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### THE WEATHER

Oregon—Increasing cloudiness followed by showers along the coast, cooler western portion, except near the coast.

Washington—Fair.  
Idaho—Fair.

### WILL IT PAY ASTORIA?

There is a good deal of talk of an apprehensive sort going the rounds of Astoria just now, and the coming of the steamer Charles R. Spencer and the results of her invasion of the A. & C., O. R. & N. and Kamm territory.

The idea is prevalent that a sharp fight is being programmed for the swift river liner, and that it will be precipitated by the coming of the steamer Baily Gatzert, which will enter the field with a schedule of passenger rates hovering about the "two-bit" limit, while preserving the freight rates intact; the conclusion is final and general that such a contretemps will be disastrous for this city, as the sum of local buying will revert largely to Portland, as it did some years ago when such a tariff prevailed between this city and that.

The Spencer people are accused of hauling potatoes and feed-stuffs at a sharp reduction, while billing them at the nominal rate, and it is said, further, that a number of Astoria merchants are making use of the abatement. This is to be resented by the transportation companies and in a fashion that will mean a whole lot for the Spencer, and the trade of Astoria; and the logical question arises, "will it pay Astoria to permit this condition to come to pass?"

Every business man here wants to see the tariffs at the lowest and safest points, of course, and will do all that is reasonable to secure such concessions; but whether it is "safe and sane" to precipitate a rate-war that will take the local dollar to the metropolises for its spending, is a matter of deep significance and should be weighed well and honestly before it passes into fact. The sacrifices in either case had better be measured very exactly before the river-rate war is launched; and the loyal Astorian will probably look to it carefully and in time. And now is the time.

### WHY SHOULD WE PAY IT?

It is evident to all men that the San Francisco insurance trust is determined to recoup the immense losses from the earthquake and fire there two years ago, by piling on the rates in all Pacific adjacent territory. It is so plain that there is a general movement throughout the Northwest to hedge sharply and quickly against the imposition.

It is well to be warned and well to prepare for the campaign; for it is coming, alright! Why should we pay this tremendous exaction when we are already staggering under a schedule of rates that is an outrage approaching sheer robbery? We are giving millions of money each year for the protection that is ours under the scale, and any increase, suggested, or applied, is to be fought to a standstill.

It must be remembered by all interested that there are plenty of non-board companies on the Pacific Coast now, ready and willing to carry the risks at the lucrative rates in existence; and if the trust-board that headquarters at the Pacific metropolises does not believe it, let it put out an advanced rate-card and take careful note of the reaction.

There is a limit to commercial patience and it is time this combine was ascertaining it. Their very agents ought to apprise them of it, and, in many instances we happen to know they have done so. At all events there is to be a good hard fight put up in this city if the occasion arises; and as things seem to be shaping themselves, it will not be long in coming; the city has just been surveyed for re-mapping and, of course, for re-rating, and the word will be sent down to us all in good swift time. We must be ready to do our stunt of re-writing.

### DEPORTATION CHEAPER.

The case of Frank Beckman, the insane person just committed from this county to the asylum for insane at Salem, is one to point the moral of Governmental interference. This man has been in the country for 20 years, coming hither from Sweden, his nature and system charged to the full with the germ of insanity. The man is a raving maniac; a fierce type of the awful mental reaction that follows its hereditary plane, only to break forth on some extraordinary strain and pressure, and at best, costing the country enormously to care for and perpetuate an existence wholly unfit and menacing. This man never even applied for his first papers in citizenship; he is an alien charge upon the purse of the native and naturalized citizenry of the state and country.

It would infinitely better and cheaper to deport such people; and the glaring fact that nine-tenths of the insane patients sent out from this county are of alien birth, warrants an investigation on the part of the government for the ascertainment of those similarly affected and yet to be heard from on this awful score. The normal man we want with us always; he is welcome to all the country has to give him no matter where he comes from; but the hereditary lunatic is a world-menace, and as long as law exists for his discovery and restriction, it should be made operative through the deliberate search of the federal authorities for just such cases as Beckman's.

### MOSQUITOES AND HISTORY.

We learn from excellent authority that ancient Troy came to an untimely end through misplaced confidence in a wooden horse; we are fairly well agreed about the causes of the fall of Nieneh, Pompeii and San Francisco, but we have always been a little mixed about Rome. Grain and circuses and baths have, at various times, been saddled with the responsibility for Rome's downfall: But we shall have no more of this idle speculation. We know all about it now—it was mosquitoes!

Jones is the prosaic name of the man who has made this homely discovery. He is an English medical investigator who has been digging around in the ruins of Greece and Rome. He finds that malaria, carried in by industrious, evil-minded mosquitoes, was the cause of the physical and intellectual decline of these ancient peoples. When, therefore, you see a descendant of Sophocles selling peanuts, or a modern Brutus turning a grind-organ, do not reproach him; treat him with kindly pity. He simply made the mistake of having ancestors without screen doors.

You cannot change mosquito nature. Ever since the time of the ancient Egyptians they have been defying boards of health and pure-food laws and leaving destruction in their path. Yet this does not mean that the New Jerseyites and the Long Islanders of to-day will be the fruit vendors of to-morrow; that the raft of summer boarders is doomed to extinction. They are barricading their windows with screens, they are burning sweet incense in every home in Hackensack. All over New Jersey they are draining marshes and sprinkling petroleum on ponds and pools. The armies of ancient Rome could not prevail against this insidious foe, but the oilcan is mightier than the sword.—Success Magazine.

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NEW YORK June 29.—For more than a month Stephen Joseph Adam, chief of the fire department of Buda Pest, Hungary, has been fighting fire on the East side as a member of Hook and Ladder Company 18. Adam, who weighs 230 pounds, came to this country accompanied by his wife and son and commissioned by the Buda Pest authorities to make a thorough investigation of the system of fighting the flames in the big cities of the M. S. The credentials represented to Fire Chief Croker insured him every attention and his request to gain experience as a real fire laddie was granted. He was equipped with helmet uniform, rubber coat and rubber boots and sent to Truck No. 18 to learn how the New York fire fighters do business. It took the Hungarian fire fighter several days to become accustomed to the quick action of the New Yorkers. At the first alarm the hook and ladder truck was half way to the fire before Adam had his boots on. He soon caught the swing, however, and was usually the first to slide down the brass pole.

Tomorrow Adam will join the crew of the fire boat New Yorker at the Battery yard and for two weeks will see how harbor fires are fought. Next he will go to Chicago to observe the system there.

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NEW YORK June 29.—Eighteen boats have been entered for the Lipton cup ocean yacht race which will start next Saturday morning from the Brooklyn Yacht Club. The entries will not close with the committee in charge of this interesting contest until tomorrow and it is expected that at least twenty boats will start in the 325 mile race. The only unfortunate feature about the coming race of the Brooklyn Yacht Club is that the cup to be awarded the victor is not yet in evidence. Sir Thomas Lipton, who holds many close friendships with the members of the club, offered the trophy a year ago. It is to cost \$1,000, but it has not arrived here. Sir Thomas will be kept informed by the committee of the success of the race and the name of the winning yacht with other details to be sent to him immediately after the result is known. It is said that the coming race will occupy slightly over three days. The start will be made at 10 o'clock and the course will be southward to Scotland Lightship, to and around Fire Island, then around the northwest end of the light vessel off Cape May.

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