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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Fair and warmer interior of the west portion. Idaho—Fair.

OREGON'S "34TH."

The new Hood River county which has just been created by virtue of the untiring efforts of the people of Hood river, although the smallest county in the state, is one of the wealthiest. Its assessed valuation for the year 1907 was \$2,762,259, although its total area is but 500 square miles. Wasco county from which the new county has been cut, contains three times the territory and less than half the assessed valuation of property. The population of the new county is 7500, while that of Wasco county will be nearer 12,000. The largest town in the new county is, of course, Hood River. Cascade Locks ranks second, Mount Hood, Dee, Upper Hood river valley, Wyeth and Viento, on the O. R. & N. are smaller towns. In Hood river valley it is estimated that there are still 40,000 acres of fruit land uncultivated and enough standing timber to supply the big mill now in operation for 20 years.—Moro Observer.

NOTABLE WOMANHOOD.

Among monuments to woman in the country of their greatest intellectual progress, that dedicated to Maria Mitchell of Nantucket, on the 15th, a combined astronomical observatory and library building, must ever possess a unique interest. It is a memorial to one who at a time when woman's cause was only in its cradle, had made her sex respected in every European university town, and in popular esteem for her brilliant attainments, as an astronomer. It is now 60 years since the King of Denmark conferred a gold medal on Miss Mitchell for her discoveries of comets and a full half century since her tour of foreign observatories gave Europe a new conception of women's capacity in science. As professor of astronomy at Vassar she gave that college a wide distinction. She blazed the way for a new profession for women, one which they have followed with aptitude, and in which they have shown an acknowledged proficiency.—Ex.

LABOR'S TRIBUTE.

The statement made by T. J. Dolan, president of the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovelers and Dredgemen, in formally presenting Mr. Taft with an honorary membership in the organization of which he is the official head, affords a fair indication of the esteem in which Mr. Taft is held by laboring men who have served under him and with him. It was, in a way, the statement of a fellow worker, the statement of a man who had seen Mr. Taft's sentiments and sympathies put to a practical test, and that ought to count for a great deal more than theoretical professions.

Speaking to Mr. Taft, Mr. Dolan said "we have always been treated by you in an eminently fair and just manner," and he added that "you have always shown your appreciation of our efforts in securing volunteers from our organizations from all parts of the country, it being necessary to ask for volunteers because of the climatic conditions that exist on the isthmus."

If Mr. Taft has treated the men in Panama in "an eminently fair and just manner," and these men think enough of him to make him an honorary member of their organization as an evidence of their appreciation of the man and his efforts in their behalf, surely there is no reason why any laboring man in this country should be deluded into the belief that Mr. Taft harbors sentiments un-

friendly to labor.

Mr. Taft is the friend of the laborer, a practical friend, and that is the only kind of friendship that counts in the final analysis.—Ex.

JIM HAM'S HIT.

In point of humor, the hit of the convention speech making last Wednesday was apparently made by the pink-whiskered Demosthenes of Chicago, Col. J. Hamilton Lewis. What Bathhouse John is to the Cook county spouters—facile princeps.

Peals of laughter greeted such button-bursting scintillations of humor and jewels of epithet as "piebald manikins" (the Chicago convention); "the trust-teasing terror" (T. R.); the "delicate piccolo of Indiana" (Beveridge), and so on.

But a decent respect for humanity compels the assumption that the following hit at the Republican candidate for president fell comparatively flat:

"The secretary of war was suddenly called to the Islands. He went despite the feeble begging of an aged mother, who lay on her bed gasping her life away."

There was no need for Col. Lewis to season his buffoonery with that piece of arrant and indecent black-guardism. It might do for Cook county. It was too rancid for Wisconsin.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Apropos of Astoria's effort to found a park and playground for its youngsters, the following, from the Seattle P. I., is of interest:

"The formal opening of the city playground for children on Fifteenth avenue, between Yesler way and Jackson street, was an event of unusual interest to children in that section of the city, and at the same time afforded keen satisfaction to officials and citizens who are watching progress of this kind with keen and affectionate concern.

"Playgrounds mean much in the modern city. They will mean a great deal more, and will become very much more necessary, in Seattle as the city grows.

"Steady increase in population, and the erection of buildings in spaces now open, will in a few years produce a congested condition which will demand the presence of such places as the Hill Tract municipal playground on Fifteenth avenue, and the officials are planning wisely when they provide these places aforesaid.

"Seattle should be amply provided with parks and playgrounds before the city enters upon a period of congestion. For the child there is both pleasure and profit in these open spaces, for they make it possible for the child to escape confinement which is often too close to be good for the child's well-being, mentally, physically or morally. The city cannot have too many playgrounds."

The shah of Persia has decided to remodel his parliament upon the Russian plan. It must be flattering to the czar's realm to know that at least once it has been imitated.

