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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Idaho—Fair.
Washington—Fair and cooler in northeast and warmer in southwest.

ALL IS NOT TOLD.

When the Astoria Council-Charter Committee tells the people that the sum of cost for the sea-wall will be \$300,000, and that \$500,000 more will cover the cost of filling in the frontage, and stop there, there is a feeling that they are not stating the limit nor making a comprehensive estimate of the probable costs of the enterprise; that they have fallen short in the duty of making clear the wide range of auxiliary expense inseparable from the undertaking. And even the lump-estimates alluded to above are based only upon rough and unexpert findings; there is no trained and scientific computation behind either of them, because, forsooth, the Committee "does not need an engineer to tell it about the cost of driving piles." Mere vagrant and flagrant appraisments of this sort are not going to satisfy the small group of property owners in this small city that they should enter upon a scheme of improvement costing nearly a round million of money, without the sanction of qualified and adept confirmation; there must be something more tangible and acceptable than this to bolster so great and essential an effort; the whole array of expenditure must be submitted with some degree of reliability, raised upon findings wrought from some other source than happy enthusiasm.

It is rare indeed that such a public venture has been carried the length this one has; to the very compilation of the bill providing for it; to the very act of public submission; without the calling in of tried and responsible engineers; without the rendering of exact and comprehensive estimates of every phase of cost as it attaches, not alone to the original essay, but to the collateral lines of improvement that are indispensable. It is as extraordinary as it is dangerous, and the absence of all these things must prove, long before the work is half done, that haste and irresponsible calculations are of poor avail in so grave a matter, so big a project.

We would ask the Committee to give us some idea of the cost, and necessity, of changing (raising) the present system of grades, and the consequent elevation of the streets, and buildings, and sewers, to the new levels of from two to nine feet, but we are filled to repletion with flimsy reckonings, of the sort, and would much prefer to have the report of a reputable engineer in this instance, as well as in relation to the primary proposition. We do not dare attempt such a calculation ourselves and we doubt if there is nerve enough to compass it outside the enthusiastic coterie of gentlemen comprising the present Charter Committee. None of these things have been provided for, nor accounted apparently, in the prospectus of the Committee; but they will not down, however persistently they are ignored; they must be attended to before one single act is done in behalf of the great work of the sea-wall; or posterity will damn us infinitely, let alone the cursing we will all live to realize at the hands of our fellows upon whom we shall impose so "half-baked" a proposition as a sea-wall in front of a choked sewage system.

COFFEE

Why doesn't your grocer moneyback everything?

Can't get the goods or the money.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like his Billings' Best; we pay him.

No man knows, as yet, what we are to have; of what quality the improvement is to be; whether it is to be a mere bulkhead of piling, a rock-way, a cement wall; but these things are immaterial so long as the fundamental questions of grades and sewerage are ignored. And without deprecating the scheme itself nor deprecating the work and ardor of the Committee we beg, for the sake of the Astoria public in general, and its taxpayers in particular, that the Committee turn its attention to these requisites and get its colleagues of the Council to assist it in formulating some plan and estimate touching the new grades which are, above all things else, an imperative basis for the sea-wall itself.

TODAY-TOMORROW.

We would respectfully remind the great group of men in Washington and Oregon nearest to the salmon fisheries, that there is a tomorrow in the industry as well as a today; that today's patience, foresight, restraint and admirable good sense, is tomorrow's capital in the business; that pitiful jealousies and foolish acts, in the name of the law, or beyond it, will not compensate for a ruined enterprise or make good wanton losses. Tomorrow is the most essential consideration in this behalf.

Today we can meet the weight of discomfort, denial, loss, if we do it so we may devise against its repetition. That is the main end in view with all interested in the Columbia fisheries, or should be; and it were well for the men holding the preponderance of influence in the craft to exercise it promptly, even to the refusal to buy and pack fish. It is going to take heroic steps to avert trouble and the sooner they are taken the sooner the crisis will be reached and, possibly, circumvented.

