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### THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Clearing, warmer.

### UNCLE SAM SAYS IT.

Your "Uncle Samuel" says, through his trained and expert agents, that there is a channel across the Columbia river bar 6000 feet wide and 25.5 feet deep at mean low water. This means that at high water on that barrier, there will be from 31 1/2 feet to 34 1/2 feet, according to the make of the tide, over a mile in width, for the reception and despatch of the fleets of the world.

There are men in the Columbia River Bar Pilots' Association, who affirm that they cannot find that water, nor anything approaching it; some go so far as to say flatly "there is no such water on the bar." And there you are. It is the same old story, told and re-told, year by year; but the progress of the jetty, and the word of the Government must hold, because the are the gauges of popular desire and authority and mean too much to be disbelieved; therefore, with all the world-marine, we will cling to the mathematical fact Uncle Sam has given out, and trust to luck and the skilled pilots of the bar to find the mile-wide channel and the new commercial depths. It is essential that they be found and used, for the good of the Columbia valley and especially this end of it. Every additional foot of channel-way-water across that bar has a wonderful significance for Astoria, whatever it may mean to the hardy and well-informed men who cannot find it.

We cannot tell either the government nor the pilots their business in this grave relation, but we can tell them both and all, that the truth is what the people want; and the old, old divergency between these two authorities simple MUST be settled, wherever the discredit shall fall.

### THE COAST ELECTRIC.

The Morning Astorian insists that it must not be charged with any disposition to "knock" the Astoria, Tillamook & Seacoast Electric Railway, or any other laudable project, the oil-and-gas proposition, the seawall, good roads, "common-point" rates, a 35-footbar, nor anything else that means success and prosperity. Each and every one of these things are vital to the real and early development of the city and county and the entire section around the mouth of the Columbia.

But Astoria has had her fill of failures, and she wants her new projects to be launched upon safe and equitable lines. She has given up good money, from time immemorial, only to see it transmuted into assets that inured to Portland or some other place, and the story is too old for any re-telling. This is the reason the Morning Astorian is becoming hyper-critical, and the attitude is taken at the behest of genuine PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

We want the electric line to the coast and Tillamook as much as those who are in the lead, the promoters, want it, and we will do all in our power to secure it, urge it, commend it and prize it; but the experience of the past, along this same route, is warrant for our insistence that the matter shall be prosecuted on the best and safest basis; given that, there will be no carping nor questioning, but only good-will and all the aid we can render. It is too good a venture to be lost for the want of a word of caution.

### THEY LOST OUT.

A group of Portland drummers boarded the evening express at that city for Astoria the other day, and on the way down two or three of them indulged in some pretty free comment on Astoria and its relation to Portland, all of which was, to say the least of it, uncomplimentary to Astoria. Two local merchants happened to be in the chair-car and took it all in, one of them expressing himself, then and there, in unqualified terms of rebuke.

These merchants had the opportunity the next day of turning down the men who had done the most of

the contemptuous talk on the train, and left no sort of doubt in the minds of the disappointed drummers as to why their orders went to San Francisco instead of up the river.

This goes to show how even the adroit and up-to-date drummer will, at times, make grave blunders. These men had no figures from their houses to placate these Astoria merchants; they simply lost out, and the homecoming tradesmen did a distinct service to the city when they refused to give the business to the "long-tongues." Happily all drummers are not so unwise, and we inclined to the belief the men in question have learned a lesson they will not soon forget, nor repeat.

Astoria is no place to cast aspersions upon, in a commercial sense; she trades heavily with the wholesalers and pays her bills; this is the limit of comment and conjecture, from a business standpoint; outside that issue, her short-comings and long-goings are purely local concerns and not amenable to reckless and semipublic gossip at the hands of those who profit by her trade. This is a good town, a busy town, and progresses with the exact ratio of her opportunity; she has a welcome for everybody, even those who are foolish enough to disparage her; she is sound financially and making distinct and creditable headway, year by year, along all avenues of development, and has fewer commercial failures than any city on the coast.

### ELECTRICAL FLASHES

Peru is to have a wireless system. A new type of metallic mirror has been invented for electrical search-lights.

A new hydro-electric power plant of 4,000 horse-power is to be erected on the Trinity River near Big Flat, California.

Walter J. Willenborg, of Virginia, a 14 year old school boy, has constructed a wireless plant at his home and invented a small portable wireless apparatus which he carries about with him in his pocket.

One manufacturing plant turns out 5,000 telephones every day.

American engineers have constructed a trolley road to the pyramids.

Albert Wrensch, of Pleasantdale, N. J., hatches chicks in an electric incubator. He says a greater percentage of eggs hatch under electric heat than by any other means.

Professor Albert C. Geysler, of the Cornell Medical College, has produced a device called the Cornell Tube which will absolutely eliminate all danger connected with the use of the X-ray.

On the first day of the opening of the tunnel under the East River from New York to Brooklyn 140,000 passengers rode through the tube. Even this enormous amount failed to make any perceptible difference in the crush at Brooklyn bridge.

Denver has adopted the plan of lighting every dark alley in the city with arc lights. Since the municipality adopted this scheme law breaking after dark has practically ceased. Fewer policemen are needed and the residents claim their homes and property are safer. The city streets are as light as day, almost, on the darkest night and there are no dark corners for toughs to hide in.

Electrical exports have fallen off considerably from last year's report. The total of electrical machinery and instruments for the eight months, including February is \$10,946,814, while the corresponding period of 1906-7 gave \$11,169,989. This might well be explained by the drop in copper, but as an actual fact, the loss occurs not in heavy machinery, but in the minor apparatus where copper does not cut much figure. The export of electrical machinery for the month (March) rose from \$561,672 to \$844,047, but the export of apparatus fell from \$579,855 to \$479,779. An investigation of the figures shows that in apparatus the demand from the United Kingdom fell off from \$1,237,363 for the eight months to \$467,830.

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