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THE WEATHER

Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Showers.
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THE BOOMING FACULTY.

A city, section, or state becomes known over the country and the world by the especially good things it contributes to the comfort or welfare of the man abroad; the specific output typifies its source and fastens it in the mind and memory of those who use and enjoy it. Every case of choice salmon that leaves this port has the "booming" faculty within the wood and tin in which it is enveloped; it is hailed with delight and the name of Astoria and the local brand are signal witnesses of our success in that particular direction, upon which we may rely as well as the gratified customer.

Every piece of square timber, finely milled, that goes hence, to fit in its place in some huge dock, or building, or other enterprise, on home or foreign soil, has the same high element of candid and indubitable proof of sirable things; and in the still more siralbe things; and in the still more active and intelligent sense, the tourist who enters, or leaves, the superb bay at the mouth of the Columbia, carries with him or her, the unfading impression of one of the most remarkable, natural and beautiful harbors in the world, and they tell of it and wonder at the unachieved destiny such a place deserves, and lacks.

It is well to be famous for a few things, rather than to have nothing wherewith to mark our existence and aspiration; because of the innate faculty of one or the other of these things to inspire a movement in this direction. The "booming" faculty does not lie in "hot air" altogether; there are solid facts that speak louder and more to the point of proof and assurance, than the liveliest tongue that wagged. Astoria's name is going further, in accentuated tones and terms, year by year, by reason of these three leading excellences, and sooner, or later, she is going to hear and see and know infinitely more of their real value.

Among the good things that Astoria has sent forth lately to tell, in type and picture, her claim on the men of the outer world in the matter of new and compensating homes, and fresh starts in business, and successful lines of investment, was the Investors' and Homeseekers' edition of the Morning Astorian, which is doing its work, everywhere, for the real good of the city and territory, and sending back daily its cheerful messages of conviction and quiet achievement. Astoria's all right, and don't you forget it!

THE FLEET TO JAPAN.

The order sending the American fleet to Japan was certainly not put out until after the matter had been weighed in its every conceivable aspect as an honor, a hazard, and a diplomatic move, by the President and his advisers; and the people may rely upon the fact that all chances are covered surely and wisely. Treachery of any sort, in Japanese waters, will be met with such an avalanche of reprisal as will last humanity, for ever, as a standard in the adjustment of such a (supposedly impossible) crime against nations.

We do not believe, for a moment, that the Japanese would, as a nation, sanction anything so brutally bold and heartless as an attack upon the flower of our navy in their own bays or seas; but there is no telling the nature of some inspirations that fall to the insane egotist in office with power to wreak incalculable damage; and it is to such sources that the

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world looks for tremendous freaks and wild departures, with all their subtle and sickening horrors. "Remember the Maine." Who dreamed of that incarnate act of treachery?

However, the "noble 16" are due to go to the land of the Rising Sun, and all things being well and wholesome, the step may be for the best and most acceptable ends. But, from the instant the ships enter our own waters in the Philippines until they shall emerge from those of Japan, the most rigorous watch will be kept, day and night, despite the glamour of courtesy and carefully concealed suspicion that will possess the last man in the fleet of America. (This is written, with humble apologies to the editor of the Portland Journal, the profound and scholarly arbiter of editorial matter in the Oregon press, generally, in the hope that his strictures will be made to conform as nearly as possible to our capacity for bearing the dynamic force of his disgust and irritation thereat).

DON'T FORGET THE PEOPLE.

The rank and file of Clatsop Republicans are hoping, sincerely, that today's session of the County Republican Central Committee, called by Chairman W. F. McGregor, will eschew certain old policies of action and pass the selection of delegates to the State Convention at Portland, up to the people and not endeavor to make any recommendations or suggestions as to the personnel of those party representatives.

It has been claimed that it is not possible to utilize the statutory primaries for this purpose; but we fail to see why. The party used to vote for its delegates at primaries before the form became a matter of legal provision; and it would seem there is enough room on the big blanket-ticket, devised for this function, to permit the insertion of a group of names in this interest.

Our idea is to keep the party here, and in the State, for that matter, as clear of overt acts and devices as is possible and put the largest responsibility possible, where it rightfully belongs, on the people direct. The tendency, nowadays, is to let the people name their agents in all political premises, and we favor the doctrine, on the score of escaping the retroactive influences of reproach and accountability when the mistakes are laid bare and the misfits are numbered and duly accredited to our party.

To this end we trust the gentlemen meeting this afternoon will have a care in all they do and leave all that may be, up to the ranks of the party.

WHITSUNTIDE.

