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### THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Showers and cooler.

### A GOLD FACTOR.

Now comes a brilliant scientist, a man of repute, of recorded achievement, and declares he can, and will, manufacture gold of a fineness exceeding Government standards, at the rate of \$100,000,000 a year, at a cost of 10 cents on the dollar. He has discovered the secret of transmutation and proposes to market it at an enormous profit and to give his Uncle Samuel the first go at it.

No man of today, who is abreast of the progress of the hour, is at all surprised; this thing has been expected for thousands of years; and that it comes now, in the common course of big and marvelous developments along scientific lines, causes no ripple of amazement, but takes its fixed and leading place in the commercial program, along with air-brakes, electric-lighted channel depths, wireless telegraphy and telephony, etc., etc.; and as long as the secret is guarded inviolably and the processes remain unpatented as at present, it will be the arch-triumph of the day. Once the bars are down however gold will rank with copper and new standards will rise with radium perhaps as the crux.

Ten-cent gold has long been a cherished dream of the editorial fraternity; we have yearned for it with an earnestness paralleled only by the hopelessness of the dream; and now the blamed stuff comes hurtling along with a commercial tag on it and all the prescriptive barriers known to the law and the obnoxious cupidity of its discoverer and exploiters; but disappointment is our daily portion, and philosophy our refuge; hence, while passively regretting our exclusion from the new field and its "Easy-street" program, we rejoice in the marvel and wish it limitless success, even to the undoing of Wall street.

### LABOR'S POLITICAL METAL.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, gives forth the warning, that unless the plea of labor for legislative redress and aid, as based upon the bills pending in Congress today, is granted, the country is going to hear from organized labor at the polls of November as it has never heard before. And perhaps it were well that the nation should get just such a message from the wage-earners; they are, numerically, the most powerful factor in the electoral field of America, and certainly have a wide margin of inspiration, and a long list of approved claims subject to popular correction and enforcement. But, labor has slept on its rights for so many years; has ignored the polls as a medium for the accomplishment of its ends, choosing the grosser and more futile channel of the strike; has failed so signally in sending its best men to the front, politically; has allowed itself to be dominated so often, and warped so far, by mere "moutheers," instead of setting up its clean, capable and responsible men, that its threat of reprisals is taken with a grain of salt by those who, under other conditions, would champion their cause in a hundred ways. The fact that they are going to enter the field of national politics is of grave interest and deep significance, provided they do not come with wholesale demands and unpoised champions. They should know their own power, and people, and use both wisely in a rational campaign for rational ends.

Able led, with a moderate, primary, schedule of real needs, there is no reason why they should not take fundamental place in the electoral scheme of the country and command the respect and success all great parties command when they present cardinal and conscience-proven pleas and programs.

### ROESSLERIZE THE WORK!

If the government of this country is anxious to have the Columbia jetties completed within reasonable time and at a cost within the appropriation just made in that behalf, as the people of the Columbia Valley are, Col. S. W. Roessler will be retained at his post in this district and given a free hand in the work. The eternal shifting of responsibility for this splendid improvement has been the prime cause for its useless dragging and long-delayed completion.

The scheme needed Roesslerizing, and is getting it, to the abounding good of the enterprise and the satisfaction of the people of both States at interest, especially those of Oregon. The man and his methods are wholly acceptable here and there is no question whatever of the popular desire to see the jetties finished. It is known, too, that Colonel Roessler is particularly well disposed toward the dredger system and will recommend the use of one or more powerful machines on the bar and in the river; that he will do all that an officer and engineer of his standing may do, toward the full development and maintenance of the commerce of the Columbia. Therefore, he is the right man in the right place, and the Government at Washington should be made to realize the urgency and efficacy of his staying right here, with ample authority and means to wind up one of the most notable, and sorely needed improvements in the country.

### EDITORIAL SALAD

Our 19 first-class battleships in the Pacific, along with the record for the best marksmanship, looks like a sufficient provision in that quarter to keep the peace.

Two leviathan battleships, with submarines and other auxiliaries, could make a great defensive fight, and Uncle Sam has no desire to be unduly formidable in any other program.

An immigrant who landed in New York last week brought nine children and a plow. He can sell the plow to a museum of antiquities, and learn to ride, American fashion, while the mel-low soil curls over.

With the mikado barred from the stage and wooden Indians banished from Oklahoma, the burlesque artist will shortly be compelled to restrict himself to such good humored folks as John Bull and Brother Jonathan.

Alton B. Parker will head the New York delegation at Denver, which is a dramatic fact for the contemplation of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Parker will be as welcome there to the Bryanites as the apparition of Banquo at the Macbeth festivities.

### GOOD NEWS.

Many Astoria Readers Have Heard it and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Astoria are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

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### AN OPEN LETTER.

Editor of the Morning Astorian.  
"Dear Sir:—Last Saturday, and the week preceding, there appeared in The Astoria Herald articles on the closing of the pool room on Commercial street. Messrs. Dugan and Knudsen first took up sides with the aforesaid pool room proprietors, but later on, in the last issue of the paper, the Herald editor went back on the first week's article and, trying to square themselves with the police court commission and the force, they attacked the place with vicious language. Such an attack, it seems to me, is entirely out of place. It is not for the Herald's editor to judge and criticize this place. If Officer No. 3 had been taken into this place of business and presented with cigars and tobacco and occasionally with a drink of whisky, this trouble would not have come up. This, it seems, is done in all other pool rooms in the city and now that since the Commercial street pool room has been closed, minors are now playing in all the other pool rooms. The proprietors of this Commercial street room hereafter had better offer the officers cigars or drinks every time that they pass his place of business.  
"If the citizens of the city of Astoria are going to make this a 'holy city,' pave the streets with doughnuts; and if they do not wish their boys ruined by being driven out of a place of innocent pastime and amusement they should see that this place is opened up, even if necessary, with some restrictions; for as sure as the pool room is closed to stay closed the minors will start visiting the 'red light' districts, saloons and other places not worth mentioning.  
"This is my honest and candid opinion on this subject.  
"Yours sincerely,  
"CHAS. SODERBERG,  
"A Subscriber and Citizen."

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