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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair west, showers and thunderstorms east portion; cooler except near coast.

A COMPENSATORY POLICY.

It has become a settled and proven conviction in the minds of the patrons of the insurance trust of the Pacific Coast, that the companies are committed to the compensatory policy of raising the rates whenever it has suffered a distinct fire loss in any given district; and with such a conclusion once unanimous there is little to wonder at in the rebellion of the great clientele against the very doctrine of insurance.

There is a case in point, here at home, in which a great industrial concern, after having met the demands of the insurance people for the instant rehabilitation of its electric wiring plant within the buildings occupied, had to face a 10 per cent raise in the rates, and which is even now being sharply contested before the board of underwriters. Such action is directly in line with the policy mentioned above, and is going to do more to bring the insurance business into disrepute and negation than anything heretofore tried.

There is a general awakening all along the line of business life to the evils of trust methods that will end in the obliteration of the "combine" policy. The people are no longer amenable to the imposition and are looking for it everywhere; public suspicion is agog and inquiry is the rule of action on all sides; risk is cheaper than outrage; and popular rebellion against deliberate robbery on "business principles" is afoot. Especially in insurance matters. And it is high time!

IT WILL NOT DOWN.

The civic authorities of Astoria may as well make up their minds to tackle and dispose, finally, of the question of grades in this city, and meet a live issue once and for all time; as to continue the present policy of indifference and inertia will but add incalculably to the problem and its solution in the days to come.

There is held in abeyance at this hour an investment of \$150,000 for the erection of a huge department store building in this city, because of the turmoil and confusion incident to the establishment of the proper grades in the business heart of the city. That they must be raised goes without denial here. It is freely admitted on all sides; and the longer the issue is allowed to pend, the greater will become the public and private burden of meeting it.

We suggest the calling, under the authority of the common council, of a mass meeting of the property owners certain to be effected by the imperative policy of raising the grades of the commercial district, to the end that the matter may be fully and intelligently aired and understood, and that a basis may be reached and the largest civic conundrum of Astoria's day be solved upon a basis of equity and perpetuity.

RECLAIMING TIDE LANDS.

The reclamation of 5000 acres of Young's River tide-lands now under way at the hands of F. K. Johnson, as contractor, is a very much more significant matter than is generally allowed hereabout. It is an initial stroke of enterprise in its way and will prove the basis for a wide range of such improvement by the time it is finished. These acres are immeasurably valuable in a productive sense, and as commerce is the logical issue of all industry, we may expect to see developments of no mean sort from this beginning. The enhancement of values on the land itself in the early future is no small desideratum; and the trade, the improvements, the homes, the faculty of supply, all are contingent and certain in the course of the enterprise. No word nor obstacle should ever be laid in the way of such schemes as this, and we are hoping this good work will lend impetus to scores of just such sensible and practical movements all along the water frontages possessed by old Clatsop.

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BISHOP POTTER.

The death of Henry Codman Potter, Episcopal bishop of New York, while anticipated for some weeks, falls with unabated significance upon the great diocese as well as upon the American public at large. This man and priest has, for long years, been a notable figure in the social and scholarly life of the nation and its metropolis, as well in the church of which he was an honored and exalted leader. He has done a noble duty by the poor of New York and has done it as became a prince of the church with princely resources, ever putting his duty above place, prerogative and other precedent. He has cut his own peculiar niche in the halls of fame and a grateful church and grateful people will see to it that the memory of a good man is made imperishable.

An American in Panama who vigorously objected to washing windows with an American flag was chased across the border by a lieutenant general in full uniform and several policemen. It may be that our marines at Panama will be needed to prevent the natives from getting too gay.

Mr. Carmack, who was defeated for the Democratic nomination for governor in Tennessee, says "the war has just begun." The Tennessee Republicans have a good chance, but it is a singular fact that they always run a dead heat with the Democrats in factional quarrels.

The Democratic newspapers that opposed Bryan in 1896 are still against him and many of those that support him are evidently not hopeful. As to the future he has simply said that he expects to be good for four or five more campaigns. The lot of a Democratic newspaper since 1896 has not been a happy one.

Mr. Kern married an Ohio woman and belongs to the same church as President Roosevelt. But as a political understudy he appears to be hopelessly handicapped.

Oregon furnished the first political straw of the year by giving a large Republican majority. Vermont and Maine will come next, but the Democrats insist that they don't count.