Managers of amusement resorts would have given a fortune to have secured the loan, for a little while, of that alligator fight which took place at the Bronx Zoo the other day.

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OCEAN RATES GO UP

Atlantic Steamship Lines Announce Advance on Grain

BIG DEMAND FOR CEREALS

Rise in Ocean Rates on Grain Went Into Effect Few Days Ago and is Likely to Hold Until Shipments From New York Fall Off.

NEW YORK, July Aug. 1.—The ocean freight rates from New York to the ports of continental Europe have been advanced by the steamship lines. To Antwerp the rate has been doubled and to a number of other ports it has been nearly doubled.

This advance, coming at a time when the steamship lines are protesting to the railroads against what they term a discriminating freight rate that has diverted grain shipments from the northwest from New York to Montreal, has caused comment among railroad men. The steamship men say, however, that the increase has nothing to do with the railroad question and that the reason the cost of transporting corn, wheat and other cereals from New York to continental ports has been put up because large orders for grain have been placed recently in New York by European agents, and that this has caused a shortage of freight space in the holds of grain carrying ocean steamships.

The rise in ocean rates on grain went into effect a few days ago and is likely to hold until shipments from this port fall off. The lines on which the new and higher rate now prevails are the Hamburg-American running to Hamburg, the Red Star and Phoenix lines, running between New York and Antwerp, the Holland-American line, running to Rotterdam and the Fabre line running to the Mediterranean ports. The rate to Antwerp which prevailed until the recent advance, was 1 1-4d per bushel (sixty pounds) of grain. The new rate is 2 1-2d per bushel. The old rate on grain from this port to Rotterdam was 2 1-2 cents per bushel. The new rate is 4 1-2 cents. To Hamburg, the old rate was 25 pennings per 100 pounds. The new rate is 35 pennings. The old rate on grain to Mediterranean ports was 1s 9d per quarter (40 pounds). The new rate is 2s, 7d.

TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

100th Anniversary of Lincoln's Birthday to Be Elaborately Observed

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 1.—Preparations are being made for the celebration on an elaborate scale of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, on Feb. 12, 1909. The exercises will be held in this city.

The entire proceedings will be under the general direction of the Lincoln Centennial Association, of which the following are the charter members; Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the United States; Senators Cullom and Hopkins of Illinois; Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, Adlai E. Stevenson, Gov. Deneen, James A. Rose, Secretary of the State of Illinois; Melville E. Stone, New York; John W. Bunn, of Springfield; Horace White, New York; William Jayne, of Springfield.

Invitations have been issued to the president, the members of his cabinet, and to the ambassadors, ministers, and consuls of the foreign governments.

Among those who have been already agreed to be present if possible are Ambassadors Bryce and Jesurand William J. Bryan and William H. Taft.

The program in Springfield will consist of formal ceremonies at the grave during the morning, a public meeting in the afternoon and a banquet at night. Two features of the celebration have been practically agreed upon and the educational authorities of each state will be asked to carry them into effect. These are that the same program which will be carried out in Illinois be also observed in every school house in the country, and that at a certain hour of the day every school child in the land shall stand, and while facing in the direction of Springfield repeat the brief speech that Lincoln uttered as he bade farewell to his friends and neighbors in Springfield the day he left for Washington in 1861.

"WETS" GETTING ACTIVE.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—It was decided

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

Morning worship, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The choir will sing at the evening service. Scandinavians are cordially invited. O. T. Field, pastor.

First Lutheran.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., Miss Esther Larson, superintendent; morning service, 10:45; evening service, 8 p. m. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. Rev. P. J. Cornell will preach in Swedish, both morning and evening.

Memorial Lutheran (American)

Sunday school, 10 a. m., Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Morning service, 10 a. m., theme for sermon, "Brighter Scenes." All are cordially invited. Rev. Rydquist will preach at Skamokawa Sunday evening.

Presbyterian.

Morning worship, 11 a. m., "The Universal Awakening"; Sabbath

school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00; evening worship, 8 p. m., "The Guide" All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Holy Innocents Chapel.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity. Morning service, 10 a. m.; no evening service.

Christian Science.

Services in I. O. O. F. building, corner Tenth and Commercial streets, rooms 5 and 6 at 10 a. m. Subject of the lesson sermon, "Love." All are invited. Sunday school at 11 o'clock. Wednesday evening meeting 8 o'clock. Reading room same address, hours 2 to 5 o'clock daily, except Sunday.

Grace.

Seventh Sunday after trinity. Morning service at 11 a. m., and evening at 4:00 p. m.

M. E. At Hammond.

Rev. William Snape, formerly of Cathlamet, will hold services in the M. E. Church at Hammond Sunday at 3 o'clock. In the evening at 8 o'clock he will hold services at Warrenton. The Warrenton Christian Endeavor will meet at 7 p. m.

Sunday school, 10 a. m.;

morning worship, 11:00, theme, "A Happy Hill." B. Y. P. U., 7 p. m.; evening

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