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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, warmer in east portion.

Washington—Fair except possibly showers along coast; slightly warmer.

PORTLAND'S PROBLEM.

It would seem that the Oregon metropolis has raised an insoluble problem in the issuance of its drastic flat against the demi-monde; has "bitten off" a moral mouthful it may neither masticate, nor digest; and most, eventually, recall the signal, yet manifestly inoperative point of its sweeping order.

In light of all municipal history in this relation the country is given to wondering where the Portland people draw their assurance from in this grave premise; it has been demonstrated so often, and so logically, that these wholesale "purifications" are farcical and inadequate, that the extraordinary terms of the Portland police-order seem ridiculous and the outcome primarily fatuous and futile.

Where are these women to turn for shelter and sustenance and the common essentials of existence? It must be conceded that they are alive, and human, and amenable to the necessities and exactions of ordinary subsistence. They must clothe and feed themselves, must rest, and sleep and strive and struggle to maintain the wretched life all have not the courage to lay down at the tentative behest of the puritanical moralists behind such movements.

There is a rational philosophy that is always adequate for the handling of these grave issues. If it be not the gentle and inspiring patience of the Divine Master with the "woman of Samaria," it may be the wise and orderly ministrations of police regulation that fixes the limitations of habit, and commerce and social dealing; both of which doctrines seem to have been ignored in the Portland premise.

For a great city to be deliberately cut upon one of its own foulest festers and distribute contagious emanations over its municipal body; force them abroad upon other communities, and infect even the country-side about it, is a criminal and idiotic thing to do; and, in the light of all the human experience teaches, in this relation, reacts with vastly increased ratio of evil upon the place and people responsible for it.

This case amounts to an open confession that Portland is without a police force or program adequate to take care of an inevitable and inseparable element of police interest and ministrations; that it must shake off its own responsibilities in this regard and pass them on to other places and people to bear and regulate; that the sum of its civic duty is done when it has spread its own infection farther and deeper at home, and inculcated, or added to, the range of wretchedness in sister-towns.

It is the same old story; but the Portland telling of it is a shade stupider than any we recall just at the moment; and for her sake and the sake of all who must share in the mess, we hope the administrative gumption up there will intervene over, and against, the irresponsibles chargeable with this extreme and impracticable policy.

ASTORIA ATHLETICS.

The prospects for very genuine success in athletic culture and amusement in Astoria are bright, and will no doubt be made the most of

COFFEE

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by young and old to whom these things are essential and attractive. The A. A. A. has a new and beautiful home almost completed and which will be quite on a par with any other of this size in the Northwest.

With a strong and interested association, a well equipped habitat and generous range of apparatus and appliances; there would seem to be no good reason for anything save marked success and some fine records in the near future, all if which is cordially hoped for by the last citizen.

CHEAP LABOR AND LIVING.

The pessimist still complains about the high prices in food products and tries to make it appear that the advance in wages in the last ten years has not been commensurate with the increase in the cost of living. There has been only one careful investigation of this subject made, and that has been by the Bureau of Labor, which is composed of careful and conservative investigators year by year ever since the Bureau was created under the administration of Grover Cleveland, and their figures have been made public in the labor bulletins every year, so while they are applicable in this discussion they were in no way intended for use in a political campaign, and they would not be except to show the mistakes of those who assume that the increase in the cost of living has been greater than the average increase in the earnings of the people.

Take the figures any way one pleases to look at them, they show the error of this assumption. Comparing the last year of 1905 with that of 1894, there was an increase of 42 per cent. in the average earnings per hour; there was an increase of 16.7 per cent in the average weekly earnings per employee, and there was an average increase in the weekly earnings of all employees. On the other hand there was an increase of 12.7 per cent in the retail prices of food.

All the percentages on wages are greater than the percentages of increase in the cost of food, and only the reckless assertion of pessimists stand against the careful investigation of a large number of trained experts who have no other purpose than to carry on the work for which the Bureau of Labor was created. It is all very well to complain of high prices and to demand cheap food and cheap clothing. But we had one era of cheapness in this generation and the cheapest commodity in that time was labor. President Harrison said a "cheap coat makes a cheap man," and the conditions that prevailed under the last Democratic administration came pretty near demonstrating that as an absolute truth. Labor was then so cheap that men could not exchange it for enough to give them a living. It was carnival of soup and rags. To-day labor is the dearest product in the market. It is these things we should consider when we are going to the polls to determine the policy of the Government for the next four years. Do we want cheap labor or high priced labor? That is the question.

CATHOLICS WILL MEET.

Are Planning For An Imposing Demonstration In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Preparations for the greatest demonstration of the Catholics of the United States since the plenary council of Baltimore of two decades ago, were begun at a meeting of leading Roman Catholic laymen of Chicago last night.

The event will be the Catholic missionary congress of the United States and Canada. It will begin in Chicago on Sunday, Nov. 15, and end on the following Wednesday. More than sixty archbishops, bishops and mitred abbots of the United States, Canada and Mexico already have pledged themselves to be present. The meeting last night was presided over by Archbishop Quigley, who, as

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\$3.50 Wool Pants	\$2.50	.50 Work Shirts40	wear No. 17.....	\$3.30
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\$3.00 Sweater Shirts	\$2.25	Men's \$3.00 Dress Shoes.....	\$2.25	\$2.50 Suit, Wool Under-	
.50 Woolen Sox35	\$7.00 Logger's Shoes	\$5.50	wear	\$1.75
.25 Woolen Sox20	\$6.50 Logger's Shoes	\$5.00	\$1.00 Suit, Cotton Underwear.....	.80
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chairman of the board of governors of the Catholic Church extension society and Archbishop of the city in which the congress is to be held, will be the leading spirit throughout. He will be assisted by the Rev. Francis Clement Kelly, president of the Catholic Church Extension society, as permanent vice chairman.

In answer to a petition by Father Kelly, indorsed by Bishop Quigley and sent to Rome, a short time ago, word was received yesterday that the Most Rev. Diomed Falconio, Apostolic delegate at Washington, has been appointed to attend the congress as the representative of Rome and confer the papal blessing.

The congress becomes possible only by virtue of the recent decree of Pope Pius, which on Nov. 1 takes the United States and Canada out of the ranks of missionary countries, as they have been hitherto considered and placed them on the same footing as the distinctively Catholic nations in the old world. The aim of the congress is to take up the burden and to stir the Catholics of the United States up to their new obligations.

The congress will be composed of both laymen and ecclesiastics from all parts of the country.

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Loans and Discounts.....	\$698,616.78	Capital Paid In.....	\$119,000.00
City and County Warrants and Astoria Water Bonds.....	30,753.08	Surplus.....	107,000.00
Bank Building.....	64,009.35	Undivided Profits.....	542.01
Furniture and Fixtures.....	16,927.23	DEPOSITS	
Real Estate.....	10,000.00	Subject to Check.....	405,545.69
Due from Banks.....	\$ 49,557.23	Time Certificates.....	228,822.02
Cash on Hand.....	105,452.30	Demand Certificates.....	15,974.26
		Cashiers Checks.....	198.00
		Letters of Credit.....	200.00—650,482.97
		Due Other Banks.....	478.56
Total.....	\$678,498.66	Total.....	\$678,498.66

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