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## THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair and warmer.

## TO THE OREGON VOTER.

As the representative paper of the lower Columbia Valley, the Morning Astorian, conscious of its best duty to the people of this section and of the State at large, appeals to the press and electorate of all Oregon, to stand by the salmon industry here; to sound the note of peril hanging over this industry (which employs 10,000 men and stands for an investment of \$7,000,000 and an annual business of not less than \$3,000,000), set on foot by less than a dozen men who are maintaining annihilative fish-wheels on the upper reaches of the river and slowly, but certainly, killing the industry by destroying the spawn and fry of the salmon year by year in the lust of an unscientific, heartless and predatory business, and who, rich in the piracy, are spending thousands of dollars to blind the general voter to the sheer evil they are perpetrating.

Their deadly wheels are set at strategic points on the banks of the Columbia and so constructed that nothing wearing fins may get by them; the baby salmon, fingerlings, all must go into the devious ways that lead to the treacherous traps, and when these wheels are emptied, the marketable fish are sorted out and despatched to the canneries, while the helpless, pitiful fry are barreled and sent to the near-by fields (secretly and in evasion of the law and its officers) to serve as offal and fertilizer for the land.

If these buccaneers would but mesh, or guard, against the absorption of the young fish, the weaklings, the output of the costly hatcheries, the crux of the next crop, the fish that are relied on to grow and come back in time to the general fisheries as a marketable product, such as the gill-netters at this end of the river are legally catching and selling and canning as the years go by, some some sort of tolerance might be shown the "scavenger" end of this great trade (for all industries have their cheap and reckless hangers-on), but their processes are so thoroughly brutal and strike so immutably at the very life of the salmon fisheries of the Columbia Valley, that they are beyond all consideration of the man who knows a single fact of their free-booting methods.

The press of the State of Oregon owes it to the people it stands for, to investigate these things and to herald forth the wretched and ruinous policy of these men who, in the gross assurance of their stolen wealth, are seeking justification at the hands of an uninformed people; and the people themselves should rise to the cry of their fellows for the salvation of a permanent and paramount interest and vote down the pernicious plea of the beggarly handful of men, who without labor, and but a paltry investment of a few thousands of dollars, are wantonly wiping out a standard enterprise of Oregon and the Northwest.

Astoria lies at the very heart of the salmon fisheries; her people know, to a man, woman and child, the danger that is confronting the trade by the longer use of the fish-wheel, and she speaks for the thousands of men and millions of money, whose living and investments are at stake in the present fish-fight; and she should not speak in vain. VOTE FOR THE GILL-NETTERS' FISH BILL AND SAVE THE SALMON INDUSTRY OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY!

## CONVENTION OF GOVERNORS.

President Theodore Roosevelt has summoned the Governors of the States and Territories of the American Union to a friendly conference at the White House at Washington, on Wednesday, the 13th of May, and he has not overlooked the labor interests of the country and will have the brainiest, cleanest and most successful man in the nation, in that relation, present in the person of John Mitchell; Andrew Carnegie and several other notables are on the list, and the presumption is that a convention of such men will have to do with the largest and most popular of the current questions of the day, both in the abstract and the concrete, and that when these men leave for their homes and responsible places in life, they will have digested and championed some of the policies and plans of the best friend the common people of America possess. For the President would not go to this trouble if he had not some great, specific purpose; some broad and wholesome ideas to set on foot through the next and nearest channels of action such as this group will stand for. It is a step such as he might be expected to take; he is one of the men who do things right and who strives to enlist the best influences at his hand in the perfecting of the tasks he has set himself. We hope he will not be disappointed in a single plan he is cherishing.

## VALUATIONS AND MILLAGE.

We Americans are a pretty smart lot. But we are not shrewd enough to find a remedy for the supreme abuse and injustice that lies at the root of our tax system. We have borne the shameful burden of non-equalization of our tax values and millage so long that it has fitted itself to our shoulders as an indispensable and unescapable garment. The preponderant influence always uppermost in the public business of the land, the demand of the great and the rich, has kept the yoke on the commoner, until, at last, it has worn into even his almost undiscoverable quick, and is chafing sorely.

We may have to go to Australia for the basic principle of our tax law, just as we went there for our election law; and we do what we have to when the hour comes. A law that compels a man to return his property, real and personal, at a figure at which he would be willing to sell it at the hour of assessment, now the guiding principal of assessment in the antipodean government, would be a God-send in this benighted land where there is a wider latitude of shameless imposition in this regard than in any country on earth, and would appeal straight to the people most in interest; and what is more it could, and would be applied, without injustice to those who would resist it most.

## EDITORIAL SALAD

Japan has purchased 3000 tons of rifle barrels in the United States. After looking over the entire field foreign buyers often spend their money here, not from sentiment, but as a matter of business.

A British colonial governor in Africa has decided to introduce houses screened against mosquitoes, like those provided in the Panama zone. American sanitation in the tropics is well worth the world's attention.

Crop news is favorable, but farmers are short of help. The unemployed who are able to work at farming will find it a healthful vocation, with fair pay, and the best opportunities to get on an independent footing.

Senator Tillman says he has reached a point where he doubts the capacity of the people to govern themselves. When a statesman arrives at this conclusion he is not far from the trap door that will end his career.

## PASTOR RESIGNS

Innocently Officiated at the Marriage of Divorced Couple.

CHICAGO, April 3.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Garrett, Ind., says:

Because he innocently officiated at the marriage of a couple both of whom had previously been divorced, the Rev. Harry J. Stevens, pastor of the Baptist Church, resigned yesterday and will abandon the ministry to become an exile as a missionary in Africa.

When the young preacher was called upon Saturday night to tie the nuptial knot for Leonard S. Wignot, a fort Wayne shoe merchant, and Lucy Miller of this city, he proceeded in the conventional manner, when it was all over the couple was happily united in the "holy bonds of wedlock", the clergyman discovered in signing the marriage certificate that both the bride and the bridegroom had been previously wedded and both divorced.

It was too late to retract, but the minister was conscience stricken and he did not remain for the wedding supper. That night he prepared a special sermon from the Twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah and delivered it to his congregation Sunday morning.

Toward the close he made reference to his own violation of the Scriptural passage and during the prayer that followed he sobbed and his wife wept.

Women were touched by the scene and wept in sympathy. Now the Rev. Mr. Stevens has declared himself unfit to preach the gospel and has resigned the ministry.

## IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS.

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles—An Astoria Citizen Shows How to Cure Them.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is just where the danger lies. You must cure these troubles or they may lead to diabetes or Bright's disease. The best remedy to use is Doan's Kidney Pills. It cures all ills which are caused by weak or diseased kidneys. Astoria people testify to permanent cures.

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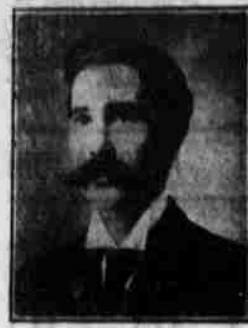
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## Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Campaign.



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Primary Election April 17, for Republican Nomination for COUNTY CORONER

VOTE FOR



C. A. Leinenweber

For Republican nominee for Representative to the Legislature. Primary election April 17, 1908.

VOTE FOR



JOHN C. McCUE

Republican Candidate for Re-election For Representative. Primary Election, April 17th.

For Congress,

T. T. GEER

Candidate for Republican Congressional Nomination in the Second District. Liberal Appropriations for Waterways, Equal Opportunities and Privileges for Labor and Capital, an Governmental Control of Corporations.

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.

VOTE FOR



Geo. S. Shepard

Republican Candidate For Representative in Congress.

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