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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, and Idaho—Showers.

AN ASTORIA TRY-OUT.

We assert, as a rational commercial expedient, that Astoria should be given a try-out in the matter of export shipping of the grain of the Northwest; that Portland owes it to herself and the State to inaugurate the policy and the fact for the sake of lowering the tolls on foreign carriage; that she should use this harbor as her own and save the differentials that prevail against her; set up a preferential schedule by the sheer economy of quick despatch and unnecessary towage. Portland must dominate the business wherever it shall be done for Oregon; and if she can overcome the prevalent impediments by the establishment of an outer-port that can be operated at the lowest cost on the coast, it is her first and peculiar duty to try it out.

A one-ship elevator and dock would be enough to make the demonstration. A few clearances from this harbor under a fortnight's delay, from sea to sea, would soon set up a condition that would make world-wide charterers blink with pleased wonderment at the solution of a new and valuable advantage in this great problem. Owner, shipper, agent and master are a unit, the world over, for the supreme benefit, and profits, of quick port-handling of ships and cargoes; and this is the one magnificent assurance inherent in the "Astoria Situation."

We do know, all else being equal, anchorage, dockage, channel-room, facilities for cargo-handling in and out, that there is huge scope for economic abatement of present charges by obviating the 100-mile voyage inland, no matter if the towage be absorbed or not. This thing constitutes the sole solution of Portland's present and future quandary; for the day is at hand when, as a port and harbor, she is to go up against her natural limitations. Any great expansion of her sea-commerce will entail the use of Astoria, as the safest, largest, next and nearest auxiliary at her command. She has done marvelously well in handling the trade with her narrow channel margins, but if she hopes ever to double or quadruple her grain fleet, she must do so at a point that will admit her freer capacity for handling and despatching the access. It is worth the try-out, to say the least of it!

BACK IN HOME WATERS.

Every American is glad that the great fleet is in home waters again. All the California ports south of the big objective, San Francisco, are to enjoy the unparalleled display of the pageant, and no one begrudges them the distinctive treat; but all the same there are hundreds of thousands of loyal folk up this way, that will be glad to have a chance to see the ships and entertain the officers and men. Their itinerary is a sort of long-drawn holiday, anyway, for those afloat and those ashore, and it would be nothing extraordinary if this upper section of the American Pacific coast be given an equal opportunity to join in the pleasures now afloat.

There is not time enough to send the fleet everywhere on the coast, of course, but a central northern point, like Portland, might be chosen for a flying visit, thus giving the whole Northwest a chance to take in the glory of it by traveling a bit. Even Astoria bay would not be a bad location for such a maneuver. We are in close and easy touch with all the great centers up this way; and the vessels would have plenty of room between Tongue Point and Smith's Point, to string out the entire armada and make it accessible

to the visiting thousands from the interior. We are not particular, however, and shall be glad to see the last one of them go up the river; the probability being that the last one of us would follow them to Portland; and either place is within ready touch of the Sound cities. Any old thing will go, that gives us a share in the abounding pleasures now enjoyed by the lower coast ports. "The Columbia River is part and parcel of home-waters."

OUR GREATER NAVY.

There is logic in the demand of the President that Congress provide for the construction of four warships a year until such time as this country shall be on the footing of the best equipped nation in the world in this line. We are growing at a tremendous pace and a million or so access per annum in people, to defend, enhances the argument for broader systems of defense, not only in the navy but the army.

This is one of the giant nations of the earth and needs something beside a toy navy or a mimic army to bolster, defend and dignify it; this aside from the confessed and proven weakness of both arms of the services today, a lure for attack and no guaranty of defense save in a briefly tentative way. No man dreams for an instant that we cannot take care of ourselves once we are confronted with the necessity; but to obviate such necessities is a Washingtonian policy of vast merit that has been ignored far too long.

We do not have to go far to balance our offensive and defensive powers with the best that exists, and we must not halt anywhere short of it, if it takes a half-score ships and a dozen regiments a year to even up the situation and put us where mankind will know just who we are and what to expect of us on the war-call.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

We frankly admit the compliment conveyed in yesterday's Astoria Budget, in running our leading editorial of April 7th last, as its leading editorial feature in yesterday's edition of our evening contemporary; but we confess a weakness for proper credit in the use of it, whether reproduced direct from our own columns or from those of some friendly exchange, which has treated us with the same kindly indifference. It is quite too near home to indulge the shears so lavishly; a warning that may not be so well relished as "Gompers' Warning" seems to have been.

