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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers north, fair south. Washington—Showers west, east showers and thunderstorms.

PUBLIC PATIENCE.

The American is famous the world over for the calm endurance of his patience as a victim of insidious public evils that spring from the quasi-public, corporate lines of business wherewith he deliberately surrounds himself. It may be that the consciousness of his personal responsibility for these things, as an indifferent elector and citizen, has much to do with the equanimity he shows in the long-drawn crises and aftermath of corporate intolerance. Astoria is but one of ten thousand American communities that are bearing the burden of imposition in this regard, and she is a luminous light in the constellated field of imbecile patience. She is becoming historic for the supineness with which she permits herself to be overridden, and is but just awaking to the sum and scope of her burdens.

The hour is at hand for a general overhauling of the public service corporations of the land, and the readjustment of their relations to the public that created them, and this city is strictly in the van of that movement. She has her claims, many and strong, for amendment of the services and the costs thereof, to which she has been subjected for years, and which she must resist and qualify thoroughly, if she would have surcease from insolent and gratuitous imposition.

The reign of graft in this land of ours has fastened upon us more than the evil of raw theft of money; in its train are hundreds of correlative wrongs and abuses and minor phases of piracy that go to make the huge system at which American patience is at last rebelling hotly and widely all over the country. The public is merciless in its reprisals at times, and, while it is primarily blameable for all it suffers, it still possesses the inalienable right to redress the worst results of its own folly and call down the play of justice and decency for the common good.

STEAMER RACING.

Nobody, with a drop of sporting blood in his veins, really blames the master of a fine swift steamer for indulging in an occasional brush with an opponent that happens to own a vessel in that class, so long as human safety is kept to the fore and the record-making does not involve direct and serious loss of life and property. But it is very essential to choose a course that is open, free, and amenable to the event and not likely to suffer because of it.

The Willamette river, even at its confluence with the Columbia, and from there back to the Portland front is not wide enough for such sporty maneuvers as steamer racing; in fact, the channels there are so meagre and cramped we are at a loss to account for the extraordinary risks taken now and then by the river captains that indulge the game. The delicate and dangerous task of passing a flying competitor is one to stall the hardest pilot, and though it is done once in awhile, the successful man always reduces the sum of his victory by the re-action inseparable from the perilous risk he has taken in the doing of it.

And again, the restricted limits of the Portland "harbor" make it ruinous sport at all times, since the wash from the contesting steamers does instant and infinite damage all along the route. It's all right for racing little dinky craft like motor boats, or for sculling matches, or even swimming events; but it is no place for the big and spirited events. The steamer captains should reserve their races

for the wider waters of the Columbia river or for this harbor, where the play of the displaced water dies before it reaches any land in sight and does not bring havoc to the foot-gear of pedestrians up town. Come down here and do your racing, gentlemen; there is real room and water here, and sports enough to enjoy it. You'll ruin that narrow little basin up there if you're not careful; and besides, it's too much like "sailing chips in a tub" for real racing men.

DECLINED THE MASCOT.

The big Republican candidate for Presidential honors, Hon. William H. Taft, has been compelled to decline the gift of a mascot elephant at the hands of a warm admirer back East, and will "go it" minus the mammal supposed to typify the party and its glory. The jolly Ohioan may have concluded that the elephant was altogether too ponderous and rotund; too fit a subject for comparative and personal allusions, in a ribald press, that might forget itself in the suggestive fun of the hour; or he may have declined it on the ground that the pachyderm was too slow a traveling mate for a twentieth-century candidate, alive, alert, amenable and active as he is; at all events he has passed it up and will rely for success upon the wisdom of his countrymen and his insuperable claim upon it.

Mr. Taft has, in a large sense, been the mascot of the Rooseveltian era and is the logical heir to, and representative of, its honor and prestige. The friend and counsellor and peer of the ablest, cleanest, strongest executive the nation has known in nearly half a century, has a claim to the succession that will never be lost sight of, and will be realized upon for the mere safety and satisfaction that comes from taking the next and nearest to the real thing that has been denied us; and upon this hypothesis alone the election of Mr. Taft is practically admitted in the reasoning of the common people who intend to realize as much in their disappointment as possible. He needs no mascot; and if he did he has one in the manful confidence wherewith Theodore has urged the claim of his mate, mentor and fellow-citizen upon the national thought.

The third nomination of Bryan was not the best thing for the party, but the best he would permit.

No Bryan crowd ever went wild over the returns in November. There's method in making the noise in July.

