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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Fair and cooler except near coast.
Idaho—Fair.

BY WAY OF SUGGESTION.

We have been asked to give a practical suggestion of what we have meant by government by commission, upon which we have had something to say recently, and we are quite willing to venture a hint in this behalf, if it shall not be taken too seriously, or ever after alluded to as a dictum, if the new policy should become popular with the people of Astoria. There are many forms of commission-administration, in vogue in the country, already, and each has merit, none being as yet quite perfect; and in presenting a proposition of the kind it calls for a temerity quite foreign to this office, freely as we are given to speaking our mind on public affairs. If the time shall come when Astoria wants to change her civic staff, budget and rule of action, and reorganize upon a commission basis, we would like to see it done in the following manner:

Adopt amendments to her charter, providing for the abrogation of all wards, boundaries and representatives and their administrative relation and effect; for the establishment of certain specific commissions to take over, control, and dispense the departmental affairs of the city, each commission to consist of two members to be elected by the people at large for such terms as will pass one of the two on to the succeeding commission; for the election of a mayor upon a reasonably long tenure of office and with ex-officio membership in every commission so established with power to cast the deciding vote upon all issues upon which any of said commissions shall be divided; for the monthly meeting of each commission, a quarterly meeting of the several commissions for general conference on municipal affairs and the interchange of opinions, plans, and estimates of public works underway and projected, the mayor to act as chairman of such general meeting; for the election of two civic secretaries who shall serve the special commissions and the general meeting, and make and preserve the records thereof as they shall transpire; for the payment of reasonable salaries for the mayor, the commissioners and the secretaries aforesaid; for the bonding of each and all of them in adequate amounts for the faithful performance of all duties and the custody and accounting of all funds; for the interposition of a certain percentage of the voting and taxpaying citizens as against the enactment of extraordinary enterprises; and for such other and further relief as the new idea may contain or demand.

As for the commissions they may be made to cover all the especial and separate needs of the city, such as Finance, Police, Streets, Engineering, Harbor and Docks, Printing, etc., etc., each and all with authority and function of the first instance, and subject always to popular prohibitive action.

Now this can be improved, mightily, and we shall be glad to hear from the next man concerned.

NEEDED, A GEOLOGIST.

In view of all that has been done in this city in the way of street improvement and of all that is projected, theoretically, and formally, it is not inappropriate to suggest that the services of a practical geologist be employed for such time as may be necessary to fathom the basic causes of the sliding ground that baffles the general scheme of correction and betterment we all desire, and which cannot, apparently, be overcome with the knowledge at hand.

No engineering plan is feasible unless the earth to be traversed, or shifted, is amenable to the treatment. And there are spots of ours that simply will not conform to the purposes designed for. Luckily the area affected is small and clearly defined, and whatever radical remedy is at last found for the evil, should not be hard to apply, nor unsuccessful. But, the ever increasing values of property in a city like this, warrant the immediate abatement of the trouble, and, as we have relied upon our own surmises and theories long enough to prove their inutility, the next best thing is to bring in the man who does know, not only the fundamental cause, but the real remedy as well, and pay him to demonstrate the one and plan for the actual relief.

Inexperience and failure in the prosecution of public works is vastly expensive, and yet the bigger, and conclusive, bills for solid accomplishment are paid ungrudgingly because of the finality of them. And as an economic policy we should encourage and adhere to the doing of things rightly in the first instance and not waste good money and time in theoretic and futile movements. There are several generations of people at interest in this matter.

DAWNING FREEDOM.

The Sultan of Turkey, at the demand of the Young Turks, a new progressive party, and the army, has issued a decree granting the people a constitution, a parliament, freedom of the press and other reforms.

All over Turkey the women are discarding their veils and taking part in the street demonstrations with the men in celebrating the new liberties and the men cheer the unveiled women. The dispatches say: "The most remarkable feature of the political upheaval in Turkey has been the participation of hundreds of thousands of women who emerged from the seclusion of the harems, tore off their veils and marched bravely through the streets. The command of the Koran that women should appear veiled was cancelled by a Moslem priest who issued his proclamation from the mosque. 'We will help make the world beautiful by this act,' the priest declared."

Without exception the innovation is approved and one now sees the bright faces of the Turkish women instead of the gloomy veils that enshrouded them. This may truly be regarded as one of the greatest victories yet won for woman's progress.

ALL FOR OREGON.

Dairying is going to become one of the principal agricultural industries in Oregon, and with this idea in view the Oregon State Fair management is giving more encouragement to the dairy department of the coming fair, at Salem, September 14-19. This department will be superintended by Mrs. S. A. Yoakum, of Marshfield, who owns and conducts a large dairy farm in Coos county and is dairy inspector of that county; she is also one of the vice-presidents of the Oregon Dairymen's Association. Mrs. Yoakum says there is going to be a grand display of dairy and creamery products at the fair next month, and has asked for additional space for the exhibits. In answer to her demand

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Talk About War With Japan Pronounced Sheer Nonsense.

By THOMAS J. O'BRIEN, American Ambassador to Japan.

SHEER NONSENSE IS WHAT I SHOULD TERM THIS PALAVER ABOUT WAR BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA.

It is a matter of sober fact that the Japanese, as far as one can learn by close observation and by being brought in contact with their leading men, are not inclined toward war at all. They do not want war either with the United States or with any one else.

