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### THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.

### GET THE VOTING HABIT.

The Republicans of Astoria may be a bit backward when it comes to engineering a "Citizens" convention upon the standards that govern the Democratic minority, but they can easily acquire the voting habit and attending the public polls in such strength as will make up for all deficiencies in the political scheme alluded to. They will be called to the polls three times within the next forty-two days; at the Presidential election on Tuesday, November 3rd; at the general primary election for the city on Monday, November 9th; and at the city election on Wednesday, December 9th. Every one of the dates and duties are imperative; especially upon the Republicans, the major party of this city and section. None of the three calls for the exercise of the franchise may be ignored under any circumstances that may be obviated, and this is especially true of the second on this list; the primaries, on November 9th call for a showing on the part of Republican Astoria that shall make the opposition entirely conscious of the real strength of the dominant party here. This plea has been made times without number, by this paper, and not always responded to as it should have been, but we intend to "preach the word" until it sinks in and bears fruit. The time is at hand for an expression of Republicanism that shall be really significant and convincing.

### DANGEROUS MISCHIEF.

It has developed that the fire alarm sent in to the department yesterday morning early was a piece of mischief, pure and simple. There was no fire.

It is hoped that if the offenders are caught and proven guilty of the work, the police authorities will administer a punishment that will make every mischievous boy in the town "sit up and take notice" for all time to come. The safety of the city itself may rest, at some unpropitious hour, upon the proper use of this system, and the destruction of any home in Astoria may be assured by the mere tampering with the boxes and wires. The department may be called out on one of these wild-goose chases when its actual service is required at some opposite and remote point, where serious loss will be entailed on account of the absence of the apparatus on distant and futile errands such as it was out on yesterday.

Mischief is a poor name to give such wanton interference with public utilities such as a municipal fire alarm service; and if we mistake not, Police Judge Anderson will make it decidedly interesting for any boy or man reaching his court under a proven charge of this character.

Fire Chief Foster is on the trail of the offenders in this case and if he overtakes them, will prosecute the matter to its last provision for punishment. The vicious folly must be "nipped in the bud" and the "buds" made to pay for it!

### "TO MAKE ISSUES OF MEN"

"They (the Republicans) are trying to make issues of men."—John W. Kern, Bryan's candidate for Vice-President.

Why not? Are the Bryanites afraid "to make issues of men?" There are many reasons why they should decline to face a comparison between Taft and Bryan, and it is not remarkable that Bryan's associate on the Denver ticket should regard with disfavor and apprehension the very proper determination on the part of the Republicans that the American people shall have the full

lest possible opportunity to arrive at a correct judgment as to whether William M. Taft or William J. Bryan is the better fitted to direct national affairs at home and abroad.

When Mr. Bryan's past and present are considered and compared with the past and present of Taft, it is far from strange that Mr. Kern should dread to have American voters asked to decide the election on such a comparison. Mr. Bryan begs that his past shall not be made an issue, on the ground that it was omitted from the Denver platform. Mr. Taft offers no such plea. On the contrary, he expressly stands upon his public record from the day he ascended the bench until his retirement as Secretary of War to accept the Republican nomination for President of the United States. That record is a leading issue in the campaign, as it ought to be, for it proves William H. Taft to be the fittest man in all America to succeed Theodore Roosevelt in the White House, and to carry forward the great policies to which the Republican party is pledged by principle and by achievement. The personal issue should be, and must be, predominant in a presidential campaign, and if Bryan and Kern shrink from confronting it, they confess a fatal weakness which inevitably foreshadows their humiliating rejection at the polls in November, and the election of Taft and Sherman, who are not afraid "to make issues of men."

### LAST LIQUOR DECISION.

The decision, just handed down by Supreme Justice Moore, of the Oregon Supreme Court, in the Medford liquor case, which is very clear and sweeping in its scope, practically puts the municipalities of a State above the edicts of the State at large as they apply to the issue of prohibition. It may be excellent law but we are constrained to doubt its efficacy; since it is in the cities of a State that the liquor interests are centered almost wholly, and the exemption of these communities, specifically and exclusively, tends to nullify the doctrine and operation of prohibition as a principle of human action and popular law.

We believe the people should have and hold certain unassailable reservations for common safety and protection against the encroachment of all businesses charged with elements of evil; and while we do not believe in the useless and indiscriminate employment of these reserved powers at any time, it is folly to reduce them to a condition of paralysis and uselessness as has been done in this case.

The interest of the larger community should always supervene upon the broad ground of larger benefit demanded and secured: But the case at bar completely shatters this theory and practice and absolves the city, as an integer, from all responsibility and allegiance to the greater mandate, leaving it free to thrust an evil upon that portion of the larger electorate already of record against that evil.

