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THE WEATHER

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

A TENTATIVE INTEREST.

Much as Astoria has wanted the definite interest of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, of which she is, practically, a sea terminal, and one of the largest towns on the system outside of Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, she has never had but a tentative share of the concern the road lavishes on her inland communities.

The absorption of the Astoria & Columbia River line by the N. P. put this city and her contiguous resorts, at this season at least, well within the purview of the company's summer advertising, but it has been remarkably chary about doing anything conspicuously attractive in the way of advertising the best summer resorts in all Oregon, and our people are noticing it on all sides and commenting upon it.

The N. P. officials have allowed themselves to pose as good friends of this section, city and county, but in reality they have done nothing for, and a whole lot, against Astoria since they came into power here.

This may be politic on the part of a new concern like this great road but we fail to discern the sense or efficacy of it as an initial program in the scheme of making friends and business. It is felt here, and the company will hear of it in the future if it shall desire certain things that will be hard to get from a community with a long memory.

ALL IN KNOWING HOW.

The arrival of the wrecked steamer Minnie E. Kelton, at the O. R. & N. docks in this port, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, on the hawsers of the bar tug Tatoosh, Captain William Bailey, commanding, furnishes a lesson in practical salvage that may be of benefit to many more or less interested in the business.

Just 24 hours before that docking, she was an abandoned derelict on the shore seas of Oregon, the open, free guerdon of any man with skill and interest enough to go after her and save her. She has been wrecked practically three distinct times; once, and originally, on the Oregon coast near Yaquina harbor, and twice in this bay; the last time breaking away from a carefully devised system of preparation for hauling her inland for dry-docking.

It is, apparently, all in knowing how to do these things. This is not said in an invidious way, nor in unfriendly spirit, but, taking into consideration the immense amount of work that has been done upon the ship from the hour the steamer Washington fastened on to her and towed her into this port to the con-

summation of Captain Bailey's task yesterday, it would seem that some system of manipulation and preventative might have been employed against the constant mischance that has served her for the past 60 days.

PORTLAND'S ESCAPE.

All Astoria is glad that Portland escaped the rigors and losses of a desperate conflagration on Tuesday; that her buildings and her fire-department combined to spare her the horrors of such a visitation as other great centers in the country have known. There was every promise of such an outcome, from what eyewitnesses have said on returning to Astoria; the high-winds and the shack-foed that abounded in the threatened district; and the entire incident goes to the very root of the fire-problem, to-wit, the perpetual menace of the worn-out, dried-out, inflammable, hideous and repugnant shack, and the retarding principle of brick and stone and high blank walls to bar and break the fury and range of the flames.

Such incidents as this in Portland, make our own position painfully apparent to the thoughts that arise on the heels of such a report. Astoria has been wonderfully immune from devastating fires; but it is well never to permit such immunity to operate to the point of convincing us that nothing can happen of that sort. We are prepared in so far as we are able to prepare against such things, but we would find it a mere bagatelle in the face of such extraordinary conditions as do arise when least expected; and the lesson at hand, is eternal vigilance in the home, office and shop, since it is to that quality, as well as to an admirable fire system, we owe the wonderful freedom we have enjoyed for years.

INDEPENDENTS.

The Hearst party has been launched; the "Independent" party of America, is abroad in the land, and its particular destiny is to defeat Hon. William J. Bryan for the presidency of the United States. To that end, it has our deep and devoted good will; it can ever do anything half so good and grateful, and if it succeeds it will not have lived in vain.

Higsen and Graves, who lead the party ticket, figure but lightly in the huge and wholesome perspective; they are good men, without doubt, and will do as well as any for the purposes of organization and objective. We care not who contributes to the defeat of Bryan, so they do not forsake the proud quest they have chosen and later enlist under the lure of the "silver tongue."

The war department's idea that it must keep up with the times in aeronautics is sound. To be prepared at all points is the best assurance of considerable treatment and peaceable relations.

There is method in Mr. Bryan's political optimism, for he makes valuable use of his time between campaigns, but the enthusiasts who predicted his election in 1896 and 1900, and are still at it, are the most devoted of mankind, with the smallest return.

Last year, according to the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the employes on railroads numbered 1,672,074. Mr. Bryan recommended this addition to the list of

COFFEE

There is a time for good tea, and a time for good coffee; there is no time for poor either.

Your nearest retailer your money it you do it the Swallow's nest, we pay him

government employes, but has since executed another of his expert crawfish movements.

London claims to have a new wrinkle in the encouragement of excursion trains for shoppers. It might have dropped in on Astorian years ago and found a multitude of visiting buyers provided with cheap transportation.

Seattle declares that its Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be ready on the opening day, June 1 next, and in full running order until October 15. Among the outing points for 1909 Seattle will hold one of the foremost places.

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Thackeray and the Cabman.

Thackeray loved to relate jokes on himself, and one he especially enjoyed was about a Reading hackman. The author was unacquainted with the town, and the moment he emerged from the railway station he told a hackney coachman to drive him to the nearest hotel. The driver closed the door ceremoniously, mounted his box, and they started. In half a minute the cab was at a standstill, and Thackeray saw the cabman at the door, bowing to him to come out. He did so without a word and found that he was at the portico of the station hotel, which he had failed to see was not a dozen yards off.