This festival is observed by both Jews and Christians, but in commemoration of different epochs.

It is the Pentecost of the Jews, and is kept by them wherever they are scattered over the broad earth. It has to them a double significance: first, the giving to them of the Law on Sinai, secondly, it was the Feast of Weeks, occurring fifty days after the Passover, when every living soul was required to come to Jerusalem to acknowledge God as their Lord, and to offer Him the first fruits of the harvest.

It was from this, the most beautiful of all the customs of the Jews, that the idea of our annual "Thanksgiving" was drawn, it being held at a different period of the year, after the ingathering of our crops.

The day of Pentecost is a sacred and triumphant memory of the Christian church, because it is the day on which the Saint Esprit, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter promised by the Saviour, came down and sealed with gifts of new hearts, and consecrated tongues, the 3,000 converts, to the faith of our risen and ascended Redeemer, who were then assembled in Jerusalem.

It ranks as a festival next to Easter in the Roman and Greek churches. It is a favorite time for administering the rite of baptism and in the primitive churches the candidates for this ceremony wore white for the seven weeks intervening between Easter and the day of Pentecost; hence it was called Whitsunday.

Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Campaign.

For Congress,

T. T. GEER

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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.

THEATRICAL YARNS.

The story is of the kind better told than written, though to chance it is to put it like this. When Homer Bassford was dramatic editor of the St. Louis Republic and less of an aristocrat than prosperity and something akin to genius have since made him, the most effusive of his society friends, Miss Foshgane, just home from a girl's college, "wanted ever so much" to meet the great tenor Companini. He was then on a concert tour over the country. To maintain his reputation for knowing every public figure, Bassford had told the young lady that nothing was easier. To be sure, the tenor had not yet come to St. Louis. A virtuoso and lover of things fine to look at, he was still collecting the sort of coins they use in Chicago. But directly he arrived the idea would speedily be managed. And with that Homer nodded and proceeded to forget the tenor and the young lady with tenoritis. Then it was that John Drew came to town, bursting in upon Bassford's sanctum, a kind of three by five waste basket with its presiding spirit tucked away in a corner, ever ready for a talk on art, religion or politics. They couldn't go about much for the girl with tenoritis might be encountered. "Why not?" asked Drew. "I am the tenor." "You know Italian?" "Enough," said Drew. "That's what I say," replied Bassford, getting into his coat. And soon a machine drew them up before the Foshgane residence. "He is come to town, but the only difficulty is he can't speak a word of English. I shall be interpreter for you" said Bassford to the gushing Foshgane. All hands had soon taken their corners in what was really a very admirable drawing room. The limit of Brassford's Italian vocabulary was "spaghetti" and "chianti." But his accent was superb. Years of travel abroad had furnished Drew with a much fuller vocabulary. He knew such words as "Puccini," "Botticelli," "American Vespucci," as well as "spaghetti" and "chianti" Miss Foshgane struck an exceedingly lively pace. The talk waxed fast and furious through two hours. Tossing a kiss toward the ceiling, Drew avowed that he did like America; and loaded it with ecstatic compliments which Bassford, with a perfectly straight face, translated for the enraptured Miss Foshgane. And everything went splendidly until, without a word of warning, the butler entered to prepare the piano and music for Signor Campanini to sing. "I sing," exclaimed Drew, jumping to his feet and forgetting himself. "Yes, himma sing," said Bassford, also forgetting his role, but retaining his accent. "Oh, you do speak some English then," said Miss Foshgane. "Yes, but I don't sing about it," said Drew, a little bit nettled. Yet even at that the cat was not out of the bag until the next night Miss Foshgane saw her Signor Campanini act on the stage of the Olympic Theater.

REDUCTION OF BAIL

Appellate Court Orders Ruef's Release on Less Bail.

MUST FURNISH OVER \$790,000

Ruef Stated That he Would Furnish Bonds for This Sum and Expected to Secure His Release From the County Jail Within a Few Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The district court of appeal, late today ruled on the application of Abe Ruef, for his release upon a reasonable amount of bail, alleging that \$1,115,000 the aggregate amount on all of his indictments is exorbitant. The appellate court ordered Ruef to be released upon the nominal bail of \$5 upon each of the 37 duplicate counts, but not to reduce the bail on the other indictments amounting to \$790,000. Ruef stated this evening that he would furnish bonds for this sum and expected to secure his release from the county jail within a few days.

EXONERATE SHIPPY.

CHICAGO, March 24—A coroner's jury tonight declared that Chief Shippy and Driver Foley were justified in killing Averbuch, the young Russian Jew who attacked the Chief in his home recently.

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