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## THE WEATHER

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

## OUR DEBT TO ASTORIA.

The first and deepest obligation of every man is owing to his home city and county; the best quality of public spirit is his faith in, and allegiance to, the locality that furnishes forth his livelihood and citizenship; his duty is plainly and initially, there. When he has done his best for it, it is time to turn elsewhere and invest his substance, or its excess.

We all owe much to Astoria. It is ours; we have built it and set it up as a place of consequence and interest, and we must preserve it intact and further its destiny at all times and hazards. If we have any superficial interest elsewhere it should not interfere with our logical and imperative sense of home interest.

What we need in this city and county is to be "Hood Riverized," "Eugenized"; to know surely, devoutly believe, and say, candidly, and often, and truthfully, that this is the one best spot on earth for the investments of the home-seeker, the industrialist, the man of commerce; prove it, and get him in here by the honest allurements of every concession that pride and interest can devise and grant. Nothing short of this is ever going to put us up in front and keep us there; and there are none to do it but ourselves.

In all Oregon, indeed in all the great Northwest, there is no place that would respond to the unified and aggressive spirit of its people more surely and quickly than Astoria; and there is no time like the present for the summoning of that ardor, mergence, and action that are to save us and make us a commanding factor in the commerce of the country. This has been said before a thousand times, perhaps, but it is still a vital and vibrant truth, and we had best apply it in the way that common sense and common interest dictates.

## THE SPYING WORLD.

There is no quest known to man so absorbing, fascinating and compensating as spying out human and natural secrets. Since the dawn of creation it has been a principle of action with men and animals and must go on eternally. There is no stopping it; the penalties inherent in the custom are, perhaps, the most severe and conclusive of all known reprisals; yet the task is never relinquished on that score; risks of the most extraordinary and dangerous character are taken hourly in the alluring pursuit of finding, and determining, the forbidden secrets of the elements, and of their highest type and servant, man.

There has been a great deal of comment in the press of the world of late about the Japanese and their insatiable search for military and naval secrets of the great powers; they have been detected time and again in this country, and all over Europe, prying into the systems and stations and methods that have to do with the offensive and defensive equipments of the nations; but one never hears a word of what becomes of the spy. But the Japanese is no exception to the rule of spying; all peoples have their spies out, and keep exact and voluminous records of the reports that are filed by them. We are doing the same thing all the time and everywhere; we must do it to keep abreast of the day and its demands, and to guard against the exigencies of war and the chance of invasion. In hiding our own secrets we are inspired to know the range and quality of others. It is a perfectly natural and, in the main, defensible course.

The results are often immensely valuable to the nations; and the score of acquired knowledge tends to preserve the universal peace we enjoy. As to the quest for nature's glorious mysteries, that goes on uninterruptedly, with its full measure of sacrifice, to the abounding good of humanity and the deathless honor of its sons and daughters.

## NOW FOR ACTUALITIES.

For years Astoria has patiently abided the solemn promises of the Pacific States Telephone Company to modernize and vitalize its public service here, only to be crowded to the rear and bear with the company's failure to make good. That patience exhausted, and the lapse made duly manifest, has evoked a late, and last, pledge that we are to have, at once, a proper and acceptable service, along modern and effective lines. Again we are believing; but with this difference: That if the good faith of the company is not immediately and practically demonstrated there will be such a campaign started for the nullification of its franchise and the introduction of new and better utilities at other hands, as will, for all time, bar the P. S. people from the field and its profits.

The essential thing with Astorians is a better and ampler service; they are not so particular about who shall render it, and are quite willing the present company should do it, BUT IT MUST BE DONE. The company has said it will do it, and complete it by the first of January next. And if the people are to be held tractable and amenable to the wait, there must be some early and earnest signs put forth by which to gauge the real purposes of the projectors. The day of dawdling is past and it is strictly up to the Pacific States people to make good.

Having arrived at the age of 60 Dr. Osler admits that he has resolved to take better care of his health than ever.

European papers remark that the two platforms contain numerous planks that are alike. As the Republicans were first in the field it is easy to identify the party that is stealing thunder.

Some of the Bryanites are claiming Iowa, whose majority against Bryan was 65,552 in 1896 and 98,543 in 1900. How volatile the Iowans must be in the opinion of a sanguine Bryan boomer.

One of the Tammany callers on Mr. Bryan said: "If we don't carry New York for you this time I'll never shake hands with you again." If this fails as a jolly it will serve as a touching valedictory.

Since the flurry of last October the export of farm products from this country has kept up at almost the highest known mark. The American farmer is unsurpassed as a tower of financial strength.

The proposed increase in the railroad freight rate on sugar between the Atlantic ports and the West is about one-fiftieth of a cent per pound. Consumers should remind dealers of this figure if the retail price is advanced.

