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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon and Washington—Showers.

Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Fair.

WHY THIS INDIFFERENCE?

The people of Astoria are naturally anxious for specific information as to the extraordinary indifference exhibited, here, and elsewhere, in the State of Oregon, in regard to the threatening conditions surrounding the Salmon Fisheries of the Lower Columbia.

Why is it that a beggarly group of six or seven men with fish-wheels in the upper reaches of the river, are banded together, and spending money like water, to save their predatory machines and privileges from righteous annihilation at the hands of the voters at the June polls? Why have these men gone into the initiative field at all? Is it to save a right and rational system of fishing; one that conserves the industry, and builds it up; or is it done by way of appeal to an unthinking people in the hope of save their dastardly, unfair, yet money making processes?

Why is it the big rich cannery at this end of the river, the men who see the impending destruction of an industry worth millions and involving the labor of thousands, are silent and inactive in the face and fatal hour of such a campaign?

Why does the Oregon Fish Commission, at the inspiration of the Governor of the State, at this same critical moment, take from the great industry the only man with a grain of intelligent knowledge of its wants and workings, and put it in the hands of a stranger to the land, waters and business?

Why does the Portland Oregonian usually the quick and forceful leader in all such emergencies remain mute, inactive; coldly indifferent to the peril confronting an industry that is famous the world over and has done more for Oregon, and Portland, than anything beyond the metropolitan doors?

Is there really a conspiracy against the trade? Is it to be wiped out, or left without guidance, protection, conservation? Is it to be thrown wide-open to the slaughtering competitive invasion that all but ruined it in its earlier years? Why all this glaring indifference on the eve of the 1908 election?

It may be the people of Oregon, just and kindly and without bias, will look into the ugly situation that has arisen, before the day of judgement comes with the dawn of June, and on that day register their peremptory protest and fiat that shall save to them one of their leading industries. Without some such mediation as this, we, of Astoria, confess ourselves undone in this grave crisis, thrust upon us by the very men to whom we naturally look for the salvation of the fisheries. We abide our time with want patience we possess!

JOHN MITCHELL.

John Mitchell, the ideal labor leader of America; the clean, true, able and honored guide and friend of the working millions of this country; respected and trusted in high places as well as in the lower levels; sane, safe, well-poised, and influential to the best and last degree in his sphere; broken down in health to such an extent that he is forced to decline the high honor of Federal Labor Commissioner tendered to him by the President of the United States, now retires to long deserved and welcome rest upon a small competency, and with the abounding good-will of the people of the nation.

Measured by some standards this man does not amount to much: But

when the day of turbulence, trouble, dismay or disaster arrives, and the people say in their hearts, "Would that John Mitchell were now in place and power to save this situation," then will it be known who, and what, he was to organized labor and the Government. We do not know his successor well enough to forecast his status, but if he shall approach the fine broad boundaries fixed by John Mitchell, the miner, he will have made splendid use of the honors of leadership lately thrust upon him.

ORCHARD.

Why does a maudlin, sentimental perversity deny this man Harry Orchard the peace of death that he craves?

He knows, better than any fool friend he may possess, the utter worthlessness of life to him, pardoned or unpardoned, in prison or out of it; and if there is any real mercy to be shown him, let him have his own longed-for death. The past, the future, are to this man, dreadful dreams, fraught with appalling facts, not fancies; he shrinks from both with a self-horror that is pitiful, and yet pitiless; his due is death, and no man living knows the deep truth and justice of it all, as he knows it.

The nation is wearied with him; he is soul-sick of himself; his life will do no man good, least of all himself. Ring down the curtain on the tragedy of it all and give him the only benediction he asks. It is the least we can do!

MR. CARNAHAN'S DEATH.

The extreme suddenness of the death of Clark Wilson Carnahan has accentuated the wide-spread sadness wherewith it is regarded in this community and made the realization of the solemn fact difficult and painful to all who have known him through the years of his life here. The elimination of well known and deeply appreciated characters from communities of this scope where people and histories and warm intimacies are inter-changeably familiar, evokes the last and kindest expression of genuine and popular feeling at such dread surprises; and in the case of the late Mr. Carnahan, this is peculiarly manifest. Astoria and Clatsop county grieve for him unanimously and very sincerely.

EDITORIAL SALAD

President Roosevelt has a good ear for advice, especially if the advice suits him.

Kentucky will have difficulty in explaining to the historians how its Society of Equity got mixed up with murder, arson and Gatling guns.

New York City receives 11,000,000 eggs daily. The world could manage to get along with a horseless era, but how if the hen should be eliminated?

The vote on restoring the motto to the coins was: Yeas, 259; nays, 5; not voting, 120. But it is only fair to say that an absentee is not necessarily a dodger.

Eastern congressmen say the navy ought to be big enough to take care of both oceans. It is hardly necessary to add that their opinion on this point is recent.

It is a dangerous theory the alienists are seeking to establish, that when a man shoots a fellow-citizen the evidence of mental irresponsibility is conclusive.

Gov. Johnson says he is willing to be a candidate at Denver, which seems inconsistent with his recent lavish praise of Bryan as incomparably the greatest Democrat.

Speaking of ocean mail subsidies, the nations that pay them liberally stand first in their merchants marine. In both respects the United States have dropped near the bottom of the list.



A Spring Opening

Charles V. Brown's Formal Opening of Spring and Summer Shoes is a Display That is Surely Worth Seeing.

