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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.

A FIERCE BRACE OF YEARS.

Who, of all her neighbors, or her world-wide friends, will forget the awful news that came up from San Francisco two years ago today?

Black, and fearsome, and expanding with the hours, the wires and the mails of the coast and country, bore the sickening intelligence of her devastation and misery; and kindly humanity everywhere responded with quick and palpable sympathy, with an illimitable bounty never known before. The response measured aptly with the scope of the call; and the world was as profoundly impressed with the one as the other. That day and its 50 successors marked a red-letter epoch in history that will not fade so long as memory and tradition can carry it to ages yet unborn.

And chief among the tremendous factors of the aftermath, was the superb spirit with which the city rose from her ashes and took up her hated career; the indomitable pluck and unflinching pride; striding, and striving, and standing pat, with an eye single to the revivification, complete, and beautiful, that loomed beyond her gloom and ruin; a spirit that still lives, despite the subsequent ills and shames and barriers that have beset her, and which is still upholding and honoring her while she stamps out the cancerous causes and men responsible for them.

San Francisco's day is still her own, she is making the most of its life and light and opportunity and doing it splendidly. No one doubts her perfect and timely uplift to a plane beyond all she ever occupied, or aspired to before; and none will begrudge her the realization of her proudest and dearest dreams of civic redemption and achievement.

PEOPLE VERSUS BOSSES.

The popular primary grows apace in the popular estimation: It is yet too new to be taken up avidly; too cumbersome to be quickly and completely assimilated; the party council, party boss, party primary, are lingering yet in the near memory of the partisan and the ordinary voter has not yet appraised his own independence. As it is in Astoria, so it appears to have been generally over all Oregon.

But be this as it may, the people, so far as they have chosen to speak, have spoken, their nominees are named and will, in the larger sense, be confirmed in June: What of them shall require the further confirmation of Legislative selection, must await the issues that have been raised and which can be laid only at the capitol, in December next, or thereafter, in the courts.

Taken, by and large, the idea of political freedom in its more modern perception and usage, is growing steadily among the people and any effort to curb or limit it, will be the signal for a protest that will be heard for all time in all places. The United States has known more of this benison than any nation on earth; but the craft of man and the insidious law of custom, had set up limitations that had become hateful when viewed in the abstract, however readily they were accepted in the concrete, and the people are rising rapidly and gladly to every phase of public independence that is presented and will take over every such benefit that appears in rational form, until they shall be once more supreme in their own affairs. The doom of the boss has been sounded and he may as well go gracefully, for go he will, if the trend of popular opinion holds,

and it never turned on itself in American history yet.

The transition is slow, but immutably sure, and he is a fool who mocks it, or seeks to hamper it!

POLITICS AND BUSINESS.

It is beginning to dawn on the public conscience hereabout that there is altogether too much political-business and too much business-politics afoot in this 'man's town' for its commercial good and general progress; that the larger affairs of Astoria are constantly retarded, and finally submerged, in the quest of some man, or men, for office; that the men who are free to inspire, and perfect, the enterprises of the city and country, are hampered and defeated by the men and interests of political quality and precedence; and it is time Astoria turned down an influence that is making for her defeat and disadvantage; all cities of her size have to balk at this thing at certain periods and her career has heached a point where something, beside this dominance, should prevail.

There is no need for particularizing at this particular moment; every citizen who is in touch with the inner workings of politics here knows exactly what is meant and understands the principle at stake. Astoria has lost frequently and largely in commercial advantage because the prosecution of specific quests have interfered, for the moment, with some political booster's pending program; and it is time the personal equation was eliminated for the popular benefit, whatever individual, or group, has to take the "back seat" by reason of it.

We are against no man; we are free of prejudice in this; we are going to be fair, but with a fairness that makes for the community rather than for its arbitrary integrals that assume to dictate against actual progress on the score of their private alignments and ambitions; and we are not going to leave the subject right here. We are going to campaign against the selfishness that has ruled here far too long and wrought havoc with the wider and truer interests of the city and county.

BILLY DISCUSSES MATRIMONY

Wedings is a union, something like a labor union, for cards is used and it makes members get in and hustle to pay their dues. A wedding needs three people, two men and one woman; one of these men order be a minister, but a justice of the piece or a alderman can be used if a preacher ain't handy.

Sometimes a man has a turribal time finding a girl to marry, but this being leap year she ses him first and their aint anything to it after that. Befour a feller can get married he shud studdy his girl's father politycys. This helps some, and so does going hoam early at nite, which holds down the lectrick lite bills. Even fathers of girls in love don't overlook a bet like that.

Another thing to be reckolectid is that a man shud settil up before he tries to settil down. Some fellers make girls think they love them by sending preasants costing a week's salary; but wize fellers prove their devoshun by saving the coin to use after the nupshal not is firmly tide. These last fellers is the ones which keeps the goant bill collectors from the famlee speaking tube. If both sides is evenly matched, then love is a grate game, so far as I can see from the bleachers, for I aint old enough to sit in the grandstand.

THE GOOD WILL HABIT.

The habit of holding the good will, kindly attitude of mind toward everybody has a powerful influence upon the character. It lifts the mind above petty jealousies and meannesses; it enlarges the hole life.

Wherever we meet people, no matter if they are strangers, we feel a certain kinship with and friendliness for them, greater interest in them, if we have formed the good will habit. We feel that if we only had the opportunity of knowing them, we should like them.

In other words, the kindly habit, the good will habit makes us feel more sympathy for everybody. And if we radiate this helpful, friendly feeling, others will reflect it back to us.

On the other hand, if we go through

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