## COFFEE

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## New York News Letter

NEW YORK, July 27.—New York with its debt limit reached, now finds itself confronted by the unpleasant necessity of raising \$2,500,000 or else seeing its famous Central Park reduced to a dust heap. Nearly twenty years ago the importance of this problem was brought to light and disregarded. Since then matters have been getting more and more serious until today the city finds itself in danger of losing its greatest spot of natural beauty, as well as its greatest breathing spot. For years it has been increasingly difficult to continue the growth of trees, shrubs, flowers and grass. Not in forty-nine years, that is since 1859, has the soil been renewed or adequately treated. As a result it has just about come to the point where all vegetation is due to disappear. So long has all consideration of this matter been sidetracked that nothing short of heroic treatment can keep this wonderful park from degenerating into an eyesore bare of all vegetation. Ordinary methods will not now suffice to save it, experts assert, the soil being too far impoverished. Treatment never before undertaken will have to be resorted to, for so exhausted is the soil at present that practically nothing could be raised on it. This in itself is serious enough but in addition there is the question as to the manner in which Father Knickerbocker is to raise the money necessary to save his park. With his borrowing capacity exhausted the problem is extremely serious. Indeed real estate men who have prophesied that sooner or later the park would cut up into building lots see in the present situation the likelihood of an early fulfillment of their prophesy.

Poor Hetty Green is now reaping the financial whirlwind. Her brief sojourn in one of New York's most expensive hotels has gotten in its iniquitous work and undermined the financial training of years. For now, alas, Hetty-America's wealthiest woman actually gives tips and that to the astonishing amount of four dollars a week. It is even whispered that she now spends nearly a thousandth part of her income. In two brief months she has thrown aside the economy of years. On the first of May she was living in a \$19 a month flat in Hoboken, with all other expenses limited to \$9 a week. Four weeks later the money spending madness having seized her she was installed in a \$450 a month suite in a metropolitan hotel where meals cost ten dollars a day. So severe a strain was this on an income of a couple of millions a year, and the largest cash balance in New York, that she has removed to a Madison Avenue boarding house. But the weeks of expensive life are now claiming their due, for it is stated that in her present surroundings her expenses for her dog, her daughter and herself average forty dollars a week. And the woman who was never known to tip until her flight into exclusive metropolitan hotel life, is now, it is stated, giving thirty cents a day to her waiter, and as much more to others who serve her. It is now announced however that she is to retire to her Vermont home where her expenses will be only \$20 a week. Thus has the sinister influence of New York ruined the good principles of one more worker, and now that the scandal of her tipping habit has led to her acquaintances fear that the woman whose income is several thousand dollars a day may yet throw all prudence to the wind and hire a cab some rainy morning.

Just what New York's canine and feline population amounts to has long been a matter of dispute. It has been estimated however that there are no less than one million dogs and five millions cats in the city, an estimate by the way which many persons who have been kept awake by barking and yowling consider it foolishly small. It now seems, however, as a matter of cold figures that this estimate is too low for while no census of the living has been taken, figures have been compiled on the number of cats and dogs which as strays have been destroyed in the city since the first of the year. For this period the total reaches more than 77,000 which even though it has to do only with waifs and strays take no consideration of the more fortunate pets, is nearly twice the human death rate. During the month of June no less than 21,985 stray dogs and cats were "seized, gathered and collected" as the language of the report has it, an increase of 11,454 over June 1907. During that year more than 100,800 of these animals were destroyed while the total

this year promises to nearly double the number. During the last fourteen years 1,200,000 stray cats and dogs have been "humanely disposed of," 800,000 of the former and 400,000 of the latter. From these figures it would seem that the feline population is twice the canine, but as a matter of fact it is more than five times greater, Tabby being a much more difficult animal to catch than Fido. Taking all these various figures into consideration it is not an extreme estimate which gives Greater New York in its metropolitan district 6,000,000 cats and 1,500,000 dogs—a very remarkable population.

The famous bar of the now almost demolished Fifth Avenue hotel, over which more famous drinks were served to more famous men than over any other in the country, is to enter a new service, and Broadway is to have a new sensation. That sensation is to be the opening of a box in the center of the Tenderloin over which only temperate drinks will be sold. The bar itself is to be the one which for more than half a century did service in the old hotel, and the mahogany over which the country's most prominent men have at various times taken their favorite tipples will now know nothing stronger than ice cream and soda water. Shades of President Arthur, Roscoe Conkling, even Richard Croker, and many others, will groan in dismay. All the fixtures of the famous old bar have been purchased for the opening of the new and novel "soft drink emporium." Even one of the old benches which occupied a famous nook in the old hotel will be present with a sign above it reading "Amen Corner" so that old timers may feel thoroughly at home so far as the fittings are concerned. For such of the old guard of the city's greatest political center as are left shake their heads sadly at the idea of an Amen Corner surrounded by martini girls drinking ice cream sodas. The old traditions may go with the bar to its new home, but it is a safe bet that the old politicians will not.

If President Roosevelt is correct in his statement that playgrounds are necessary for the development of wholesome citizenship in large cities, New York should soon lead the whole country in the class of her citizens. With the public schools closed the playgrounds show an unprecedented registration with 380,775 members enrolled in Manhattan and 156,127 in Brooklyn, making a total of more than half a million future desirable citizens. The enrollment in these vacation classes is purely voluntary and the fact that under these conditions the number is two-thirds of the public school attendance, with truancy laws and officers to help it, indicates the manner in which New York youngsters are taking advantage of the chance for summer education. While popularly known as playgrounds, the vacation school sessions as a matter of fact are largely held in school buildings and aim to teach useful trades. There are various classes in domestic science, mechanical occupations and nature studies. The girls are taught how to prepare simple foods and how to minister to the sick, while the boys are instructed in carpentering, chair caning and similar trades. Particular attention is paid in every case to the proper development of the body. Altogether these summer sessions probable undertaking in the line of popular juvenile education which has ever been undertaken in the country.

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