THE PICTURE OF JAPAN AS A BLOODTHIRSTY NATION, ITS HEAD ON FIRE WITH THE LUST OF CONQUEST AND WITH A VERY LARGE CHIP ON ITS SHOULDER, IS QUITE ABSURD. JAPAN IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A FUTURE OF COMMERCIAL GREATNESS ABOVE ALL ELSE. HER EYES ARE NOT FIXED UPON WAR, CONQUEST AND BLOODSHED.

Japan wants to be a great commercial country, a great manufacturing country and a wealthy country. She is seeking to extend her markets wherever possible, to increase the scope of her manufactures, to open up new markets and to add to her mercantile marine.

I find IN JAPAN A SENSE OF SURPRISE OVER THE TALK OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR of which our newspapers were so full some time ago. In Japan Americans are popular in the extreme. Japan regards us as HER MOST IMPORTANT CUSTOMER and the country as the one with which, above all, she must maintain friendly and close relations. We take about half of her exports today and are by far her largest customer. She also buys quantities of material from us.

The money which Americans pour into Japan each year for Japanese goods, especially silks, is of much importance to the islands. Japan appears to have no intention of doing anything to interrupt the course of trade and the maintenance of friendship between herself and America.

Postmastering in Rabbitville

BY OLD MAN BENNETT.

(The presidential postmasters of Oregon met in convention at the hall of the Commercial Club, in Portland, on the 6th and 7th of the present month, and by invitation "the fourth-class postmasters" met with them. The Irrigon postmaster read to the assemblage the following bit of doggerel as an attempt to explain that all fourth-class postoffices in Oregon are presided over by first-class postmasters.)

I'm the Postmaster A I, from Rabbitville town,
You say I'm Fourth-Class, but the statement I frown;
It's a Fourth-Class office I am free to relate,
But I, the P. M., am First-Class, up-to-date.

Now, you think, as a rule, when our good President
Signs a P. M.'s commission it's a great event,
And that Postmaster feels he's a dern'd sight higher
Than us little fellows with parchments by Meyer.

But look at our numbers, and then think of our votes;
How on days of election we take off our coats
And work hard for the Holy Statement Number 1,
And all of the Initiative and Referendum.

We elected legislators and sheriffs and clerks,
School directors and teachers—we cop the whole works,
For we're close to the people, we lick all their stamps,
Tell them how to wean goslings and how to cure cramps.

But you Presidential Chaps! Now what would you say,
If ask'd to lock up and help a patron haul hay?
Higher Postmasters! Why you're mere selling platers,
Don't know right stage of the moon to plant taters!

We jolly the lovers, dance at their marriages,
Know who will need coffins, who baby carriages;
We "smile" with the toppers and shout with the preachers,
In affairs of etiquette we are the teachers.

We're open from six in the morn till nine at night,
Buy our own coal, pay the rent and furnish the light,
And this goes on regularly, day after day,
We doing all the work and you drawing the pay!

But we are going to beg for some needed supplies,
And we trust we will get no uncertain replies;
We'll be easy today in our asks and demands
And put them forth humbly and not as commands;

So, Mr. Von Meyer, kindly send us, or bring,
A package of facing slips and a ball of string;
And when we have in hand this luxurious store,
We vow and swear never to ask for anything more;

And we will still our duty do magnificent;
Ever praise the department as beneficent;
Always say our stipend is quite munificent—
I might add more, but all P. M.'s. are reticent!

the fair board has concluded to move the "rest tent" over and annex it onto the dairy building, and under this the different firms dealing in dairy and creamery outfits will be allowed space for their working exhibits, thus leaving the whole of the dairy pavilion proper for the creamery and cheese factory entries. A large platform will be erected adjoining on which will be displayed one of the modern milking machines in operation twice daily during the fair. Mrs. Yoakum will also have charge of the milk cow test, which is one of the interesting features of the fair and in which there is considerable strife by the owners and exhibitors of the various dairy breeds of cattle.

GETS FRENCH DECORATION.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Alexander H. Revelt, was officially notified yesterday of his decoration by the French government with the cross of the legion of honor.

Mr. Revelt won the distinction through his services in connection with the movement of American school children who gave to the government of France a statue of General Lafayette.

CASTRO STILL AT IT.

He Causes Another One Of His Many Sensations.

CARACAS, Aug. 17, via Willmsted, Aug. 19.—A sensation has been caused in diplomatic circles by the refusal of President Castro to permit the Brazilian minister to take charge of French interests in Venezuela, although Dr. Jose Paul, the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, originally agreed to this arrangement. As a consequence of the attitude of President Castro, the foreign minister has

The General Demand

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indited a second note to the effect that the government now refuses to accede to this arrangement because the dispute between Venezuela and France bears a close relation to Venezuela's dispute with the United States and the proposed arrangement would therefore endanger the continuance of friendly relations with Brazil.

The French interests are necessarily being neglected and many months' installments due to French claimants are still uncollected. It is very unlikely in view of the present state of affairs, that President Castro will permit the representative of any foreign country to take the French interests in hand.

President Castro left today for a trip to Barquisimeto embarking on the Venezuelan gunboat Cabello. The President invited the British minister to accompany him, which is believed to be significant in view of the present crisis.

A HARD STRUGGLE.

Many a Astoria Citizen Finds the Struggle Hard.

With a back constantly aching,
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What a New Jersey Editor Says
M. T. Lynch, editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily Post, writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good, as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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