bark Nomia, Captain Himm, commanding, arrived in yesterday noon, 49 days from Tocopilla, under charter to the Portland Flouring Mills Company, to carry wheat hence to the United Kingdom.

The steamship Breakwater was among the arrivals, coming in from Coos Bay, with plenty of business, early in the day. She passed on up the river, and will be back on Thursday morning.

The ship Henry Villard is now coaling at Portland, and will be down here on the 25th inst., tomorrow, to make ready for her trip to Nushagak in the interest of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, of this city.

Jacob Kamm, Jr., is serving his grand-father's line as purser on the steamer Undine and will pass from her to the Lurline when that vessel resumes her place on the Astoria-Portland run.

The ship Berlin tows up to Portland today, from Goble, to be put in readiness to serve the Warren Packing Company on its Alaska fishing grounds.

The steamer Hanalei came down from Portland on Sunday morning last with good business above and below stairs, and left out for San Francisco.

The sea tug Samson went to Gray's Harbor yesterday with the barge Wallcut which was loaded with locomotives and flat-cars for the Government jetty service at that point.

The steamship Argyle arrived down from Portland at noon yesterday from Portland, en route to San Francisco, after more oil.

The steamer F. S. Loop crossed in yesterday afternoon from the Bay City, and will load lumber out of this port for the return trip.

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