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THE WEATHER.

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WHAT WE MAY EXPECT.

Now that the formal acceptance of Samuel Elmore of the nomination for the mayoralty of the City of Astoria, is known to all men, it follows that the mass of our citizens want to know what to expect from Mr. Elmore if he shall be elected to the chief executiveship of the city. This can be readily ascertained by reference to the interview that gentleman gave out yesterday and which will be found in another column of this issue of the Morning Astorian.

It is just the talk that had been expected from this man of affairs; it carries with it the unescapable assurance of a thorough poise and perfect understanding on the part of the man who is surely to be honored with the office. There is no ambiguity about it; no dallying with the crucial phases of the administrative work cut out for him; whatever is untouched in this candid expression, is left untouched until the hour for thought and disposal shall arrive; he makes no reservations that are not wholly admissible; he makes no specific promises and pledges that may not be possible of fulfillment; he simply talks business as a business man, and the fore-knowledge that is ours of his faculty for the doing of business is guaranty of what and how he will do it; no more than this is needed what his status as a citizen, a leading and potential citizen, is considered; he does not have to deal with vital questions, even tentatively, nor premise his official career with empty promises.

If he shall reach the dignity of the mayoralty, the last man in Astoria knows he will preserve and fortify it, steadily and surely, as become a man who appreciates it and knows what is expected of him.

ANOTHER LINK.

The good news has come out of Portland that the greatest railway bridge in the world, connecting the Northern Pacific lines on the south side of the Columbia, and that city, with the "North Bank" system at Vancouver, is at last open for traffic and that trains are now using it; that the permanent schedules will soon be formulated, setting up the new commercial activity this link is certain to hasten.

Astoria is not without her advantage in this culmination. She is put in touch with the world by one more powerful and direct avenue and agency, one that she has peculiar and pertinent interest in; and it is saying but little to say that she is conscious and proud of the tie. We believe this benefit is not so remote as some people would have us think; we know the near coast-line is closely interwoven in James J. Hill's great plans of development and that San Francisco is among the ultimates within his huge perspective; that Astoria cannot be side-tracked in the outcome and that her interests are merged in the general schemes entertained by both Hill and Harriman.

The throwing open of the great bridges over the Columbia and the Willamette is but another step in the program we have justifiable concern in, and apart from the vast commercial importance it stands for in the unfoldment of the new and splendid railway system known as the "North Bank", it is a matter of profound congratulation to the whole north-western country as another permanent and conspicuous agency in the illimitable course of expansion now under way in this section of the country.

GENUINE TARIFF REVISION.

Such, Mr. Taft declares, is the policy of the Republican party. The at-

titude of the Republican party on revision of the tariff was so plainly set forth by Mr. Taft in his speech at Milwaukee, Wis., on September 24, that his words ought to be repeated to every voter in the United States as a convincing and conclusive answer to Mr. Bryan's unfounded assertions that the revision will not be genuine. Mr. Taft said:

"The party is pledged to a genuine revision, and as the temporary head of that party, and President of the United States, if it be successful in November, I expect to use all the influence that I have by calling immediately a special session, and by recommendation to Congress, to secure a genuine and honest revision of the tariff, in accordance with the principles of protection laid down in the platform, based upon the examination of appropriate evidence, and impartial as between the consumer and the manufacturer."

There is no mistaking the meaning of anything Mr. Taft says. There is nothing Delphic or misleading in his assertions. There will be a revision of the tariff, fair to the person who buys and the worker who makes American goods. It will be a genuine revision, not a pretended tariff for revenue, like the Democratic Wilson-Gorman tariff of fourteen years ago, which gave protection to certain powerful interests which needed no protection, and omitted to protect the industries on which the farmer and wage-earner depended for support. The consequence in disaster and ruin to manufacturers, and distress and privation to workers have not been forgotten, and the bitter memories of that period will have no slight influence in prompting American workmen to vote for Taft and Sherman for President and Vice-President of the United States, and thereby assuring a revision of the tariff by the Republican party, whose policy it has been from the time the party came into power to safeguard American labor from the unfair competition of the cheap labor of Europe and Asia.

BRYANISM A SERIOUS ISSUE.

"The Bryan candidacy is not taken seriously by the men one meets in daily life," says Mr. D. A. Mudge, a business man of St. Paul, Minn.

The time not to take the Bryan candidacy seriously will be after the election. While Bryan is in the field the fact that he is the candidate of the Democracy for President, and that his success, however improbable, would be a crashing blow to business interests, ought to make the issue a very serious one for every business man. Many business men, seeing the importance of the issue, are doing everything they can to promote Republican success, and by the election of Taft and Sherman to assure prosperity for the country and for themselves.

In speaking about the national campaign Representative Leake asserted with emphasis that Bryan had ingrafted upon the Democratic party the principles of Populism and Socialism, and virtually had wrecked the party. He called Mr. Bryan a fanatic, a crafty seeker after votes, and finally a "political brainstorm." Despite the picturesque terms which he applied to Bryan, representative Leake discussed logically and clearly his reasons for bolting the Democratic party. The keynote to his talk was patriotism, and he pointed out that regard for the nation's interest was higher than mere party loyalty. "I declined re-nomination for Con-

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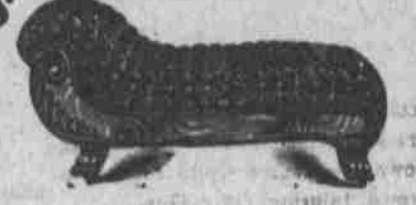
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gress," said Representative Leake, "because I could not make a monkey out of myself in following Bryan's doctrines. I could not consistently run for Congress on Bryan's platform after what I had stood for two years ago. Consequently, I declared by intention to vote for Taft, and I have offered my services to the Republican National Committee for all or any part of October as a stump speaker."

