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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair by increasing cloudiness with rain near coast.
Washington—Fair followed by increasing cloudiness; rain in extreme west portion.

BUSINESS.

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JAPAN'S SINCERITY.

The Empire of the Rising Sun, from its imperial head to its lowest coolie, has given the world a lesson in the superb art and grace of national hospitality in its reception of the American war fleet.

There are those who would doubt the sincerity of this demonstration: But we insist that such a doubt is untenable.

Emperor and country must have been responsible for the signal of guile had a fraction existed; and the honor America demands that all such sentiment be expunged from our conception of the tenders made.

"OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM."

While we are at it, we may as well say a word of Astoria's babies. We are not given to bragging on things Astorian as a rule, because the best she has to offer usually speaks so plainly that our intervention is superfluous.

In a general way, we venture the declaration that no city of 15,000 people in this land can show a finer array of babies, for health, sturdiness, physical beauty, color, form, disposition, and promise than dwell in the municipal territory between Smith's Point and Tongue Point on this peninsula, nor more of them.

Naturally we cherish this idea, for it embodies the crux of our future. You cannot have citizens without plenty of babies and our embryonic supply is always normal in quantity and quality.

GOMPERS REBUKED.

"The vote of organized labor, as a body, will not, should not and cannot be delivered to any party or by any man or set of men."

President McPhail's letter is as follows: "Dear Mr. Moore—Your letter of September 22 has just been received and read by me, as I have to-day returned from a tour of some of our

COFFEE

The world is full of anonymous coffee: "Java and Mocha."

Who returns your money if you don't like 'em?

Your great nervous system: I you don't like 'em? Scullin's Tea: or our bin.

New England cities for our organization.

"In reply to the question you ask me I will state that in my opinion the vote of organized labor in this country as a body will not and cannot be delivered to any one party by any one man or set of men.

"Members of labor unions, as citizens, have the right and should carefully consider the platforms and promises of the different political parties, and should vote as they believe the broadest and best interests of our country lie.

"There can be no objection to this from any source, and it is something which every citizen should do. To claim that any man or set of men, as has been blazoned forth in the newspapers, will deliver the vote of organized labor to any party is absurd as it is an impossibility.

NEWS OF CHEER.

The people of the upper coast country are glad of the news that comes up out of Coos as to the safety of R. D. Hume and his party from the dangers that beset them on their recent cruise.

DID SHE SUICIDE.

Tragic Death of a Nine Year Old Girl in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Reciting over and over to herself the little verse which she was to have spoken before her class in school today and clutching in her hands a five cent piece, the last coin of her mother's little store, with which she was to buy milk for her baby brother, Marion Meade, 9 years old, ran in front of a trolley car last night and was crushed to death.

No one knows just how the accident happened but when a policeman called for volunteers and a hundred men put their shoulders to the car and turned it over on the side there was no life left in the mangled little one underneath the trucks.

SHORT ON WATER.

New York State Up Against a Startling Condition of Affairs.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—From all parts of the state come complaints of water shortage. So serious is the situation in many sections that extreme measures will soon be needed to prevent actual distress.

NEW YORK TO CHINA.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The Chinese government selected W. A. Grant of New York to take charge of the new engraving plant which is to be established in Peking for the purpose of printing the bank notes that in the past have been turned out in foreign countries.

SPEAKING OF ISSUES.



—From the Philadelphia Press.

TRUE PROPHETS AND FALSE.

HOW TO TEST THEM.

"I will not deny that there may be prophets to-day, but the trouble is to tell the true prophets from the false ones. The Bible says that false prophets will rise. It tells us how to distinguish the false from the true. It says: 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'"

BRYAN PROPHECIES.

THE ANSWERS.

"TARIFF WILL CRUSH THE FARMER."

1892, Free Trade. "Thus in every State, so far as these statistics have been collected, the proportion of home-owning farmers is decreasing and that of tenant farmers increasing. This means but one thing: it means a land of landlords and tenants, and, backed by the history of every nation that has gone down, I say to you that no people can continue a free people under a free government when the great majority of its citizens are tenants of a small minority."

The Answer is 1908. The answer is found in the prevailing good prices for grain, corn, hogs, cattle, hay and all the products of the farm, together with the fact that since the date of Candidate Bryan's "crushing" speech, Western farm lands have doubled in value, and thousands of "tenant" farmers of that date have become prosperous home-owners, tilling their own land in peace, happiness and plenty.

"GOLD STANDARD WILL DESTROY HOMES."

