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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, except showers in northwest portion.
Washington—Showers west.

THE PORT OF ASTORIA.

We insist again, and shall keep on insisting, that it is of the better part of wisdom for our people to establish the Port of Astoria at the first feasible moment; to secure to this city the rights appertaining to a legal port, and equip herself with the functions and prerogatives though she shall not use them for a long time to come; to protect herself from invasion by Portland and other communities who may see fit to tamper with the rights that should be ours; to take over the forms and investments of the status though we do not invoke them practically; to hedge against all doubt of our right to declare and maintain a port here, and make it possible, at any time to assert our independence on this line.

As it is, Astoria is a mere stopping place for ships and steamers, without control or authority of any kind; a haven, free, and excellent in all ways, but of no avail to her citizens; the Wingate bill, which has been reported to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, is a thorough-going measure covering all the main and essential elements of the port status and providing for its proper maintenance, and is entitled to the fullest possible consideration at the hands of all Astorians. Its financial provisions need not be entered into, to the utter limit of the sums quoted; they may be adjusted to the steps Astoria desires to take in formulating her marine establishment; by degrees she may use the privileges prescribed, as necessity for them commands. The particular and patent thing required is to put the city upon an exact and recognized plane in this behalf, armed with all the legal ways and means needed to enforce her claims against encroachment and dispute.

She has every right to this condition, and it will be a stroke of business enterprise for her people to see to it at once that she is fortified and equipped with all the panoply of effective law, against the hour she shall require it; using what of it she has to, in the meantime, by way of preliminary security and the quality of mandatory authority in an element of public concern which is liable to figure large in this community before many years have passed.

THE PIE IS BURNED.

The street improvement "pie," upon which a goodly number of Astorians have feasted with a lingering gusto for several years past, is a bit burned around the edges just now, and is hardly as palatable as it once was; but the charred portions will be carefully scraped off and the forth-coming dishes will be acceptable, as they should be. Cooks will grow careless, especially in the constant concoction of the same provender; monotony compels a degree of inattention and oversight that invariably assert themselves when least desired or appropriate; and frequently, the only remedy for the evil is a change of cooks and stewards.

There has been a feeling in this city for a couple of years past that there was a too ardent interest manifest in this department of the public service; the records of the city read of scarcely anything else than these improvements; and there are those who hold that the projects have been kept going for very specific reasons. Session after session of the council is devoted exclusively to this one peculiar phase of municipal work, while many things just as vital are side-tracked or ignored. It is getting onto the public nerves; and while no specific claims or charges are made or laid, there is some solid thinking being done and some rational conclusions drawn, that are not wholesome by way of candid declaration.

There is an end to all things, good and bad; and while none desire to see the end of street improvement in Astoria, there is more than a desire to see the system re-adjusted as to plans, volume, and COST!

HUGHES, AND THE FUTURE.

"Unseen and unseen" we venture the opinion that Governor Hughes, of New York, is one of the coming great Americans; and that he will have to be reckoned with in the national propaganda of the near future. He has all the attributes that commend him to the keenest thought and earnest concern of the people at large, as a type and champion of popular government; and his apparent contempt for the mere politician, the rounder, and bouncer, and sounder, of the political cesspools, leads directly to the safe and solid conclusion that he can take excellent care of himself and of all things entrusted to him. His career as Governor leaves nothing upon which to build a contrary idea of his personality and power and cleanliness; and it is to such men the people of America must turn for the conservation of the huge interests of the nation, now accumulating at tremendous rates.

He is in the Roosevelt class of statesmen; that is admitted on all sides; and being there, he cannot be overlooked, and will not be. The people know, instinctively, who their friends are, and when they demand the man he is likely to answer the call. Hughes is of the sort for whom such demands are made; we may be mistaken in our estimate, away out here in Astoria, the farthest possible from the man and his work, but he is in the public eye here, and if at this continental distance, what of the impression he is making nearer the seat of government? Keep your eye on Mr. Hughes!

Improvements are going on constantly in the construction of materials used for balloons and flying machines. The rapid gain in this respect is a substantial promise of general aeronautic success.

Horse racing in New York has degenerated into a mere test of speed, no wagers on the result being permitted. With a ban upon betting and contributing to the campaign fund the rich New Yorker will have to find some other kind of sensation for his money.

It is estimated that the population of the United States in 1930 will be 142,091,663. As Mr. Bryan may then be preparing for his ninth battle he may develop industry shortly in kissing babies.

Some of Mr. Bryan's supporters think a government guarantee of bank deposits includes the creation of deposits by legislative fiat. The free silver proposition warrants this view of the matter.

An "aeroplane face" has been developed. Its expression generally is that of peering downward for a soft place to land.

Mr. Taft has struck another keynote: "Are the Bryan promises of 1908 worth any more than those of 1896 and 1900?"

