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THE WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Cloudy with possibly showers.

"SOMETHING DOING!"

Half of Astoria is unconscious of the steady growth and expansion she is making; not one man in 200 of the population knows anything about the ratio of her home-building (which, by the way, is of the very essence of her stability); and this is not fair, either to the city, nor to himself.

We are all creatures of habit; we pass to and from our own homes and businesses, day by day, over one unchanging route; only at the rarest do we diverge and take our way to and through neighboring localities, and become aware of the wide range of improvement and real investment; we note the new house, or barn, or garage our next-door neighbor is putting up; and we note what is done on Commercial street, or Exchange, or Bond, down-town. And when we get up and out on the great hills on a sunny Sunday and begin to take notice, we realize that since we were on an excursion last year, it's no trouble at all to count the 40, or 50 or 100 new homes and houses that have gone up in a given territory. The revelation is a pleasant one; but it should not be so much of a revelation; we should know more of it as it transpires and talk it and pass it current, so that the stranger in Astoria shall know it and take it away with him, as one of the cardinal things we are sure of and proud of.

The home-area of a city is just as important as her business-area and the well-informed citizen, in justice to his business and its future, should be able to tell so important a truth as the steadfast record of Astoria's home-building for 1907-8, reveals.

The home-owner and home-builder is far oftener the permanent citizen than the mere business man.

CLATSOP'S "TWO-TO-ONE."

While Eugene and Portland are bragging and rejoicing over the beggarly success of the University appropriation bill at the recent Oregon polls, it may be well for both to remember the solid fact that Astoria and Clatsop contributed to the victory at the rate of two affirmative votes for every negative cast here; which makes the record in this behalf, relatively, better than that of Multnomah. A circumstance which is broadly overlooked in the Oregonian chronicles put forth by the Oregonian (newspaper) in this small historic item.

MAN AND STANDARD.

In the coming season of man-worship in which we Americans are about to indulge with quadrennial uproar and confusion, it may be well to look to the standards that have been set for the Presidency and try to adhere to them in the great parties of selection and election.

The gift is immeasurably greater than it has been for years, by reason of the extraordinary latitude of influence it has acquired at the hands of Mr. Roosevelt. Great as it has always been since the days of Washington, the office is, today, more formidable, more impressive, more exacting; of profounder quality in power and in representative strength; the electorate behind is vaster, more enlightened, prouder and more insistent upon the popular prerogative; and the man who takes it over on the 4th of March next, must do so with deep knowledge of the higher and better standards to which it has attained, and to which he must rise, or prove himself a national failure.

We have had few great men in the Presidency (more shame to us), and the stamp-Rooseveltian is ineradicable with us all. He has been so clean, cut, and true and courageous that we

are willing to forget that he missed being great; and are ready to gauge his successor along the wholesome lines of real manliness and manifest capacity, with enough genuine courage to bolster the twin-virtues.

The weak President of the future will be a pulling figure, indeed; and the nation will probably spare itself any such spectacle. But, now that we have raised the new standard, we must stand by it loyally and insist that no one shall be put forward for the honor who is not able to meet the test that shall try out the best man going.

Roosevelt is no extraordinary American; he is simply an extraordinary national executive, whom the people, by good chance, secured to guide, advise, and govern; the country is full of his kind of men; it takes his type to make a nation and it is only when they are exalted and put where their characteristics perform the larger functions of national administrative life, that we note their exceptional worth and train ourselves to the standards they suggest. The country is marvelously better off for having had a season of such expression and intercourse, and he who follows Mr. Roosevelt will be a happy man if he can fill the eye and sense of the nation as Roosevelt filled them. Nothing less will do in this country!

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Gladstone's Peculiar Eyes.

Gladstone had peculiar eagle-like eyes. At a dinner at which he and Professor Blackie were present the two men were opposite, and when Gladstone gave in a forcible way his idea that Homer was no longer recited, but chanted, the professor cried out, "Mr. Gladstone, I don't believe a word of it!" Then he rose to argue the matter and said one sentence, but got no further. He had met Gladstone's gaze and seen his outer eyelids widened to their fullness in a steady glare, and his tongue stumbled, and he sank back into his chair in confusion. The writer concludes:

"Go to the zoo for it. Take your umbrella. Make your way to the place where eagles, vultures, falcons and such like creatures blink on their perches. Select a bird. Stare at him with insult and you will see the outer lids expand as Mr. Gladstone's did. Poke at him with your umbrella. The filmy vertical lids through which he looks at the sun and opens to paralyze his prey will part, and then you will see what Blackie saw and understand his feelings."

