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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, and Idaho—Cloudy and showers.

THE PATRIOTIC DOLLAR.

There are patriotic men and women, galore, in every community in this broad land who flame into hot rebellion at the merest whisper of reproach against their town or city or county, or place of residence and revenue; who mouthe and froth and yawp on the instant some flat truth is told of them and their management of that town or county or home; who throw spasm after spasm of virtuous indignation at every criticism cast their way and especially if the stricture be so true that denial is futile; and there are other patriots, who, knowing the limitations that hedge us all in, strive manfully to make the most and best of deplorable conditions and by word and deed, timely and generous, try to save that same community from the touch of reaction and inertia. The difference between the patriots alluded to may be traced to the dollar, the dollar-patriotic, and the dollar-recedent.

These dollars are at the bottom of the status of every community in the country; they account for the lethargy, the poverty of progress, the cold indifference, the abnegation, and commercial paralysis, of the community, or, again, they tell of the life, the spirit of success, the charm and power of progress and prosperity, the certainty and assuredness of being and doing and living in recognized and acceptable and up-to-date fashion. This is the story of the patriotic dollar everywhere on earth.

Is Astoria bankrupt at this coin?

LAND POVERTY.

We hear a great deal from many of our friends down about this neck of the woods of being land-poor, staggered by land taxes, and at wit's-end to know what to do with their costly possessions; the constant reiteration of the plaint has gotten on our nerves and set our sympathetic nature all a-quiver with desire to alleviate the stress. We have no land of our own therefore we cannot enter into the thing with the poignant and realistic sense of its actual limit of strain;

but, conning the situation for avenues of relief, we hazard the bald suggestion that they give away one-half of their land, outright, upon such terms and conditions, and to such people, as shall ensure the development, utility and enhanced value of the other half.

If a man owns 500 acres of forest land that he cannot improve himself, it might be profitable to give some energetic man or men, of family and character, 50 or 100 or 200 acres of it, to clear the tract, upon such terms as would make it a matter of sheer profit for all concerned, bring the property of all within the purview of the markets, advance its value, and make it worth the while of all to pay the taxes; if it be tide-lands, do the same thing, with due provision that all of it shall be diked by the beneficiaries, and make the gift reversible in the event of default, either by mortgage or the terms of gift; if it be water-frontage, give a modicum of it to the man who will put a mill or a factory or a dock and warehouse, or any appreciable improvement upon his share of it, thus redeeming it from desuetude and making that which remains to the donor of some distinct relative value. Give it away, and civilize it; bring it within the radius of activity and determinable value. This beats lugging it around through life, or several lives and generations, barren, profitless, inept, inert, impoverishing its owner to a point analogous to its own impoverishment.

We realize the effrontery of such a suggestion right here in Astoria but our interest in these unhappy owners of too much burdensome property inspires us with unusual courage and we dare urge this expedient for their good as for that of the city and county. It is the way things are done in other live communities, and always with magnificent results. We know it will fall flat, so flat we may not be even reproached with our temerity; but the knowledge of having done our poor best to give a cue, a hint of salvation, compensates for what of sneer and denial must ensue.

ALL EYES ON OREGON.

The eye of America is turning this way and by Tuesday next will be fastened upon Oregon with curiosity and concern.

There has been so much of political prestidigitation up in this corner of

the country ever since the supreme trick of the Tilden-Hayes imbroglio was so cleverly and shamelessly turned, that the country at large has gotten into the habit of peering Oregon-ward in her electoral seasons to note what new political innovation is to be sprung out here; and it has generally had something to laugh at, to grieve over, to sneer upon; and but blamed little to inspire its pride and popular interest. It has been no worse, perhaps, than any of the other States where overwhelming party dominance has been flagrantly, unwisely and even evilly used; but its lone summer election, detached, and leading, has given it a spectacular and distinct prominence unnoted in the massed elections of November.

We can easily imagine the people everywhere, wondering if the famous old Republican strong-hold that has twice elected a Democratic governor, is so obsessed with its strange and perverted infatuation that it will elect, even tentatively, a Democratic United States Senator on Monday next; and if, having done this, the false and fatuitous program will be confirmed and branded-in by its Legislature.

We could answer these unasked questions, of course, but time must serve the end of this folly, and the nation will know all about it at the proper moment; but for the living hour this is the attitude of our fellows abroad in the country, and these the doubts that beset them. There may come a wave of sober second-thought, of mental re-adjustment and clarity, of spasmodic revulsion to old principles and pandered faiths, that will knock these expectations silly and cause momentary hope of better things; but ———?

DELICIOUS BANANA CREAM

This recipe is highly recommended by one of our correspondents; try it for desert tomorrow.

Peel five bananas, rub smooth with five teaspoonfuls of sugar. Add one teacup sweet cream beaten to a stiff froth, then add one 10c. package of Lemon JELL-O dissolved in 1* teacups boiling water. Pour into mold and when cold garnish with candied cherries. Serve with whipped cream, or any good pudding sauce. JELL-O is sold by all Grocers at 10c. per package.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, May 14th, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$389,294.29
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,097.30
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	47,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds..	1,400.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	55,430.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)....	52,094.42
Due from State Banks and Bankers	22,169.77
Due from approved reserve agents	189,322.37
Checks and other cash items	283.92
Notes of other National Banks	2,280.00
Nickels, and cents.....	546.08
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$191,300
Legal-tender notes	355 191,655.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,350.00
Total.....	\$959,923.15

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid...	28,453.40
National Bank notes outstanding	47,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$595,717.05
Demand certificates of deposit	\$163,252.70
Certified checks.....	500.00 759,469.75
Total.....	\$959,923.15

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop,

I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May, 1908.

V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
G. C. FLAVEL,
W. F. MCGREGOR,
JACOB KAMM,
Directors.

Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Election

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET

- For United States Senator **H. M. Cake**
- For Congressman **W. R. Ellis**
- Justice Supreme Court **Robert S. Bean**
- Oregon Food & Dairy Commissioner **J. W. Bailey**
- Commissioner of Railroads **Clyde B. Aitchison**
- Prosecuting Attorney **E. B. Tongue**
- For Representatives **C. A. Leinenweber**
John C. McCue
- For County Commissioner (Four-year term) **John Frye**
- For County Commissioner (Two-year term) **Fred H. Moore**
- For County Clerk **J. C. Clinton**
- For County Sheriff **M. R. Pomeroy**
- For County Assessor **T. S. Cornelius**
- For County Treasurer **W. A. Sherman**
- For County Surveyor **G. F. Parker**
- For County Coroner **J. A. Gilbaugh**
- For Justice of the Peace **P. J. Goodman**
- For Constable **John Sayer**

VOTE FOR
John Sayer
"LIVERPOOL JACK"
Republican Nominee for
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Surplus.....25,000
Stockholders' Liability.....100,000
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