Aguinaldo has made a fine start in his determination to master the art of politics. He is a candidate for alderman in one of the Manila wards.

COFFEE

Good grocers like Schilling's Best, for it makes good-will and not trouble; in case of complaint, the money is ready.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it, we say him.

A Traveling Man's Experience.

"I must tell you my experience on an east bound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grande, Ore.," writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic, her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a death-like look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suitcase and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it), ran to the water-tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in 20 minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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RULERS OF STATES CAN SET BEFORE THEMSELVES NO HIGHER AIMS THAN THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

It is the surest and most direct means by which humanity may be enabled to realize its noblest ideal, and its attainment will ever be the object of my own constant endeavors.

I REJOICE TO THINK THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, IN WHICH ARE REPRESENTED ALL THE PRINCIPAL CIVILIZED COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, IS LABORING IN THE SAME FIELD, AND I PRAY THAT THE BLESSING OF GOD MAY ATTEND ITS LABORS.



Home Rule Is Fundamental.

By HORACE E. DEMING Before National Municipal League.

HONEST, PROGRESSIVE AND EFFICIENT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN THIS COUNTRY RESTS UPON THE FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT.

Clothe the municipality with all necessary power to determine and enforce its local public policy, give it adequate machinery for that purpose, THEN LEAVE IT UNTRAMMELED BY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE AND UNAIDED BY OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. LEAVE IT ALONE. LET IT WORK OUT ITS OWN PROBLEM. THIS IS TRUE DEMOCRACY.

A superimposed government is not a democratic government. The struggle of the people of the town toward democracy, to control the local affairs of their own town, is the mainspring of the campaign for municipal betterment in this country.

Give Industrial Education As Well as Intellectual.

By ANDREW S. DRAPER, New York State Superintendent of Education.

DO not the programmes of the schools and the influences of the teachers often lead boys who might make excellent cabinetmakers into being poor lawyers and induce girls who might be first rate dressmakers to become third rate music teachers?

A MECHANIC WHO HAS REAL SKILL AND IS PROUD OF IT IS LIKELY TO BE A BETTER MAN AND A MORE RELIABLE CITIZEN THAN IS AN INDIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL MAN.

I think that the present organization and tendency of the school system, acting upon the national temperament, LEAD MANY INTO OCCUPATIONS WHICH ARE ALREADY OVERCROWDED AND FOR WHICH THEY ARE NOT BEST ADAPTED and that our prevailing educational scheme gives some favor to intellectual as against industrial occupations. This is in violation of our fundamental political principles.

I am for restoring the equality of opportunity, for giving the mechanical pursuits as full equivalent as we can for the training that we are providing for the intellectual pursuits and for avoiding any course which tends to make misfits in life. I have said nothing inconsistent with this.

I WOULD BE UN-AMERICAN IF I BELIEVED IN "CLASSES" OR HAD ANY DISPOSITION TO KEEP CHILDREN IN A "CLASS." IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF "CLASSES," BUT OF EFFICIENCY AND THEREFORE OF HAPPINESS IN OCCUPATIONS, AND WHAT I AM URGING IS THAT THE SCHOOLS SHALL NOT BE EXCLUSIVE IN ANY SENSE, BUT SHALL BE AS MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT INDUSTRIAL AS ABOUT INTELLECTUAL EDUCATION.

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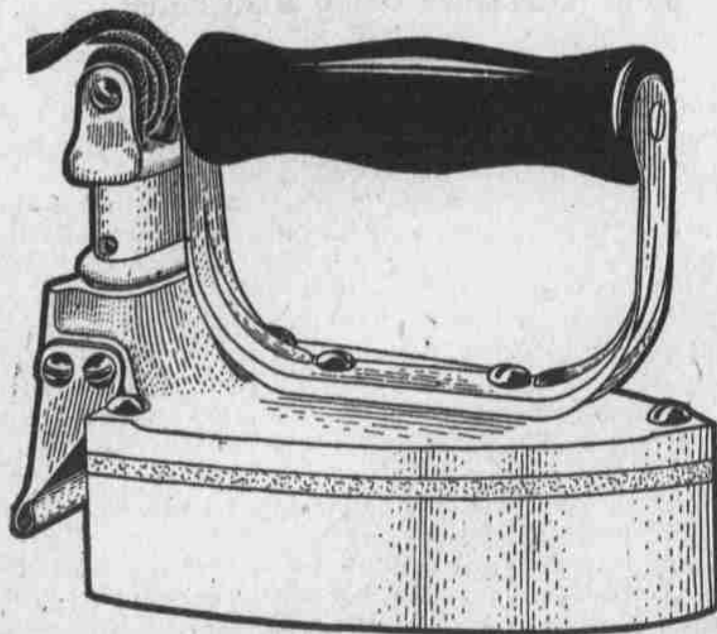
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