So many foreign diplomatic representatives have left Venezuela that Castro begins to feel lonesome for somebody to worry. A chronic tormentor feels that he is living in vain when reduced to a state of isolation.

It seems that the latest Canadian transcontinental Pacific Railroad will cost \$200,000,000, or \$80,000,000 more than the estimate. London bankers of late have advised Canada to slow up in its zeal for new transportation facilities.

During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

COFFEE

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New York News Letter

NEW YORK, July 22.—Water of any kind for every use is to-day coming seriously near the famine point in the heart as well as on the outskirts of this city. Six long rainless weeks under a torrid sun have parched every inch of ground for miles around and pinched to far below normal the great water sources upon which a half a dozen millions of souls depend. Day by day each square foot of drying lawn and sun-baked pavement has been lavishly deluged from every drain and hydrant in town, and foot by foot the big reservoirs have sunk under the strain. To meet the force of the sun in this record hot spell enough water has been tapped to fill the entire bay. If days of steady rain do not soon set in, it is expected that the authorities will call a halt to the threatening drain on their treasured water resources. Already water famine has touched Staten Island and the pressure in the pipes at other spots has lowered alarmingly. St. Swithin's Day has just passed clear; but no one likes to think what a forty-day drought must mean.

AFTER ATHLETICS.

The news of Uncle Sam's winnings in the course of the Olympic Games across the Atlantic has to-day roused athletic interest to fever heat throughout town. In ordinary times the talk of the track is left largely to the regulars of the big athletic clubs, who are always intent on developing a crew of record performers. Since the American team has gone into the heart of Britain to wrest athletic honors from all the world, however, every man, woman and child here has appeared to pick up the furor of the sport. Day and night every foot of space in all the enormous club houses of the athletic associations has been jammed with eager rooters, hanging on every word of cable news from the Stadium in London. No championship baseball series, no college contest, has ever called forth an enthusiasm greater or more general. Every branch of athletic sport has for several years boomed steadily here, and this meet of the nations will do much to advance track athletics with the public.

PLATT'S PLACE.

For the first time in the memory of the old guard, Tom Platt has failed to pass his birthday on the piazza of his favorite hotel at Manhattan Beach surrounded by a retinue of old-time friends. This week the retired veteran of the political ring was discovered in a secluded Long Island cottage on the eve of his seventy-fifth anniversary. If any of the hundreds of public men who always flocked to pay their respects on these occasions came down to shake the trembling hand of the dethroned boss they were not seen. Time was when these very men begged to have their names printed as delighting to honor the "easy boss" at these birthday celebrations. To-day no one of all of them apparently cares to be quoted as remembering the once-memorable date. As a lesson in the bitterness of politics a look at Tom Platt's birthday solitude last Wednesday would have been well worth while to any of the younger brood of aspiring politicians.

CHORUS CLOISTER.

As the sensation of the silly season about Broadway the rumor that a regular hotel is to be bought and opened exclusively for ladies of the theatre chorus is to-day startling all acclimated. Stripped of the many embellishments of half a dozen theatrical press agents, the basis of the story appears unusually near fact. A real firm appears to be backing with \$100,000 real money the purchase of this "Hotel Mary Anderson" where three hundred rooms will always be at the sole disposal of members of the "merry-merry." That just such accommodation is needed by hundreds of theatre working girls is undisputed, but whether or not the subjects themselves will see the need is as yet much in doubt. The promoters assert that the bachelor girls who require such surroundings are numbered on the stage by the hundred. Everyone is anxious to watch the scheme work out.

REAL RELICS.

Half a dozen burros are today plodding the pavement of the East Side under the direction of thousands of the children of the Tammany henchmen for whom they were brought from Denver. While the alkali-stained leaders have by this time settled back to the simple life once more, these living democratic emblems bid fair to form a perpetual relic of the strenuous days of the convention by Pike's Peak. A donkey is a rarity in the Bowery districts and crowds follow every step of the ambling little brutes. Tammany has been much taken by the West and the little burros find equal favor with the younger generation.

PROTECT THE ROBIN

Laws Will Save Redbreasts in Louisiana

MILLIONS WERE KILLED

Persistent Efforts on the Part of the National Audubon Societies Finally Bring a Victory for the Friends of the Winged Songsters.

