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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, preceded by unsettled weather; northwest portion in morning, warmer except near coast.
Washington—Fair, possibly preceded by light showers in the morning, warmer except near coast.
Idaho—Fair.

THE OREGON SHERIFFS.

There are 34 sheriffs of Oregon due in this city on Thursday for a two-day conference on conditions and people and methods applicable to their special department of the public service of the State. They will be welcome unless they shall have something "up their sleeves" in the way of old processes that have reasonably been deemed outlawed and have ceased to bother some of us; but perhaps they won't serve them until the last moment of their stay, and this will qualify matters, some!

Primarily, they will be guests of their president, Sheriff M. E. Pomeroy of this county, but they are, practically, the guests of the city. We are all interested in them; they are interesting people; sometimes absorbingly so; but in the main they are a live, energetic lot, always reaching out for something that will be of advantage to the State and society and the peace and safety of mankind.

Their presence here on the two most important days of the Regatta season will have a tendency to relieve us of the annoyances that flock in with the faker the dead-beat, the piayune-sport, the skin-gamster and the bum gentry generally. There is no love lost between the sheriffs of Oregon and this ilk, and that many of the former will have an intimate, and record, acquaintance with the latter, will mimize the situation considerably for the city in this respect.

The city is theirs for Friday and Saturday next, alright!

HARRIMAN HAS SAID IT.

Mr. Harriman has sent word up out of the wilderness, by the Governor of Oregon, that as soon as the locations can be determined, railway lines are to be laid across the center of the commonwealth, east and west; and that the Columbia Southern is to be extended southwardly through the same center, on opposite courses. This sounds good, and will be good when it is done; but so far as Oregon's development has been concerned, it has demonstrated that Mr. Harriman has nearly as much time as he has money, and that is going some if he has stood still in the premise all these unfruitful years. We will believe it when we see it accomplished, and shall be as glad to see it as any one in the country; and gladder yet, to see the Tillamook country opened up, via our own city; to Portland and the other great markets of the country. But we will reserve our "yip-ping" and heel-cracking until the rates, schedules and trains are in active operation.

SITUATION CLEARING.

Day by day the situation is clearing in the telephone field, so far as the assurance of new and better service is concerned. This is the day the San Francisco officials of the P. S. Company are to arrive here and let the contract for the new headquarters, and the terms of the contract aforesaid require it to be finished within 90 days from date of its acceptance by the successful bidder; we have already been assured of the new switchboard; the cabling being already done, and the new connections from the cables to the house and office 'phones well underway, there would seem to be some rational show for this company's doing all it has said it would do.

Just what the Northwestern people are going to do has not developed as yet, but it is certain that they will make good use of the franchise they have received from the council, which is a valuable one. With both con-

cerns straining every facility for exploiting their holdings, the people are sure to get an acceptable service at an early day; or two of them if they are so minded, when the work is all done.

SALEM IS NEXT.

A grandstand seating about 6000 spectators, with room for 20,000 more along the home stretch; new fences and officials' stands reconstructed with the special object of giving the great crowds the best possible view of the races, modern announcing machines to keep the spectators informed as to the time and positions of the horses, and a track that is known to be lightning fast, will give Oregon's state fair the best equipment for its harness races afforded by any track in the west.

The races this year will be the fastest ever seen on the coast. Two purses of \$5000 each, and six purses of \$1000 each, the largest stakes ever offered in the west, will bring together the best blood in America. The track record of 2:06 1/4, which is a very fast mark, will undoubtedly be broken, and there are horsemen who predict that the time may go as low as 2:03 before the week's racing comes to an end.

The work of building the addition to the big grandstand has been completed, and the structure now seats about double the number of spectators it formerly accommodated. The grandstand has been built down to the track with a row of boxes extending along the entire front. There will be 56 boxes in all.

This will eliminate the bleachers in front of the grandstand, but the spectators along the sidelines will be afforded an excellent view of the horses, as the fences have all been cut down to a height of three feet six inches. The entire fence on the inside has been newly built. A double fence has been put up on the inside to keep the crowd back off the rail. The judges' stand has been lowered to a level with the grandstand, and the timers' stand has been cut off. The wire has been moved 60 feet north. Electrical connection will be made between the judges' stand and the bandstand. The grandstand will be enclosed with a wire fence, and electric turnstiles installed. The stands and betting and the saloon fixtures in the interior have been torn out, as neither betting nor liquor selling will be tolerated this year.

Another improvement is the installation of automatic announcing machines. They will flash the time of a heat instantly, as well as the positions of the horses as they finish. These machines are worked with a keyboard. Numerous other improvements will be made, which it would be impossible to mention in a single article.