Miss Helen Gould illustrates how to be happy and useful though not married, and no duchess equals her in substantial rank.

The apple trust has been bitten this spring by its own voracity. There is some consolation in knowing that a trust can be beaten, provided it assists.

It is in order to keep an eye on Morgan county, Ala. Its appropriation of \$250,000 for good roads indicates that it proposes to show the rest of the state how to make a lot of money by spending a moderate amount.

In five years Count Boni spent \$3,000,000 of his wife's fortune and went \$5,000,000 in debt. In addition to losing their own money, American heiresses are making trouble for a large army of trustful innocents.

The Agricultural Department is trying to fix the amount it takes to keep a hen a year. In order to arrive at the exact figure the man next door with flower beds and a tomato patch should be summoned as a witness.

DEATH WAS ON HIS HEELS.

Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at Charles Rogers & Son drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Campaign.

AN OPEN LETTER.

W. E. Burke Presents a Predicate in Support of His Candidacy.

To the Clatsop County Electors:

I respectfully submit for your consideration the basic principles upon which I have offered my name in behalf of the nomination and election as Representative in the Oregon Legislature, at the forthcoming polls:

Senator Fulton's Corvallis Pledge.

"It may be thought by some that my position on this subject (the senatorship), is the result of a desire on my part to pave the way for an appeal to the legislature for reelection should I fail to secure approval of my candidacy by the voters. I assure you that I have no such thought or purpose. If it shall happen that some other candidate receives a larger vote for United States senator than I do at the election to be held next June, I promise you now that I will retire from the field and will not permit my name to be presented to the legislature for that or any other office."—From Fulton's Speech of Announcement at Corvallis, August 30, 1907.

"A MILESTONE IN HISTORY."

"The virtually unanimous ratification by the Legislature of the popular choice of Mr. Mulkey and Mr. Bourne for United States Senators marks an epoch in the political history of Oregon. It is not likely that the precedent thus firmly established will be broken hereafter. The time of the Legislature will henceforth be devoted to the business of the state; its only concern with the election of senators will be to fulfill the constitutional form by ratification of an antecedent popular choice.

"Seldom has a body of public men given a finer demonstration of loyalty to American principles than the Oregon Legislature gave in ratifying promptly and decisively the popular election of Senators Mulkey and Bourne. By doing this they have acknowledged the fundamental truth upon which our institutions rest, namely: that all power ultimately resides in the people and that whenever the people choose to exercise this power directly it is their right to do so. Our legislators have also acknowledged with noble fidelity to fact and reason, that, high as their duties may be, they are but the servants or agents of the people, and that the popular mandates expressed under the forms of law are of binding obligation upon all public officials. We may therefore say without undue insistence on its importance, that the ratification by the Oregon Legislature of the popular choice of our senators marks an epoch in the development of free institutions."—Oregonian, January 23, 1907.

W. E. BURKE.

VOTE FOR



JOHN C. McCUE

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

VOTE FOR



C. A. Leinenweber

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

VOTE FOR



W. E. Burke

Republican Candidate for Representative, Primaries April 17, 1908.

WILLIAM E. BURKE.

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 Legislature 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 Policy of Deepening of Columbia River Bar.

Vote for

JAMES J. ROBINSON

Republican Candidate for Representative to the Legislature. Primary Election April 17, 1908

For Congress,

T. T. GEER

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



WM. C. A. POHL,

(The Present Incumbent) Candidate at the Primaries, April 17. For the Nomination on the Republican Ticket for COUNTY CORONER.

Faithful service and long experience are his best recommendations. Platform: "Impartial Justice To All."

Vote for

CLYDE B. AITCHISON

Candidate for Republican Nomination for Railroad Commissioner.



VOTE FOR J. A. GILBAUGH

At Primary Election April 17, for Republican Nomination for COUNTY CORONER



Geo. S. Shepard

Republican Candidate for Representative in Congress.

A Champion of the Columbia River Bar Improvement, and in Favor of Postal Saving Bank.

Primary Election, April 17th.

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

Jas. W. Welch

Republican Candidate for Representative, Primaries April 17, 1908.

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