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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair tonight and north-erly winds.
Washington—Fair, cooler east por-tion; north to east winds.

"BUSINESS IS BUSINESS."

Astoria wants, and gravely needs a business administration of her af-fairs. She has had all she requires, for the present at least, of experimen-tal administration, especially in the matter of street improvements, and indeed far more than she realizes, for the end of that issue is still remote and dubious.

All this outside of politics. Politics has no saving tendencies that we know of; on the contrary it is a direct and undeviating path to graft and other compromising expedients.

What it wanted is a course of real business direction; a sensible and responsible oversight of public men and affairs, by those trained to honest and conservative methods; who have proven their judgment by private and personal achievement; and who have the interests of the community at heart, without the impediments of selfish pursuit, correlated ties and divided duties.

"Business is business," municipally, as well as commercially!

ABATE THE IMPROVEMENTS.

Now that the two greatest and cost-liest of Astoria's street improvement projects have resulted in practical in-utility and engendered certain ground for complaint and radical action at law, it were well to abate the range of such work and confine it to the simpler orbit of essential repair and minor development; holding it down to the few blocks at a time, and doing even that with closer supervision as to materials, plans, and character of work.

We do not, as a rule, advise retroac-tive policies in public affairs; but when progress becomes mis-directed and unproductive of desired results, we have no hesitancy in counselling mo-deration, and even cessation, in order that the city may be spared the ulti-mate of failure and the unescapable burden of fruitless costs.

It is a course of procedure that can be taken up at any time, when the rules and plans and needs are better devised and the chances for actual and profitable issues are more sure and certain than they seem to be at present. Build and improve steadily just where these things are plainly needed, and let the greater work await the more propitious moment and wiser planning so indispensable to their real fruition.

THE LYTLE ROAD.

It is a plain, and paramount, fact that the franchise for the Lytle rail-way from Hillsboro westward to As-toria and Tillamook, makes this city the coast terminal of the line, and Til-lamook a southern semi-terminal and branch depot. This is significant and interesting to all concerned; and while it does not deprive the Tilla-mookians of a single shred of advan-tage accruing to them by the entry of the road into their territory, it does amplify the situation considerably for Astoria by making it imperative that the road shall come here primar-ily, despite the suggestive silence of the Portland press on this phase of the question.

Everything now marks the coming of the line direct to this city and har-bor, and there is logical and rational reason for it; though it took the time and interested inspection of the situ-ation at the hands of the S. P. wise-man, Julius Kruttschnitt, to enforce the all but abandoned plans for this enterprise. The Nehalem valley and its superb possibilities are responsi-ble for the sudden revulsion in the minds of the Harriman coterie, and formed the basis of Mr. Kruttschnitt's recommendation for the revival of the work and its instant and full com-pletion; as well as the admirable ends to be served by a definite and useable Pacific terminal within a few ship's lengths of the sea.

The logic that nature employs in the scheme of commercial develop-ment is insurmountable and forever apparent to reading eyes. The com-merce of the northwest can no more overlook the superb advantages of this port and harbor than the sunbeams can fail to filter through space. It is inevitable that something shall be done to utilize the wonderful agencies laid in the hand of progressive man at this place; there is something a but curious in the fast moving certain-ty that E. H. Harriman, the man who has been, with more or less aptitude, called the "champion bottler" in the railway world, should be the first to really make use of the specific ad-vantages here.

We care not who shall do this thing, so it be done!

The Mother of Presidents is begin-ning to sit up and take notice again.

At a meeting of Guffey Democrats in Pennsylvania the surest way to raise a laugh is to ask: "Shall the peo-ple rule?"

The world moves when a Republi-can candidate for the presidency com-mands a large and attentive audience on the soil of Old Virginia.

The British claim that their new battle ship Indomitable has a speed of twenty-eight knots an hour. Another other big drop will take place in the record if she can prove it.

It is always best to attend to polit-ical duties. A St. Louis voter who failed to go to the polls at the recent state primary finds that his name was voted three times by repeaters.

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How the Poor Fail to Get Justice.

By WILLIAM H. TAFT.

THE INEQUALITY THAT EXISTS IN OUR PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND THAT SOONER OR LATER IS CERTAIN TO RISE AND TROUBLE US AND TO CALL FOR POPULAR CONDEMNATION AND REFORM IS IN THE UNEQUAL BURDEN WHICH THE DELAYS AND EXPENSE OF LITIGATION UNDER OUR SYSTEM IMPOSE ON THE POOR LITIGANT. ONE REMEDY MUST BE REFORM IN OUR JUDICIAL PROCEDURE, WHICH IS NOW TOO CUMBERSOME. ANOTHER WOULD BE MORE EXPEDITION ON THE PART OF JUDGES IN RENDERING THEIR OPINIONS. DELAY ALWAYS WORKED TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE POOR AND THE BENEFIT OF THE WEALTHY LITIGANT.