By wireless the naval authorities in London are able to communicate instantly with over 300 warships at sea within a distance of several hundred miles. In ability to concentrate and "feed a fight" the British navy is justified in claiming a powerful advantage.

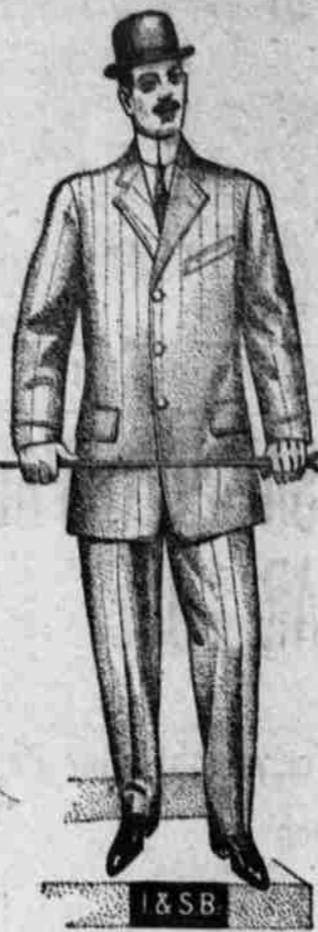
A writer on the commerce of the great lakes thinks the day is coming when they will be overcrowded with ships. By hitching on to deep channels in the Mississippi valley there will be room enough for the fleets of the world, and the lake craft can come out and keep busy all winter.

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Personal Liberty Doctrine Subversive of Government.

By Judge WILLIAM H. WALLACE, Candidate For Governor of Missouri.

THE most absorbing theme with the Americans is that of law enforcement. They now see clearly that this is the rock upon which rests the perpetuity of our liberties. I come to discuss law enforcement with reference to three great questions—the Sabbath, the trust, the saloon. Before proceeding to the discussion of these issues I desire to dispose of the argument for personal liberty which is so often used. I am in favor of liberty—ORDERLY LIBERTY, NOT LICENSE.

I believe I am the only candidate now running for governor who isn't making the argument for personal liberty. By personal liberty is meant, as now used, that so long as an individual isn't harming his neighbor he can eat and drink and do what he pleases when and where he pleases.

THIS IS A WONDERFULLY DANGEROUS DOCTRINE. IT IS SUBVERSIVE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT. IT FAILS TO RECOGNIZE THE BIG FACT THAT THE MORAL WORLD IS THE CONTROLLING ONE AND THE ONE IN WHICH THE GREATEST GOOD AND THE GREATEST INJURY ARE DONE. THAT MAN WHO LEADS AN IMMORAL LIFE OR CONDUCTS AN IMMORAL BUSINESS AND THEREBY DESTROYS MY BOY DOES ME A TEN THOUSAND TIMES GREATER INJURY THAN IF HE HAD STOLEN MY HORSE OR BURNED MY HOUSE.

Mammon wants the Sabbath day for the harvest. Venus wants this as a day of lust, when she can entice young girls and boys into the dives of amusement and dance them to perdition. Bacchus wants this day for drunkenness and hilarity. The war is on everywhere, and THE AMERICAN SABBATH IS IN JEOPARDY. Unless our laws are enforced this great bulwark of our liberty will be lost.

The Corporation Here to Stay.

By Judge PETER S. GROSSCUP of the United States Court of Appeals.

THE corporation is here to stay. It already embodies more than one-third of the property of the entire country. One-half of the people of the country get their bread and butter out of it. IT IS THE FORM IN WHICH THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE FUTURE WILL BE CARRIED.

My position is this—that the corporations should be made so secure as a form of holding property that the corporate domain of the country will invite investment by the people, just as the farms of the country are distributed among the people, and this can be done if we go about the work of corporate reconstruction SANELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY.

The Census Bureau reports that there are in the United States 20,000,000 horses and 4,000,000 mules, the highest number yet returned. Add

the steam and trolley cars, boats, automobiles and airships, and the American passion for getting around appears to be in a hopeful way.

John Fox, Pres. F. L. Bishop, Sec. Astoria Savings Bank, Treas. Nelson Troyer, Vice-Pres. and Supt.

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In Japan's budget for 1907-8 the provision for debt and interest is nearly twice as large as the total Japanese expenditure of 1895-6. If Mr. Hobson would acquaint himself with the practical facts he would be able to restrain his imagination.

Ten Years In Bed.

"For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P. of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a God-send to me." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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