A Way They Have.

Mrs. Griggs—The way that friend Brown of yours hints for a drink of whisky every time he calls here would provoke a saint.

Mr. Griggs—Never mind him, dear. He's only trying to provoke a smile.—Bohemian Magazine.

Excusable.

Mrs. Suburbanite—John, that's twice you've come home and forgotten to bring the lard.

Mr. Suburbanite—It's so greasy it slipped my mind.—Judge.

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FOG SIGNALS UNDER WATER.

Method by Which the Submerged Gong is Operated and the Apparatus by Which the Sound is Picked Up Miles Away—Port and Starboard Lights.

To those who go down to the sea in ships probably no discovery in recent times has been of more importance or tends more to save life than that of the possibility of signaling from ship to ship and from ship to shore by sound, writes Sidney F. Walker in the London Mail. It literally, when fully developed, will enable steamers to "hear" their way under all conditions of weather and particularly in fog just as well as they now see their way on clear nights by the aid of the lights that each ship carries and those distributed round the coast of every civilized country.

The whole apparatus hinges upon the fact that water is a good conductor of sound. The readiest example of this of which the writer is aware is to be found usually at mineral baths. There is nearly always pumping going on in connection with the baths, but under ordinary conditions the pump is not heard. When undressing, for instance, to enter the bath one can very rarely hear the pump, but immediately one is in the bath if one places one's head under water the pump is almost painfully evident, and an engineer could easily count the strokes had he a watch at hand.

For signaling purposes a bell is employed, immersed some distance under the water and inclosed in a chamber, the hammer being worked by compressed air operated from the surface. The sound of the strokes on the bell is transmitted to a distance of several miles and can be heard by suitable apparatus. The hearing apparatus consists of a microphone, a modification of that we use every time we speak to the telephone, inclosed in a chamber inside the ship and connected with the bridge by wires in the usual way. The microphone chamber is filled with a special liquid which the inventors have found to answer the purpose best, and there are, as at present arranged, one chamber and one microphone on each bow below the water line. In the chart house on the bridge are a pair of telephone receivers, similar to those we put to our ears when we talk through the telephone on shore, and a switch, enabling the receivers to be connected to either of the two microphones.

Several of the lighthouses on the coast of America and some, the writer believes, on that of the United Kingdom are fitted with bells as described above, which are rung at certain intervals, each lighthouse having a different number of beats, so that any particular lighthouse is distinguished by its bell, just as in clear weather it is distinguished by the arrangement of its lights. An approaching ship can tell within a very close approximation, as mathematicians would say, how it lies with regard to the lighthouse, because the bell will be heard loudest in that microphone on the side of the ship on which the lighthouse is, and the officer of the watch can steer accordingly.

All ships carry a red light at night on the left hand, or port, side and a green light on the right hand, or starboard side, while all steamers carry in addition a white light showing on both sides. Neither of the lights can be seen astern or for some distance toward the bows, the limit being what sailors call two points abaft the beam, a little astern of her middle point, so that when approaching a ship from astern no lights are visible to the approaching ship, but her full lights are visible from the ship approached.

When two ships are approaching each other from opposite directions and on, each ship will see the other's two or three lights and can easily steer to keep out of each other's way. There is a simple rule for this, and incidentally it may be mentioned that the danger is least in this case, provided that both ships are properly handled. The danger of collision arises principally from ships crossing each other, and for this also there are simple rules governed by what is called the rule of the road. Leaving out the question of sailing ships for the moment, the ship which has the other, the crossing ship, on her own right hand (starboard) side has to keep out of the way, and it does so by turning slightly to the right, or to starboard, presenting her left side to the other ship.

Whenever a ship has to give way to another the color of the light of the other ship is on the same side as that to which the helm must be moved. Thus when a red light is seen on the right hand (starboard) side the helm is put to port, the side of the light seen. Similarly when a sailing ship is crossing from port to starboard, showing her green light, that carried on her starboard side, the steamer puts her helm to starboard to clear. This rule could be followed quite as easily with sound signals.

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