### BAD FAITH-BAD SIGN!

When a people, a clientele, a patronage, a following of any sort, who are expecting square treatment, in their individual and collective affairs at the hands of a man in whom they confide, are compelled to pause and wonder if they are going to get it, and cause for pausing is furnished directly by the man or firm or company or leader or champion or advocate in question, it is a bad sign—for the man, company, leader, etc. etc.

There are admissible departures from the strict letter of prescribed procedure among men, in the fervid phases of business and politics and other common concerns; they pass, with a shrewd, indulgent smile or comment that robs them of the larger portion of their danger and evil



Another Misfit From the Bryan Emporium.

effect; but these things have their limitations; it is unwise to transgress these on account of the jealously guarded line between honesty and dishonesty which all men are supposed to cherish, at least superficially, whatsoever they may lean to privately. Public construction of such transgressions is quick and often wonderfully correct, especially in cases where the public itself figures and participates.

Sophistry goes a long way to mitigate such offenses, but the essence of the fact always remains in the popular conscience and serves to reduce the measure of confidence it once possessed in the man, company, etc., who has broken that relation, by so much as a hair-breadth.

### HERE AT HOME.

Astoria Citizens Gladly Testify and Confidently Recommend Doan's Kidney Pills.

It is testimony like the following that has placed Doan's Kidney Pills so far above competitors. When people right here at home raise their voice in praise there is no room for doubt. Read the public statement of an Astoria citizen:

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### QUESTION OF RATES.

Individual Pearls Have Cheaper Duty Than Whole Necklace.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The customs authorities here are trying to collect a high rate of duty on an importation for Norris Guggenheim of 59 matched and pierced pearls. The pearls were entered at a low rate of duty as pearl beads, while the government holds that they should be listed as a necklace and therefore dutiable at the rate of sixty percent ad valorem. The case is similar to that against the late William B. Leeds, which is famous in customs annals and in which the United States Circuit Court upheld the government's claim. This case is now before the United States Circuit Court of Claims. The hearing in the Guggenheim case has been set for November 10. The claim involves \$12,500.

### COFFEE

Good coffee is partly in buying and partly in making; like everything else.

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

### FOR LOOKS ONLY.

One of General Robert E. Lee's War-time Dinners.

The great simplicity of the habits of General Robert E. Lee was one reason for his popularity with his soldiers. He fared no better than his troops. There were times when for weeks the southern army had but short rations, often doing entirely without meat. In "The Old South and the New" Mr. Charles Morris tells an amusing story of one of these periods of scarcity.

On a very stormy day several corps and division generals arrived at headquarters and were waiting for the rain to abate before riding to their camps when General Lee's cook announced dinner. The general invited his visitors to dine with him. On replying to the table a tray of hot corn bread, a boiled head of cabbage seasoned with a very small piece of bacon and a bucket of water constituted the repast.

The piece of meat was so small that all politely declined taking any, expressing themselves as "very fond of boiled cabbage and corn bread," on which they dined.

Of course the general was too polite to eat meat in the presence of guests who had declined it. But later in the afternoon, when they had all gone, feeling very hungry, he called his servant and asked him to bring him a piece of bread and meat.

The dairy looked perplexed and embarrassed and said in a deprecating tone: "Well, Marso Robert, dat meat what I sot before you at dinner wasn't ours. I jest borrowed dat piece of middlin' from one of de couriers to season de cabbage in de pot, and seef'n' as you was gwine to have company at dinner, I put it on de dish wid de cabbage for looks. But when I seed you an' none of de gentlemen touched it I cluded you all knowed it was borrowed, and so after dinner I sent it back to de boy what it belong to."

The country would be reassured by Mr. Taft's election just as it would be alarmed by Bryan's.

Doubtless Mr. Bryan wishes that President Roosevelt were not so prompt in answering letters.

"Fingy" Connors says the people do not care much about platforms, but always want to vote for a winning candidate. In that event they will vote for Mr. Taft.

No one knows so well as Bryan that it is easy for a man to believe what he wishes to believe.

Judge Taft points to the negro citizen the way to recognition through intelligent industry, which is always coupled with political intelligence.

Old Dr. Bryan is giving most of his former paramount issues the absent treatment.

Mr. Bryan says he has been training for the presidency for twelve years. All indications are that he has overtrained.

The west is marketing the biggest wheat crop in its history, and it is not on a parity with silver either, as Mr. Bryan may learn from a glance at the market.

"This is a lost country," says Mr. Bryan. Yes, it is big enough to furnish burial ground for all of Mr. Bryan's collection of dead paramounts.

Mr. Bryan says he does not know whether he is a farmer or an agriculturist. Unfortunately for him, the farmers know.

Postal savings banks would be a guardian to thrift; guaranteed bank deposits would tax the conservative to pay the losses of the reckless.

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