A phrenologist who makes a map of Mr. Bryan's head saves his face by stating that the Nebraskan has a large organ of language.

In Switzerland 20,000 women have engaged in watchmaking. If the men are smart they will keep their eyes on farming. There's billions in it.

The year's record for the long jump rests with the Mexican revolutionists when they hear Diaz mentioned as approaching the neighborhood.

On the morning of November 4 Mr. Guffey will remind the Democrats that he called Bryan "the most impudent, demoneering, devastating boss the Democratic party has ever known."

COFFEE

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AFTER THE SULTAN

Young Turkey Movement Rapidly Becomes Formidable

DESIRE A CONSTITUTION

The Revolutionary Propaganda Permeates All Classes And Is Making Fast Headway, Despite The Fact That It Lacks A Strong Leader.

LONDON, July 23.—Details received here of the crisis of a large section of the army with young Turkish sympathies are still somewhat obscure, but it is evident that the sultan has been driven to adopt strong measures to meet the difficult situation.

The present crisis appears to have been the result of general discussion. A body of the sultan's troops in the Monastir district, discontented with their pay, bad food and clothing have fallen under the influence of the young Turkey propaganda and mutinied. The leading features of the young Turkey movement are a demand for constitutional government and opposition to any European interference, on the ground that it would mean the ultimate separation of Macedonia from the Ottoman empire.

As it is admittedly hopeless to expect the sultan to grant parliamentary rule, the Young Turkey demand is really for the abdication of the Sultan to enable the inauguration of the constitution. The adherents of the Young Turkey faction are scattered among all classes of tradesmen and officials and the movement evidently is making great headway, although at the present-time it lacks a strong leader.

During the past week numerous assassinations of officers under suspicion of being reformers to Young Turkey have been reported from Macedonia while Greek outrages against Bulgarians tend to strengthen the reformist movement because the Bulgarians are likely to make common cause with the Young Turks.

VANDERBILT CUP RACE.

The American Automobile Club Meet Will Have Many Foreign Cars.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The racing board of the American Automobile Club held a meeting yesterday and

made a definite announcement concerning the Vanderbilt cup race but the course selected and other details of the race promised by July 1 were not made public. Sec. Elliot's official statement issued after the meeting declared there would be a "substantial number of foreign cars in the contests and that an elimination race for the American cars would be probably necessary. The action taken was the appointment of a committee to scrutinize requests for sanctions growing out of the trouble in Philadelphia over the sanction for a race meet at Point Breeze for next Saturday. The sanctions had subsequently to be revoked and to avoid difficulties, Henry T. Clinton, Frank G. Webb, and A. B. Pardington were named to investigate all applications. A condition of sanction hereafter will be the appointment of satisfactory racing officials, lists of which must be submitted with the application.

FOR BIG MERGER.

Stockholders May Consolidate The Rio Grande Lines.

DENVER, Colo., July 23.—Stockholders in the Denver and Rio Grande Railway and the Rio Grande Western will hold a meeting this afternoon to ratify the plan for consolidating all the Rio Grande railways in Colorado and Utah excepting the Rio Grande Southern and to authorize an issue of \$150,000,000 in bonds. The new bond issue will be used to retire the outstanding bonds of the Rio Grande Company and to finance the construction of the Western Pacific, the new Gould line from Salt Lake to San Francisco.

It is stated that none of the big officials of the Gould line will be present at the meeting. Local officials of the Rio Grande have been furnished with proxies which will be cast when the several matters taken up are voted upon. The disposition of the Utah Fuel Company, the stock of which is owned by the Rio Grande Western will not come before tomorrow's meeting and will be held in abeyance until the test case now in the courts in the East decides the constitutionality of the laws prohibiting railroads from owning coal companies doing an interstate business.

PLATINUM DECLINES.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Platinum which sold at \$40 an ounce a year ago, has taken a big decline and yesterday was quoted at just half as much, \$20 an ounce. The metal is extensively used by jewelers as the backing for diamonds in brooches and other ornaments. Dentists and manufacturers of electric photographic supplies also are large consumers

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ers of platinum. The price of platinum doubled between 1905 and 1907 and is now down to the 1905 price. It sold as low as \$8 to \$10 an ounce 15 years ago.

Dealers in speaking of the present price of the metal attribute the decline to the business depression and consequent falling off in demand.

Nearly all platinum comes from the Ural mountains and the government of Russia keeps close control of the

mines. Small quantities of the metal are obtained in South American countries also.

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