The Democratic Campaign Text Book can hardly be reckoned among the season's "best sellers," but its originality as a work of fiction cannot be denied.

Reports from the front state that Candidate Bryan looks somewhat worn. His political policies present a somewhat similar experience.

Mr. Bryan declares that he stands by his record. He should stand close or it will fall over and smash him.

KIND OF MAYOR WE WANT.

"Editor Astorian—I beg to suggest these qualifications:

"One who would veto an ordinance appropriating public money for a regatta parade, because such an expenditure is illegal.

"One who would object to councilmen as a public body trying to force a seawall bill on the people, because the initiative and referendum was created for the use of the people at large, and not for the use of legislative bodies.

"One who would veto an appropriation to pay a lawyer for services in drawing up a seawall bill or any other bill not authorized by the charter, because such an expenditure is illegal.

"One who would refuse to sign a city warrant for the costs of circulating a seawall petition for signatures.

"One who would veto an ordinance for improving a street against the wishes of the property owners, because the power to override a remonstrance was only given the council for use in cases of dire necessity.

"One who would veto an ordinance to improve a street where the city was sure to have to pay the bill. "TAXPAYER."

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

"Paid in Full" was performed for the three-hundredth time at Weber's Theatre, New York, the other night.

Blanche Walsh has begun rehearsals of "The Test," a new drama by Jules Eckert Goodman, in which she will be seen in New York this season.

"The Man Who Stood Still," Jules Eckert Goodman's new play, written for Louis Mann met with fair success at its premises the other night in New York.

William Farren, the veteran actor, whose greatest part was Sir Peter Teazle in the "School for Scandal," has just died at Sienna, Italy, at the age of eighty-three. He retired from the stage many years ago.

Thomas A. Wise and Douglas Fairbanks, at present co-stars in "A Gentleman from Mississippi," have signed to appear together in a new play by George Broadhurst, under the management of Wm. A. Brady and Joseph R. Grismer.

Edouard Tak, for several years with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra of Chicago and the New York Symphony Orchestra, has been chosen by Emil Paur as concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Orchestra. He is on his way from Holland to the United States.

The Shuberts have secured the dramatic rights to Arthur J. Eddy's new story of Chicago, "Ganton & Co." The dramatization will be done by Augustus Thomas with the collaboration of Mr. Eddy and the play is to be produced in New York or Chicago before February 1, 1909.

Miss Marion Terry, a sister of Ellen Terry and an actress of note herself in England, is on her way to Montreal, where she will create the leading role in Paul Bourget's drama "Divorce," which will have its premiere in Montreal on November 2.

Harrison Grey Fiske has taken a sub-lease for three years of the little Hackett Theatre in West Forty-second street, New York. Mrs. Fiske will appear there next month in "Salvation Nell" and will be followed by Mme. Kalisch and other attractions.

Mary Mannering is rehearsing at the Lyric Theatre, New York, a new emotional drama by E. B. Tilton entitled "Memory and Tomorrow," which will have its first presentation

somewhere outside of New York shortly. Frederick Truesdale, formerly with Carlotta Nilsson, will be Miss Mannering's leading man.

It has been announced that Arnold Daly is to give up legitimate drama and appear in vaudeville. Mr. Daly and a company have been engaged by Percy Williams, of the Orpheum Circuit to produce a new one-act farce by Mark Twain, entitled "Becoming an Editor." It will open at the Colonial Theatre, New York next Monday.

The notable items in the prospectus of the Opera Comique in Paris for the coming season are a revival of Mozart's "The Magic Flute," which for a generation has been known on the French stage; a short opera, "L'Heure Espagnole," in which Ravel undertakes for the first time to write for the theatre; and Richard Strauss's "Feuersnot" hitherto unperformed outside of Germany and seldom there. Debussy's two new pieces, after tales by Poe, and the rumored sequel to "Louise" by Carpentier do not appear on the list.

Henri Barnstein's new play, "Samson," in which Manager Charles Frohman is presenting William Gillette this season, met with good success at its first performance at Rochester, N. Y., the other night. The play is woven around the story of a loveless wife, who has married for wealth. Mr. Gillette acts the role of Maurice Brachard, a self-made man. Among the members of the company supporting him are Miss Constance Collier, an English actress, formerly of Beerbohm Tree's company, Marie Wainwright, Frederick de Belleville and Pauline Frederic.

AFTER AUTO WRECKER.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Frank Ware was arrested last night on suspicion of knowing who dynamited George F. Getz's automobile Wednesday night in Hawthorne.

Night Superintendent Jobin at the Chicago Automobile Club garage and the chauffeur who towed the machine to the suburbs will be asked today if they can identify Ware as the man who took the automobile from the club's garage.

The police say Ware was indicted several years ago for throwing de-

cayed eggs at street evangelists, and left the city. He is suspected of having been implicated in an attempt to blow up the residence of John Hill, Jr., with dynamite ten years ago. Ware told the police he had been traveling in foreign countries for several years.

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