Tomorrow we will need the great industry as much, or more, than today, and folly never fore-stalled a saving, in this nor any other behalf. There are none to measure the losses in this connection so accurately as those upon whom they shall fall, nor are there any to move with more circumspection and effectiveness than they, the fisherman, the canner, the packer, the broker, the men next and nearest the great business. If they cannot save it to themselves and the country, perhaps it were better to let it go; since the spirit that will calmly witness the disintegration of a fine industry is unamenable to its rights and profits. But this we do not believe.

DECIDE YOURSELF.

The Opportunity Is Here, Backed by Astoria Testimony.

Don't take our word for it.
Don't depend on a stranger's statement.

Read Astoria endorsement.
Read the statements of Astoria citizens.

And decide for yourself.
Here is one case of it:

J. Pedersen, a longshoreman, living at 613 Commercial street, Astoria, Ore., says: "For 20 years I was afflicted with kidney trouble. I suffered a great deal from pain in the small of the back and was continually tired and nervous. I had occasional headaches, and also a blurring of the eyesight. Every time I took cold it settled in the kidneys and added to my troubles, the secretions at such times being irregular and containing sediment. My rest was much disturbed at night on this account. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills procured at Charles Rogers & Son's drug store and found unexpected relief for which I am very thankful."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

YOUNG WOMEN



Young women are often great sufferers for want of proper advice at just the right time.

Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., has always issued to young girls a special invitation to write to her about their sickness. She is a mother, and fully understands.

In nine chances out of ten your case will be just the same as those of the young ladies whose letters follow.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

is what you need to restore health.

Miss Abby F. Barrows, of Nelsonville, Ohio, writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"When I wrote to you I was very nervous, had dull headaches, backache, and was very irregular. Doctors did me no good. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and your advice made me regular, well and strong. I am now in better health than ever before."

Miss Elsie L. Hook, of Chelsea, Vt., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I am only sixteen years old, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and your advice have cured me of sideache, periodic pains, and a nervous, irritable condition after everything else had failed."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

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.

Good For Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel 50 per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone, of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Best Treatment For a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Don't be afraid to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to your children. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. It always cures. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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Nature intended man to be happy and to be able to give

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Smile All the While

Look at healthy children—look at the healthy man or woman—and you see the pleasures that come from perfect health—the protection that wards off the excesses of life to-day

Ghirardelli's Cocoa

the perfect food drink—braces up the system—strengthens the body and enthuses the brain into perfect activity—besides it pleases the palate, too.

30 cups of a delicious drink 25c

COOPER S. E.

New York News Letter

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Never in recent years has the fear of fire driven this city to the emergency precautions which are to-day being put into force by the authorities. An army of detectives is quietly being posted throughout every crowded block on the island, while watchmen, policemen and janitors are receiving instructions for sleepless watch against the fire-bugs, who have terrorized not only the tenement districts, but the whole community. With a record of a score of incendiary blazes a day in localities all about town during the past week, the fireman is straining at the tap of the gong and the policeman is, at his wits end to capture the bold band of pyromaniacs. While every New Yorker knows that no braver, better men ever stood in shoe leather than the fire laddies of his crackerjack force, the memory of the shameful handicap of rotten hose which politics has imposed on them is still fresh in the public mind. No one can tell to-day what extreme this fiery carnival may lead; but every one is eager for the capture of the mysterious fiends whose work it is.

Enveloped in a cloud of dust and mortar, the disfigured facades of exclusive Fifth Avenue are a sorry sight to-day as the city has finally begun its gigantic task of splitting a few feet wider the famous thoroughfare of fashion. Pillars, porches, balconies, railings and steps that formerly made up the ornate decorative scheme of the fronts of the oldest and most handsome buildings in the metropolis are being ruthlessly knocked into ugly heaps of brick and brownstone. The neat curb that for generations has outlined the greatest parade of fashion in the world has for the first time been broken to bits and strewn with the sidewalk flagging back toward the base of the dismembered house fronts. Select Fifth Avenue to-day has begun to bear a close resemblance to a waste of brick yard and it will be many a long day before even a show of return to its old order can be restored. To reshape the mile of structures so pitilessly shaven and shorn it is conceded will be the work of a whole winter.