1896, Free Coinage—16 to 1. "I reply that, if protection has slain its thousands, the gold standard has slain its tens of thousands." William J. Bryan; speech at Democratic National Convention, July, 1896. "The Democratic party has begun a war of extermination against the gold standard. We ask no quarter; we give no quarter. We shall prosecute our warfare until there is not an American citizen who dares to advocate the gold standard. You ask why? We reply that the gold standard is a conspiracy against the human race, and that we should no more join in it than we would an army to destroy our homes and to destroy our families."

The Answer is 1908. The gold standard has "slain" no one, nor did it write the "future in blood," nor did it destroy our homes nor foreclose the farm mortgage, nor did it close the district school; on the contrary, it has proved the sound and solid foundation of widespread prosperity, leading to individual progress and happiness, aided in paying off the farm mortgage and expanding the country's educational facilities.

"NO MORE FOURTH OF JULY."

1900, Imperialism! "The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song we have so often repeated: 'My Country, 'tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away, for the spirit of Empire will be upon us."

The Answer is 1908. Answer this for yourself. Do you know of any spot in the United States where the spirit of 1776 is dead and forgotten and the Fourth of July a meaningless date on the calendar? On the other hand the humblest citizen is growing prouder of his American citizenship and the spirit of 1776 is permeating the entire body politic.

"ROOSEVELT THE SPIRIT OF WAR."

1904, Anti-Roosevelt. "I would rather go down to eternal oblivion than be instrumental in the election of Roosevelt." William J. Bryan, Oct. 17, 1904, while touring Indiana. "The surrender of the present President (Roosevelt) to corporate influences furnishes an excellent proof of the wisdom of Judge Parker in making the statement he has. But President Roosevelt stands for militarism. . . . The present occupant of the White House (Roosevelt) represents in an aggravated form the warlike spirit, as contrasted with the pacific policy that has heretofore characterized our nation."

The Answer is 1908. President Roosevelt, instead of representing the "spirit of war," stands before the world the greatest exemplar of international peace in his generation. History will in full season award him the titles he has justly won, and the greatest of these will be "The Peacemaker," in spite of Candidate Bryan's assault upon him in 1904. Under President Roosevelt's policies the United States has taken its place in the front rank of world powers. Taft is committed to continuing these policies.

"GOVERNMENT MUST OWN RAILWAYS."

1906, Government Ownership of Railways. "I have already reached the conclusion that railroads partake so much of the nature of a monopoly that they must ultimately become public property, and be managed by public officials in the interest of the whole community."

The Answer is 1908. The broad meaning of Candidate Bryan's remarks on this subject is that railway regulation by statute law is impossible, and that "government ownership" is the only remedy for transportation abuses. The enactment of the Federal Rate Law has totally disproved the claims of Candidate Bryan and vividly displayed his unsound reasoning on great public questions.

SHE JUMPED ANYWAY.

Policeman Catches Woman In His Arms From Three Story Jump.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Annie Kline was saved from probably death yesterday when she jumped from a third story of her residence which was afire, by policeman Michael Egan, who caught her in his arms, after he had shouted to her not to jump.

The cause of the fire is not known. It spread so rapidly that while Mrs. Kline was gathering up some of her personal belongings she found escape cut off.

The policeman was standing almost directly under Mrs. Kline and as she plunged she fell head foremost he caught her in his arms. Both fell to the ground and were unconscious when spectators ran to their assistance. Egan's helmet was broken, but aside from being stunned, he was not injured. Mrs. Kline suffered bruises, but was not seriously hurt. The fire caused damage of \$500.

BIG GIN BURNS.

EVERGREEN, Ky., Oct. 22.—The big cotton ginery of B. F. Smith, five miles east of Evergreen was destroyed by fire yesterday. Twenty seven bales of cotton were burned. There is every indication of incendiarism.

MILLINERY SALE!

Special Sale of PATTERN HATS

At the La Mode 682 Commercial St.

AMUSEMENTS.

..Astoria Theatre..

Astoria Theatre

ONE NIGHT

SUNDAY Oct. 25

WILLIE DUNLAY

—IN—

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Brilliant Comedy Hit With Music

"The Honeymooners"

Elaborate Production

Cohan Songs, Cohan Boys, Cohan Girls, Cohan Noise.

The Cohan Songs Hits—"I'm a Popular Man," "Make a Lot of Noise," "Kid Days," in a "One-Night Stand," "Nothing New Beneath the Sun," "The Mysterious Maid," "Don't Go in the Water, Daughter," "San Francisco Is My Home," "An Old Fashioned Walk."

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Commercial and Ninth Street

TONIGHT

FOR HIS SISTER'S SAKE HALLO, HALLOO GRINDER ILL-REWARDED HONESTY TOM REMOVES SONG "Too Late (Rosey) VIEWS OF TRIP THROUGH HAWAII

This Theatre is equipped with the latest and most improved electrical Machines. Don't fail to see these pictures.

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