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### THE WEATHER

Western Oregon and Washington—  
Showers.

### SPECIAL, AND SPECIOUS.

Naturally the Portland shipper preads the doctrine of the ship meeting the rail as far inland as possible; it is right that he should use it for all it is worth to him; no one blames him for his championship of the, to him, convenient and appropriate opinion and program. But that does not make it the true and essential precept of quick and economical transportation, however aptly it may apply to a few of the world's great depots. If it were the universal rule, there would be no sea ports in the commercial sense; the enforcement of the principle would have drawn the sea commerce of the world to the farthest accessible inland points everywhere, and no rails would have sought the coast markets at all.

It is an excellent rule where the topography of the country at the seaboard prohibits the founding of a town or port, or makes the construction of a railway thereto impracticable and overwhelmingly costly; but such conditions are exceedingly rare, and more rarely insuperable. The truth of the business is the ship, as a deep sea carrier pure and simple, was never intended to go inland her own length farther than absolutely necessary; and the shipowner the world over deprecates every mile of such traffic as a menace to his property; every railway bearing to the seaboard is unfinished until its rails touch the docks at salt water; and the meeting point of car and ship is the plain and common line between land and sea. All pleas to the contrary are special, and specious, and no usage nor condition can justify nor qualify them, and especially, when the argument is offered in such a case as pends between Portland and Astoria.

If the 15 square miles of debatable harborage belonging to Portland in the second river from here, and 100 miles away, was the first and only refuge for ships seeking the cargoes of the Oregon valleys, their meagre area and bare channel depths might pass muster as the essential port of the State and stand undisputed for all time as the accepted and rightful thing. But the premise is false to the core, when sealed by any one of the commoner rules of commerce; and is maintained only by reason of the dominant influences engendered of wealth and political and commercial "pull", all of which must prevail until some great exigency arises to counteract and disprove it, such as war, flood, or commercial revulsion.

When that time comes the North-western world of America will know why this magnificent bay, within a dozen miles of deep water, with its 100 square miles of land-locked channel-ways and splendid natural facilities for the quickest possible despatch of a great commerce, has been allowed to lay unused by the powers that be, and the revelation will be decidedly interesting for both the cities in interest.

The rails of Oregon and the ships of the world will meet at the mouth of the Columbia in due time, because it is of the supreme logic of development, however long and successful the opposition arrayed against it.

### NO 1908 REGATTA.

Not until the June election shall have laid the political and ethical issues pending hereabout, can the decision of the Astoria Regatta committee to abandon the 1908 event, be discussed with calmness and accuracy. The committee has reached the conclusion after deliberate review of the situation and the exigencies ex-

isting at the moment, many of which may be out of running when the polls are closed; and subsequent consideration, coupled with a very popular demand, may induce a withdrawal of the ban, and put the festival back in its place and time. At all events it will not do any harm to hold the matter in abeyance in the popular mind and call for another expression when the atmosphere has cleared of the dubious elements that moved the committee to adopt the rule of waiver.

### TIME, THE QUALIFIER.

A friend, who is given to thinking out the political problems of the day, and who desires the best of all things for his fellows in the way of governmental expedience, said yesterday that he "was convinced that the continued operation of such laws as those imposing Statement No. 1, the referendum and initiative, and the recall, would, sooner, than later, utterly destroy the partisan life and and principle among the people and set up an individualistic sentiment and action that would develop into anarchistic type and latitude." He was not morbid about it and made plenty of happy reservations to qualify the theory; but he was in earnest both in his conclusion and his deprecation.

We cannot agree with him. The vast majority of our people are possessed of rational understanding of the principles of popular government and know that freedom of act and conscience is the fundament of it; that the popular edict, direct from the people, constitutional and unquestionable always, will be obeyed implicitly; while the legislative enactment framed too often without thought of the people upon whom it imposes, and far too often devised with dangerous and ulterior motives, subject to a multitude of constructions in the courts of the land, is a living menace to its own fulfillment; that while we have had what was deemed to be actual freedom under the law, we have had only that justice that could be bought and paid for, in the larger and commoner sense; that the politicians, the political and corporate layers, and the office holders, of the nation, have abused and warped the law in fact, and spirit, until it is without semblance of the fixed, organic and dependable reliance; that the laws of the people alluded to, will, in course of time, wipe out the abuses and rouse the wider and nobler conformity so essential to popular peace and happiness; that many may think out the terms and text and effect of the new mandates by himself, but when it comes to placing them upon the tablets of the nation or the state, he is but a unit in a magnificent and coherent expression of popular power and righteous regulation, a realization too remote from anarchistic license and independence to be considered for an instant.

Time, amendment, simplification, and broad obedience to the law, will make the last of them a bulwark of strength and dependence, and that is what popular government means, if it means anything at all!

### EDITORIAL SALAD

It will cost a considerable sum to take the American fleet through the Suez Canal on its tour of the world, but we can make this up some time in the future when other nations want to use the Panama Canal.

Turkey quickly made itself agreeable to Italy when threatened with a fleet. Captain Mahan was right about sea power. Italy would think a long time before tackling the Turk on land.

Col. Bryan refuses to disclose the names of the malefactors who are accumulating a slush fund to defeat his nomination at Denver. Has the colonel heard anything about the publicity movement?

A railroad village in the Panama zone, consisting of 110 houses, is to be moved two miles for canal purposes. The towpath, for once, has turned the tables on the locomotive.

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### AN OPEN LETTER.

To whom it may concern:

#### Do The Saloons Own Astoria?

Petitions to submit the question of local option in precincts Nos. 2 and 3 of Astoria have been filed. The saloon men of the city, however, are convinced that it would be very much to the detriment of their nefarious business for the question to be submitted to the voters in these precincts. They are determined that if threats, bulldozing and underhanded work can set aside these petitions the voters of these precincts shall not express their wishes with reference to local option in the coming June election. They have circulated handbills containing the names of all who signed petition No. 3 with the following heading which speaks for itself as to their design in publishing it:

#### "PROHIBITIONISTS."

"The following is a list of the voters who signed the local option petition for precinct No. 3, between Seventh and Tenth streets, and the business they are engaged in, and should be preserved for future future business reference. Many of them have received considerable patronage from the saloons."

In addition to this the saloon men have undertaken in the following way to annul the petitions in precincts Nos. 2 and 3: By threatening them with boycott and with the loss of their positions they have endeavored to secure the signatures of the local option petitioners to a request to the county court to remove their names from the local option petition.

In view of the above facts we desire to ask every citizen of Astoria if he is willing to be owned and controlled by a few saloon men. We call attention to the fact that the saloon men began the fight by filing petitions to submit the questions of "saloons or no saloons" in precincts Nos. 1, 6 and 7, and refuse to accede to the request of business representatives to come to an agreement, thus indicating their utter disregard for the business interests of our city. Why should these men say that the citizens of precincts Nos. 2 and 3 shall not have the right to vote on the same question?

It is a fact known and read of all men that the saloons have openly and boldly violated every law on the statute books with reference to their business. Shall men who are known to be violators of law dictate to law-abiding citizens on what they shall or shall not vote? Do the saloons so completely own the City of Astoria that they can say to one precinct you MUST vote on the question of "saloons or no saloons" and to another precinct you must be silent on the question?

Has not the saloon power had the business men of Astoria by the throat long enough? Have men engaged in other business no rights that saloon men are bound to respect? Will not every right-thinking man stand by the men whom the saloons have threatened to boycott and to rob of their positions?

(Signed),

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