Pumpkins, poultry, preserves, pigs and pies are only some of the real farm products which rural Gotham is to-day exhibiting with pride at the county fair in the limits of the metropolis. Over on Staten Island, where there is plenty of farm land miles within boundaries of Greater New York, the city-country inhabitants have this year set up as genuine a fair as can be found within the state. Trotting, judging and exhibiting is going on briskly within a twenty minutes' ride from Wall Street and side shows swarm the crowded fair

grounds to the delight of the metropolitan agriculturists. The entrance grounds, where touring cars are packed thickly by the hundred, are the only clue to the comedy of the affair, which New Yorkers are finding much more to their taste just now than all the amusements of the Great White Way.

In spite of the few remaining hard times croakers, the splendid showing of labor, employed and sturdy, on its annual parade is regarded to-day as a sure sign of mending business. Rank by rank and squad by squad, New Yorkers have watched as big and hearty a body of wage earners step in view as has ever been seen on any Labor Day here. Someone must have work and wages for this great army of contented looking laborers, it is argued, and every group of them must mean some flourishing industry. The much-heralded demonstration of the unemployed fell flat, for the simple reason that the men with jobs outnumbered the men without, a hundred to one. Labor has taught a lesson to the reviving metropolis by this parade and each day confidence increases by leaps and bounds.

Now that the Foley Feast is over, the women and children of the tenements have lost interest in politics 'till next year. This great gathering of the lower East Side crowds, as guests of the open hearted Sheriff Foley, has for years been the one bright spot in the lives of a host of mothers and children of the poorer quarters. "Big Tom" is worshipped as friend as well as boss of his people, and to all who will apply he has as usual doled out ice-cream, entertainment and cheer with a lavish hand. One glimpse at the beatific faces of the weather-worn families of the slums after their day with the "big feller" is convincing every one that there are some things in politics that are really well worth while.

THEIR BIG SKYSCRAPER.

Chicago Association Of Commerce Will Have \$700,000 Building.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—The next skyscraper building to be erected in Chicago will be the \$700,000 fourteen story Chicago Association of Commerce building at the Southeast Corner of Jackson Boulevard and Plymouth Court. This announcement evoked prolonged cheering from the 957 members of the Association gathered in the banquet hall of the Auditorium Hotel last night in celebration of the fourth grand rally of the organization.

The announcement was made by David B. Morgan, chairman of the special committee to determine a site

for a permanent home for the association.

The first floor will be given over to shops and stores, the second floor to offices, the third and fourth to large banquet halls, capable of seating 600 persons each; the fifth floor will be the headquarters of the association of Commerce; the sixth the committee and club rooms of the organization and the remaining upper floors to office and various other purposes.

FOR COAST DEFENSES.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Two mine planters may be sent to the Pacific Coast to augment the Coast defenses there, according to the present plans of the war department. The mine planters tentatively selected are Gen. Henry Junt, now at Fort Wadsworth and Colonel Geo. Armistead at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook. Brig. Gen. Arthur Murphy, chief of Coast Artillery, is here to arrange for their departure. They may leave with the fleet of the lighthouse department next Saturday.

UPHOLDS OLD LAW.

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 18.—An opinion filed yesterday by the Michigan Supreme Court sustained the constitutionality of the maximum freight law of 1872, which has been ignored by the railroads as absolute and denounced by them as unjust, unreasonable and confiscatory. The law provides a fixed rate for carrying freight in carload lots for short distances, a rate of eight dollars for transporting a car ten miles being provided regardless of the character of the freight.

ALL FOR THE BIRDS.

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 18.—By an order of President Roosevelt, about 70,000 acres of land adjoining the Oregon-California line is to be set aside as a reservation for the propagation and protection of all native birds. The order includes all land not suitable for agricultural purposes and prohibits the taking or destruction of nests or the killing of native birds of any description. The land described is probably the greatest breeding ground in the world for water fowl of many species.

TO CONTROL APPLE MARKET

Fruit Growers of Walla Walla Valley Meet and Regulate Prices, Etc.

WALLA WALLA, Sept. 18.—For the purpose of organizing the apple-growers' combination, which is calculated to advance the present price of Walla Walla Valley apples and to successfully combat any advances in transportation rates, a special meeting of all fruit men from this valley will be held here on Monday.

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