But he handed the man a shilling and was entering the hotel, rather pleased with his own sly frolic, when he was amazed to see the cabman faking off his coat and offering to "fight him for the other sixpence." It appears that on that day a resolution of the Reading town council had come into operation empowering hackney coachmen to charge 18 pence for any distance within the township. This was its first fruits! It is unnecessary to add that the cabman got his money and Thackeray a good story to tell at the clubs.

Her Mean Amusement.

"I love to make visits in the morning." "Do you?" "Yes. All the other women are busy cleaning house, and it is so funny to see them try to act glad to see me."—Detroit Free Press.

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THE BLARNEY STONE.

An Old Legend Tells How It Found Its Way to Ireland.

THE MAGIC OF KISSING IT.

Origin of the Quaint Belief That It Imparts to the Lips That Touch It the Power to Utter Honeyed, Coaxing and Delusive Speeches.

The blarney stone takes its name from the village of Blarney, in County Cork, Ireland, near which stand the ruins of the famous Blarney castle, dating back to the fifteenth century, and the groves of Blarney, which enjoy an equally wide reputation. A rivulet flowing through them bears the same name. The name Blarney is from the Irish "blairne," a little field, the Gaelic form being "blair" or "blair," a plain. The village is four miles northwest of Cork and has a few hundred inhabitants. In the groves of Blarney stands the ruined castle, in one tower of which is the world famous stone, the kissing of which is reputed to endow one with the gift of coaxing, wheedling and flattering.

The true stone is declared to be one in the castle wall, a few feet below the summit of the tower. To reach and osculate it it is necessary for one to be held over the parapet by the heels. But so many persons traveling in the Emerald Isle desire to report that they have kissed the real blarney stone that one in the top of the wall is held to be sufficiently near the real thing for the fiction to be maintained that it is the true stone with all the powers of the original. And even to aged and infirm persons one near the castle entrance is declared to be the original. On the true stone, near the top of the tower, a half effaced inscription reads, "Cormack McCarthy Fortis Me Fieri Facit, A. D. 1446."

Of the blarney stone Father Prout, the Irish poet, declared that it was the palladium of liberty for Erin. He describes the stone and relates a number of legends regarding it, one that it was brought to the island by the Phoenicians, who are reputed to have colonized the region, and that it had long been in the custody of the Carthaginians, who from it gained the reputation for insincerity which is transmitted in the phrase "Punic faith," and that before that it belonged to the Syrians, who were credited with speaking with double tongues after kissing it. According to the story, some Carthaginian adventurers became enamored of the stone and appropriated it. They set sail for Minorca, but, being overtaken by a storm, were driven into the harbor of Cork and left the stone in that vicinity until it was made use of in the construction of the donjon tower of Blarney castle.

As to the origin of the belief in regard to the qualities secured by kissing the stone, Crofton Croker says that in 1602, when the Spaniards were urging the Irish chieftains to harass the English, the owner of the castle, Cormack McDermott McCarthy, who then occupied it, concluded an armistice with the lord president on condition of surrendering it to an English garrison. But he put him off from day to day with specious statements, fair promises and false pretenses until the lord president became the laughingstock of the ministers of Queen Elizabeth, and the honeyed and delusive speeches of the lord of the castle became known as mere "blarney."

The word found its way into literature in the last century. In the "Journal" of Caroline Fox, which appeared in 1835, there is this use of the word: "Mme. de Stael was regretting to Lord Castlereagh that there was no word in the English language which answered to their 'sentiment.' 'No,' he said, 'there is no English word, but the Irish have one that corresponds exactly—blarney.'" Samuel Lover wrote "The blarney's so great a deceiver" in one of his Irish novels. President James Buchanan wrote, "The general has yet to learn that my father's countrymen (I have ever felt proud of my descent from an Irishman), though they themselves do blarney others, are yet hard to be blarneyed themselves." Washington Irving in "The Traveler" wrote, "So he blarneyed the landlord." James Russell Lowell in "The Fable For Critics" says:

The cast clothes of Europe your statesmanship tries And mumbles again the old blarneys and lies.

The name of the old time castle and town has added a noun, a verb, an adjective and a participle to the language. The most comprehensive definition of the noun "blarney" is "exceedingly complimentary language; flattery; smooth, wheedling talk; pleasing cajolery." As to the origin of the word, one lexicographer quotes Grote as crediting the derivation of it from the phrase "licking the blarney stone," "applied to incredible stories told of climbing to a stone very difficult of access in a castle of that name in the county of Cork, Ireland." But he added that Dr. Jamieson derives it from the French "blarnerne," "a lie; frivolous talk;" and defines it "gross flattery; unmeaning or vexatious discourse (Low)." But the word seems to have outgrown this restricted meaning since the latter part of the eighteenth century. Every Irishman south of the Liffey is popularly supposed to have kissed the blarney stone, and if,

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