As to appeals, "the court of first instance" and the intermediate appellate court should be for the purpose of finally disposing in a just and prompt way of contentions between litigants.

THE APPELLANT JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF LAST RE-SORT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE CASES WHICH ARE TYP-ICAL AND WHICH GIVE TO IT IN ITS JUDGMENT AN OPPORTUN-ITY TO COVER THE WHOLE FIELD OF THE LAW.

I believe that a great reform might be effected, certainly in the federal courts, and I think, too, in the state courts, by a mandatory reduction of the court costs and fees. The salaries of the court officers should be fixed and should be paid out of the treasury of the county, state or national government, as the case may be, and fees should be reduced to as low a figure as possible.

I THINK ANOTHER STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF THE DIS-PATCH OF LITIGATION WOULD BE THE REQUIREMENT OF HIGH-ER QUALIFICATIONS FOR THOSE JUDGES WHO SIT IN THE CASES INVOLVING A SMALL PECUNIARY AMOUNT.

Place Criminals on Farms, Not In Jails.

By Professor C. R. HENDERSON of the University of Chicago.

WHEN THE DEVIL WANTS TO MAKE A MAN A CRIMINAL ALL HE HAS TO DO IS TO KEEP HIM IN IDLENESS AND LET HIM ASSOCIATE WITH CRIMINALS. WE MAY TALK ALL WE WANT TO ABOUT PROGRESSIVENESS, BUT WE HAVE LITTLE RIGHT TO BOAST AS LONG AS OUR JAILS ARE LEFT SO OLD FASHIONED AND BARBAROUS.

The jail is no place for serving a sentence. If the offense is felonious the man should be sent to the penitentiary, and if not he should be put out on a farm. Cooped up in the jail he does nothing but play cards and make the acquaintance of men who sooner or later drag him down. The farm has been tried successfully in Switzerland, in Hol-land and in Cleveland, O.

Industry in the lockup is a prime necessity. NOT ONLY SHOULD MEN AND WOMEN BE GIVEN EMPLOYMENT WHILE SERVING A SENTENCE, BUT THEY SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT BUSY BEFORE CONVICTION. Many of those arrested are poor and would be willing to earn money while waiting for their trial. In some cases men are confined in the county jail almost a year. With no employment to pass the time THIS BE-COMES A PUNISHMENT THAT IS NEARLY INHUMAN.

All cells should be arranged so that every prisoner could have a separate compartment and that every one should have a window through which the rays of the sun came directly.

THE PROPOSITION IS NOT A MERE THEORY. IT HAS BEEN UNIVERSALLY ADOPTED IN EUROPE, AND WE HAVE IT IN SOME MEASURE HERE. WE TAKE THAT KIND OF CARE OF OUR PIGS AND OTHER LIVE STOCK. WHY SHOULDN'T WE DO AS MUCH FOR OUR HUMAN BEINGS?

Should the Vice President Step Down to the Cabinet?

By United States Senator BACON of Georgia.

IF Mr. Bryan should be elected and should invite the vice presi-dent to sit as a member of the cabinet, the fact would be accomplished if the latter accepted the invitation. NO LEGIS-LATION WOULD BE REQUIRED. In fact, no legisla-tion could require the president to receive the vice president as a member of his cabinet, and no legislation could compel the vice presi-dent to serve as a member of the cabinet. It could only be accom-plished by the voluntary action of both the president and the vice president.

The president can invite the vice president to sit at his council board if he wishes to do so, and the vice president could accept or decline at will. It is scarcely possible, however, that such an invitation will ever be extended to a vice president or that any vice president would accept the invitation if tendered.

IT WOULD BE NOT ONLY A STEP DOWN, BUT MANY STEPS DOWN, for a vice president to become a member of the president's cabinet. From the vice president, a constitutional officer, the president of the senate and standing next in succession to the president of the United States, it is a far cry to a seat in a cabinet, the members of which, as such, have literally no power save that approved by the president, who can, furthermore, at any moment remove any one of them upon any whim or caprice.

I THINK IT UNFORTUNATE THAT UNDER OUR SYSTEM THE CABINET HAS NOT GREATER POWER AND THE PRESIDENT LESS. BUT THE FACT IS AS I HAVE STATED IT.

Aside from the consideration mentioned, the constitutional duties of the vice president in presiding over the senate are engrossing during the sessions of congress, and he would have no time to attend cabinet meetings or to attend to other duties devolving upon cabinet officers.

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