NEW YORK, July, 22.—After four years of desperate fighting the first battle for Robin Red Breast has to-day been won in Louisiana, the heart of the section where this favorite American song bird is butchered by the million for the market. That the robin has at last been removed from the list of game birds by the legislature of the Creole State was announced to-day at the headquarters of the National Association of Audubon Societies. As the first fruits of a persistent campaign of education in the south, the officers of the association declare, their victory will mean the saving of dollars worth of crops for each tiny carcass spared as a tid-bit for the gourmand.

By a close vote the law makers of Louisiana have repealed the old game bird law in which the robin was classed as game and have decreed no open season for the wholesale destruction of the slightly species a million members of which were butchered for their mouthfuls of meat last year alone. Only Texas and Alabama of all the southern states now possess similar statutes, though it is declared that sentiment in the South is becoming generally aroused against the slaughter of these favorite birds of the country while they winter in lower latitudes.

That successful agriculture in this country would become impossible and vegetation soon be destroyed if the robin and his brother birds were exterminated has just been asserted by Professor Henshaw of the Biological Survey, and the Audubon authorities declare that his warning may come too late if this victory for the robin is not followed by a general campaign to preserve and even increase every such race of birds. Scientific examination of hundreds of robins has shown that almost half of their diet is composed of the insects that hean sure destruction to the tree and crops of the land. These very insects, it has been proven, damage the country's crops to the extent of \$500,000,000 annually, while their added ravages of woods and stored crops, it is calculated, rob the land of nearly a billion dollars each year. Though insect pests are known to be increasing, their natural destroyers, the birds are being gradually exterminated at an alarming rate, it is declared.

To open the eyes of the public to this crucial situation the National Association of Audubon Societies has been exerting its utmost resources for years in a general educational campaign. Encouraged by the results of this work for the robins in Louisiana, the officers of the association declared to-day that every means at their command would be used throughout the country to rouse the people to the value of the dying birds.

"This is a time of great emergency and the people must act at once by preserving their bird resources, before it is too late," said William Dutchan, president of the association, at its offices, 141 Broadway, to-day. "I know that some few people realize the gravity of the situation, for I am receiving contributions with letters asserting that this work is second only in economic importance to forest preservation. We are trying to reach every man, woman and child in this broad land with the story of our common danger, and we want every bird lover, farmer merchant and citizen of any walk in life to help us push this enormous task we have undertaken for the economic good of every American."

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REMORSE KILLS HIM

New York Police Officer Had Killed a Young Man

JEERED BY THE PUBLIC

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NEW YORK, July 22.—Policeman Alfred Shuttelworth of Brooklyn is dead. Although the physician's certificate will give paralysis as the cause of Shuttelworth's death, all who know the facts tell a different story. They say Shuttelworth died of remorse and of a broken heart.

Ten months ago he shot and killed a boy who was resisting arrest. It was an accidental killing, Shuttelworth insisted, but he was indicted by the grand jury, suspended from duty, shunned by his old friends and ostracized by his neighbors.

Vindication came last May when Assistant District Attorney Elder after a thorough investigation of the



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facts moved for a dismissal of the indictment.

Restored to duty Shuttelworth took fresh heart but by strange ill luck or bad judgement, Shuttelworth was assigned to the very post on which the tragedy had occurred, Isaac Jeffrey, the 19 year old son of a wealthy manufacturer, was the boy whom Shuttelworth shot. The shooting occurred at the entrance of Saratoga Park and at the time eye witnesses, insisted that Jeffrey's only offense was walking on the grass. But later evidence put a very different light on the tragedy. Shuttelworth had heard a girl's shriek for help and rushing to the spot found himself surrounded by a crowd of jeering rowdies who had been tormenting a young girl with insults.

Shuttelworth scattered the crowd, but only managed to make one capture. His prisoner was young Jeffrey. Ralling to his rescue the crowd attacked Shuttelworth, tore his club from his hand and beat him mercilessly. Jeffrey broke from him and fled. Then Shuttelworth drew his revolver and fired. He meant to fire in the air but the bullet passed through Jeffrey's head. The boy fell dead.

To go back to the post haunted with bitter memories of this tragedy was hard but Shuttelworth did it with out a word of protest. He never told of what really happened. Day after day as he walked his post men and women would point him out as "the cop who killed a boy." Everybody had heard the original version. Few knew the true facts. So day after day Shuttelworth was tortured by pointing fingers, muttered curses and the jeering of boys.

On June 12 he reported sick and never left his home again. Physicians were called but could give no aid. Shuttelworth, broken hearted was beyond reach of medicinal skill. One stroke of paralysis was followed by another, and death. Shuttelworth leaves a wife and six children.

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