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**THE WEATHER**

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair and warmer, except near the coast.

**TAFT IS RIGHT.**

The statement made recently at Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Hon. William H. Taft, that "there is no class of the American electorate the voters of which could be, or would be, delivered by its leaders" is one that appeals to the pride and honesty of every group in the country. The day of that sort of political leadership is fast waning in this country, to its very distinct credit and betterment.

There has been a wonderful evolution in the manner of disposing local and general politics throughout the United States in the past few years; a publicity, a fearless and masterful system of man-handling, a popular and justifiable grilling, and the introduction of popular legislation circumscribing the rabid force and trend of political action on the part of leaders that has diminished, and to a great extent, nullified, the influence and power of the old-time boss; he is fast becoming a back-number, and if the country owes nothing else to the alleged "muck-raker" it does owe him largely for the impetus he has given in this behalf, a plea and course of political redemption that was profoundly needed. And the one invincible proof of the efficacy of this work of exposure and readjustment, lies in the co-ordinate statement of the great Republican candidate, that "the National Republican Committee will accept no contributions from corporations," which is accentuated by a similar declaration from Democratic headquarters.

There is measurable comfort in these conclusions for the ordinary voter of the land; it is a good thing to know that the lordliest gift in the possession of a free people is comparatively safe from the gross and stultifying touch of the Narpies and peddlers of politics and that the conservation of the boon is being forced to perpetuation at the hands of the men who stand pre-eminently at the head of public thought and expression, Taft, and Bryan.

Unhappily, Oregon has much to do in recouping from the incubus and disparagement to which she has sunk from this very cause and the sooner her people seek to realize upon the freer and cleaner doctrine of political thought and action the better for the State in a thousand ways. We must set up the better standards if we would enjoy the benefits that inure from them; to note and quote them is not enough in the service of redemption; we must prove our faith by our works and our men, and compel both to conform to the up-lift.

**WITHIN OURSELVES.**

The issues that have been raised in this city with regard to the telephone service, past, and to come, are matters of purely local import and lie within our own purview, for correction and redemption. We do not need advice nor aid from extraneous people nor sources. We may go abroad for what examples other cities and towns may furnish in having disposed of similar troubles; but we have the business sense, and business resources, to cure our own trouble and do not need the gratuitous counsel of the rank outsider whose interest is tempered vividly with practical and personal selfishness.

Astoria has the money to apply to what lines of service she shall choose to adopt whenever the hour for that choice arrives, and she is willing to pay for the better service and to pay the existing company for it, if it shall furnish it; in default of which she can deal direct with any other reputable concern or established source of supply, or set up her

own company and plant, and own, operate and control it.

It is well to be on guard against all irresponsible overtures from unknown people. We know what we want, and knowing and wanting, are qualified to say what it shall be, who shall supply it, what it shall cost, and upon what terms of franchise and equipment it shall proceed; with this leeway of prestige it is sheer folly to accept overtures from people utterly unknown and barren of unimpeachable references.

The Common Council and the Chamber of Commerce acting together, with the consent of the business men of Astoria, are qualified to relieve a very unpleasant situation, and do it without committing the public to the uninvited interest of people from the outside whose sole concern in the case is on a par with that of the company that has wrought the very complexities that confronts us at this time, to graft the people.

The markets reflect the idea that a nominee who has lost twice will be apt to get even a harder jolt the third time.

"Guffey was not beaten in Pennsylvania," says a paper in that state. Mr. Guffey's error was in not realizing that there is in Lincoln, Neb., a party supreme judge entirely unhampered by state lines.

Governor Hughes is catching speckled trout in the Adirondacks, and keeping the state politicians guessing as to his second term intentions. The people of New York will take a hand in suggesting the right thing.

Enough new battleships are nearing completion to make an Atlantic fleet of eight to sail eastward to welcome the circumnavigators several months hence. The navy is not increasing as fast as some desire, but it is doing well.

After the hour and a half of noisy hysterics on the convention floor, as fixed up in advance, Mr. Bryan solemnly returned thanks to the Democrats of the United States. Mr. Bryan was not far wrong in his original intention to be a comedian.

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**ODD TALE FROM GUATEMALA**

Exiles and "Emigrados" Tell The Story, Which Arises Out of the Revolutionary Troubles Now Brewing In Central American States.

MEXICO CITY, July 20.—"Emigrados" and political exiles from the Republic of Guatemala and Salvador who for some time have taken up an enforced residence in this capital are a unit in declaring that Dr. Herman Prowe told the truth regarding President Estrada Cabrera's contribution to the republican campaign fund of 1904.

More than a dozen of them have been interviewed and most of them express surprise when it was said that Dr. Prowe's statement was doubted. They declare that the payment of the money to the American minister was more or less of an open secret and whether the Republican campaign manager or the officers of the present administration know anything of the matter or not Estrada Cabrera does not forget it, for the promised support from them did not come. This, they claim, was demonstrated within the past fortnight by the presence of the criser Albany at the Pacific Honduran port of Puerto Cortez. The emigrados, who meet here at frequent intervals, claim to have received advices from what they characterize as an authoritative source to the effect that Cabrera after inveigling to his support President Figueroa started the revolution in Honduras for the purpose of drawing President Zelaya into the conflict and then overthrowing both him and Davila. Cabrera was to name their successors and thus become master of Central America in fact. As an argument to win over President Figueroa, it is claimed that Cabrera pointed out that he had the United States assured as his friend. He referred to the stand taken by the former United States Ministers at Guatemala, naming Messrs. Hunter and Lee. He concluded, it is alleged by saying that Minister Hunter was his friend. According to the emigrados, this argument completely won over Figueroa. When Figueroa asked what part the Republic of Mexico would play in the matter, it is

declared that Cabrera answered that an agreement between that country and the United States existed by the terms of which Mexico agreed to follow the lead of the United States pertaining to Central America in general and Guatemala in particular. The only discrepancies in the stories told by the emigrados were regarding the amount of the alleged contribution to the Roosevelt campaign fund. Some of them maintained that the donation was \$5,000 instead of \$10,000 as reported by Dr. Prowe.

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