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## THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, and Idaho—  
Cloudy with probably showers.

## OUR PRIME POSSESSION

Harking back to the first principles of our Republican form of government we may find plenty of causes for justification, if not of gratulation, upon the tendency of the day to carry the law-making function direct to the people; for who has a better right to it, conception, ordinance and administration, than the people to whom this government belongs, first and absolutely. Its earlier manifestations may be charged with crudities, blunders and irregularities; that goes without saying because of the newness of the thing; but it does not follow that time and experience will not qualify the people to ultimately employ their better wisdom and faculties and devise and execute their codes as admirably as their alleged representatives have ever done in the course of history.

We are not a nation of fools however the fools may berate us!

The political leaders of the past have not absorbed, nor cornered, the sum of all sagacity in the matter of human government; or, if they have, it has never been demonstrated with any startling and convincing effect during the last 45 years, except along adverse lines and preparing and perfecting the art of grafting and in cinching up the interests of the "Interests" until the ringing voice of a real President called the halt and gave the people the auspicious moment in which to swing their sign of authority on high.

The "masters" of political logic and the high-caste "champions" of the people sit insecurely in their saddles of prestige; the men to whom the commonalty has low-towed for the past half century are shaken with fear and chagrin at the appalling fact that they are about to be deposed; that they may counsel, but not command; that the people are to gradually become a law unto themselves and take over the supreme right they have always had, constitutionally, and have used but tentatively all these years; that they are awakening to the travesty of the old system and are going in for the real thing in the way of popular government.

Who can blame them?

They have seen the best and greatest of their country's resources deliberately stolen from them by the very men they have charged with the task of saving and protecting them; they have seen the limitless and heartless spoliation of their noblest and amplest prerogatives, at the hands of the servants that swore to defend and cherish them; they have come to know the shame and bitterness of a treachery so universal and so organized, that the marvel of the day is that the people will take so mild a means to right the huge and vicious wrong, and that revolution does not show its drastic front; they have listened to the lying voice of trusted leaders so long that the lure of the falsehood has worn itself out against the wounded patience of a people deceived and denied and undone!

They may flounder and fail and fall in their new effort to take up the reins and drive the hard bargains of national and communal control with safety and success; but the germ has inoculated the mentality of the race and the impulses of civic redemption are all at work in the splendid task against the forces of greed and maladministration; and the carplings of self-ordained critics and erstwhile counselors, political and otherwise, shall not prevail against the new order of things.

## WHISTLES AND BELLS

Civilization, and its handmaiden, Electricity, are eliminating the public and private whistle and bell, and

it is to the abounding health and comfort of humanity.

City, after city, is relegating its fire alarm bells to oblivion; its port, and plant, whistles to disuse and silence; school and church boards of the land are breaking from the old, traditional rule of the bell, and though the wrench is very severe, very shocking, it is gradually being accepted if only, as an overture to the good sense of the families that have trained themselves to the hour, instead of to the boom, and scream, of the "call".

It is well to keep in touch with the day we live in and let the "dead bury its dead". Tradition is but a matter of ethics; there is always a time to abandon and forget them; that time comes when something better and safer may be substituted. The substitution of perfect method, and silence, is one of the blessings of modernity and is an infinite relief from the coarse and blatant relics to which we have adhered with such senseless devotion.

Every howling whistle and every clanging bell that is stilled, is a tribute to the ailing, sick and weary, to the nervous invalid, the delicate babe, the very old, the worn wage-earner; as well as to the practical wisdom of the day and people that have made it possible.

It is time Astoria was taking up the crusade and curbing some of the needless noises that range and rage over her hills and levels and along her waterfront. If there is no law available to check the abuses that are becoming intolerable, then it were well to ordain some and press them at those points, and upon those people, where they will do the most good.

Time, and its spokesmen, the clock and the watch, we have with us always, (including the alarm-clock) and there is no further use for the steam-begotten and flared-metal, reverberating outrages, to which we have submitted with a patience as infinite as it was unnecessary.

## WIPE IT OUT.

There is one phase of the municipal melange of this city that may, most happily, be dispensed with whenever the people get around to the point of ridding themselves of useless impediments, and methodizing and mimifying their administrative program and reducing it to a business proposition, and that is the Astoria Police Commission, than which there is no plainer instance of the "fifth wheel" in this whole section.

It was, primarily, a political creation, no matter who is responsible for its existence; it was devised and instituted as a means to an end and that end has been wrought abundantly and to the utter discredit of the community; it is a block and barrier and serves no practical purpose and yields no advantage to the people; it is a leverage for the perpetration of purely personal politics, and an asylum for political indigents that cannot be placed elsewhere; instead of contributing to the real police power, and the dignity of that department, it is a check to the actual force and effectiveness of that arm of the public service, leaving the Chief and Patrolmen but mere figure-heads and agents of arbitrary and dictatorial authority; it is in constant conflict with the policies and power of the Common Council and dominates invariably; in place of aiding, coalescing, and assisting in the full and proper exemplification of the police function of the City of Astoria, it has, almost infallibly, been found in array against the best expression of that element of government; and the only thing left to do is to wipe it out of existence and put the police department in a position where the Chief and his men will be prepared to do their whole duty as it is made manifest under the laws, and not have to await the dictum of an interested and interfering agency.

What processes may be substituted for the commission is a matter of

small concern when weighed against the superlative, and initial necessity of doing away with it completely as an administrative feature.

## SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

**Norwegian-Danish M. E.**  
Services at 11 a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m. O. T. Field, pastor.

**First Norw. Ev. Lutheran.**  
Confirmation services, Pentecost morning at 10:30. Communion service at 8 o'clock in the evening. The following are to be confirmed: Clara Bangsund, Johanna Louise Nielsen, Harriet Pauline Pedersen, Leif Holman and Jacob Jorgensen. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend our services. Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

**Presbyterian.**  
Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "The Worth of Experience"; Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00; evening worship, 8:00, "The Treaty With Gibeonites." Male chorus. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

**Christian Science.**  
Services in I. O. O. F. building, corner Tenth and Commercial streets, rooms 5 and 6 at 10 a. m. Subject of the lesson sermon, "God, the Only Cause and Creator." All are invited. Sunday school at 11:30. Reading room same address, hours from 2 to 5 daily except Sunday.

**Grace Episcopal.**  
Whitsunday, Litany and sermon, holy communion, 11 a. m.; Junior Auxiliary service, 4 p. m.

**Baptist Church.**  
Sunday school, 11 a. m.; morning worship, 11 a. m. "Christ, the Believer's Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption." Violin solo by Miss Esther Sundquist; B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.; evening worship, 8 p. m., "What Think Ye of Christ?" Vocal solo by William Gratke. Everybody invited to attend these meetings. Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

**First Methodist.**  
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; class meeting at 10:15 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:15; Epworth League, 7 p. m.; mid-week service Wednesday at 8 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

**First Lutheran.**  
Whitsunday, confirmation. The service begins at 10 o'clock a. m. and includes catechisation, the rites of confirmation, and holy communion. Fourteen young persons will thus be received into full membership of the church. The service will be in English and the public is cordially invited. Evening service with holy communion in Swedish at 8 o'clock. Luther League Circle meets at 7 o'clock p. m. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.

## SOUND ADVICE

Anne Steese Richardson gives some pertinent advice to girls looking for employment, in the May Woman's Home Companion. "Tell the employer," she says, "what you think you can do, not what you have done at home or in school, not why you need the position. He wants to know whether you can write legibly, spell correctly, figure accurately and are strong enough to serve him so many hours a day, so many days a week. If this man has his own and his employer's interests at heart he will regard you as he does a bolt of fine silk on the shelves outside his office. This sounds almost brutal. It sounds as if you were no better than the dry goods upon the shelf. Well, when you get right down to facts, that employer is taking just as great a chance in hiring you, an untrained girl whom he must train at his firm's expense, as he is buying a bolt of silk that may or may not find favor with firms customers. If you do the work, he is glad to pay you the money you need. If you cannot do the work, then perhaps for a second he feels sorry for you, but he argues that a charity organization to which his firm contributes should look after your case. A store, factory or office is a beehive of industry, not a refuge for incompetents in distress."

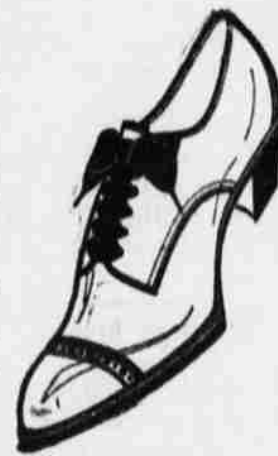
## COFFEE

Nothing does more for a grocer, one way or the other, than coffee. He must sell poor; (he needn't sell it to you) it is good that makes him.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we pay him

# Selz's Royal Blue Shoes

You would just as soon have a better shoe than you are wearing, wouldn't you? Nothing is good enough, in this world, as long as we can get something better. If you are wearing Selz's Royal Blue Shoe now, we needn't say any more to you--- except that this is the store for another pair of them. If you are not wearing Selz's Royal Blue Shoes something is shoe comfort and value, more than you have had. It's here for you.



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## POSTER MAIDS AT NEWARK

**Aldermen Insist That Billboard Girls Shall Have Normal Sense of Decency.**

NEWARK, N. J. June 6, 1908.—Poster maids in Newark must have at least a normal sense of modesty and decency. And their companions of the billboards, the "heroes" who slay the "villains" while the "heroines" faint, must quit it.

This is the decree of Common Council, which has appointed a committee of three aldermen to act as censors of the morals of the posters and billboards. Thus far the committee's work has been limited to passing upon theatre advertising, but its scope will be extended to cover all billboard advertising as well as that displayed in saloon and other windows.

Alderman Michael F. Mullen, chairman of the advertising committee, said that his committee proposed to act in conjunction with Council's police committee, and that there was no question of the right to censor all public advertising with a view to barring such as was objectionable. In this class he placed chorus girls clad in raiment usually worn only in a bathroom, and also such soul-thrillers as "Dick, the Hero," drawing a bloody knife from the villainous villain in the presence of the weeping girl.

"With the co-operation of the police committee," said Alderman Mullen, "we will see that the will of our committee is carried into effect. We will make conditions more strict, and it is proposed that all advertising concerns shall submit to us all posters and advertisements before they shall be displayed."

Indorsement of the aldermanic committee's campaign, which is based upon one of the methods suggested by the American Civic Association in its fight against billboards, was given by the Newark Star in these words:

"There has been ample reason for the organization of this committee and its work. Aside from their artistic lack of merit, many of the posters on Newark's billboards have been of a character offensive to decency and subversive of good morals. Intelligent judgement upon the part of the censors and energetic work will be a blessing to the city."

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