It is with much pleasure we welcome you to our Annual Spring Opening—an opening of entirely new shoes, high class shoes, in which we wish to give our patrons and friends the widest publicity—one in which we will forcibly demonstrate that we are still the recognized shoe house of Astoria. Our spring purchase is larger and more varied than ever before having concentrated our best buying efforts in every line, therefore enabling us not only to give you more quality than heretofore, but to give you more moderate and fairer prices than you can find elsewhere. We have the swellest line of Ladies Oxfords in lace and button, in the latest New York Styles, and in blucher cut. New creations in pumps, narrow toes, short vamps and all lasts. If you buy your shoes at BROWN'S you know they are right.



CHAS. V. BROWN

The Family Shoe Store Man

ASTORIA, ORE.

PERSONAL MENTION

Swepton Morton, of Knappton, was in town yesterday.

Miss Agnes Leahy, who has been with the A. & C. railway people, as stenographer ever since the staff was removed to Portland, was a homing passenger on last night's express from Portland, for an over-Sunday visit with the home-folks.

Frank N. Clark, president of the Columbia Trust Company, was in the city yesterday attending to some business affairs, and will return to the metropolis on this evening's train.

Mrs. W. E. McAfee, who has been seriously indisposed for several weeks is about again and recovering very satisfactorily.

Mrs. Capt. Tatton return from Spokane accompanied by her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Wright, of British Columbia.

BALL SEASON OPENED.

LOS ANGELES, April 4.—Fourteen automobiles carrying the stockholders of the Los Angeles baseball club, city officials, players and "fans" paraded through the streets today in celebration of the opening of the Pacific Coast league season and the preliminary enthusiasm continued throughout the game in which Los Angeles beat Oakland by a score of 4 to 2. Mayor Harper of Los Angeles and James J. Jeffries constituted the battery that handled the first ball of the season.

RESTRICTING SUNDAY WORK.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The President has directed that Sunday work in the departments be restricted to that which is of emergency character and being strictly in the public interest.

Accordingly, Postmaster-General Meyer whose department has more work on Sunday, than, perhaps any other branch of the government, has issued an order intended to minimize Sunday work in the postoffice department. It is understood the heads of the other executive departments will issue similar orders.

DIED AWAY FROM HOME.

TONOPAH, Nev., April 3.—Joseph Read, a veteran of the civil war, an inmate of the Orting Soldiers' Home, of Washington, on a furlough, was found dead today in a Chinese wash house. He complained of feeling ill and the Chinese put him in a bunk last evening. He died during the night. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death.

A Notre Dame Lady's Appeal.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys, or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box R, Notre Dame, Ind.

COFFEE

A middling steak and first-rate coffee are better than middling coffee and first-rate steak. Consider the cost.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best: we pay him.



JUDGE WILLIAM E. BURKE SEASIDE, OREGON

Candidate for Representative at the Republican Primaries, April 17th.

PLATFORM.

I favor the retention of C. W. Fulton in the United States Senate, but will obey the instructions given by the people of Oregon next June, on the following bill:

"That we, the people of the State of Oregon, hereby instruct our Representatives and Senators in our Legislative Assembly as such officers, to vote for and elect the candidates for United States Senator from this State who receive the highest number of votes at our general elections."

In addition will favor the enactment of the following measures:

- 1—Four-year term for county officers.
- 2—Collection of taxes by the County Treasurer.
- 3—Divide Fifth Judicial District by joining the Counties of Clatsop and Columbia.
- 4—A prosecuting attorney for each county.
- 5—Safeguard deposits in banks.
- 6—Pure food law, and regulation of weights and measures.
- 7—Preserve natural resources of State including water powers and limit franchises to twenty-five years.
- 8—Better protection for salmon.

9—Voter not to be required to re-register except as he changes his place of residence.

10—Continuation of Roosevelt Politics. Port of Astoria, Sea Wall and Deepening of Columbia River Bar.

AT THE CHURCHES

First Baptist.

Morning service at 11 a. m., subject, "Believers' Baptism." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m., subject "The Appeal of Truth." Rev. Conrad L. Owens, pastor.

Christian Science.

Service in I. O. O. F. building, rooms 5 and 6, Tenth and Commercial streets at 10 a. m., subject "Unreality." All are invited. Sunday school, 11:30. Reading room same address, hours from 12 to 5 daily, except Sunday.

Holy Innocents Chapel.

Fifth Sunday in Lent. Morning service and holy communion, 10 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:15 a. m. No evening service; the missionary will hold service at Seaside on Sunday evening at 7:45 p. m.

First Lutheran.

Sunday school both at the Uppertown and at the German Lutheran Church at 9:30 a. m., Miss Alema Nyland and Mrs. A. Young, superintendents. Morning service in Swedish at 9:45; evening service in English at 7:30; theme from our Lord's Passion. The Luther League Circle meets for devotional exercises at 6:30 p. m.

Presbyterian.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock; communion service, "Not of Words, But of Works." Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship at 7:30, "Undeclared Lives." Quartet at morning service. Male chorus at night. All are invited. W. S. Gilbert, pastor.

First Methodist.

Sunday's sermon themes: Morning, "Warring Nature." Evening, "Waiting." C. C. Rarick, pastor.

PRACTICAL POINTS

ON BANKING—NO. 2.

Household Checking Accounts.

Every woman who makes purchases, or has occasion to remit by mail, will find a Checking Account with this Bank valuable and convenient—a saving of time and carfare—a safeguard against loss of funds. Your account, subject to your check is very cordially invited.

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