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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.

NEHALEM-ASTORIA.

Between the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company and the re-organized interests behind the Oregon Seacoast Railway Company, (which interests may, for all we, or anyone else, know may be peculiarly intimate, or even identical, it begins to look as if the Astoria and Nehalem territories were to be knit and unified in a manner largely beneficial to both sections; a consummation most devoutly to be wished and striven for.

The long pendency of this enterprise and its commanding value have contributed to make it one of the fixed "ultimates" in the Astoria mind, so that the news of its probable outcome and early completion will operate to divert us of a cherished, and delusive, ambition, to which we have reverted so often in desultory fashion, change the whole course of our customary ambiguous treatment of the project and give us a new hold on the subject. We are glad of the change, however, and so will all men be in this county. A railroad or two out of the Nehalem, to this port, will put a wonderful new face on things down this way and yield a brand-new impetus and activity that will be as welcome as they must be profitable.

It means the opening of a splendid and almost virgin district of huge proportions and illimitable productive wealth; the building of more lumber mills, the employment of hosts of labor, more ships, foreign and coastwise, and all the attendant commercial increases inseparable from such a basic development. Astoria and Clatsop county must work cleverly and constantly to bring these projects to fruition, since they hold the keys to the best and richest elements of our landward uplift.

HOME ATHLETICS.

There is every promise of perfecting a fine organization and creditable establishment in the athletic world of Astoria. The whole system followed by those in charge, to date, is of a rational sort that inspires and warrants the best hope its founders have ever cherished. There is a membership in view that will make the range of cost of maintenance a mere bagatelle in comparison with the endless good such an enterprise shall yield to the city in hearty and healthful returns and a stalwart citizenry, and the creation of a clean and gentlemanly resort for the young men and boys of the city, always a valuable desideratum in the course of social and economic endeavor everywhere.

With a beautiful home and club-like appenages and everything to make for cleanliness of mind and body and for pleasant and proper intercourse, the A. A. A. must soon find itself among the commanding features of Astoria's best regimen, and every man and woman here is bound to lend the weight of their highest opinion and unceasing effort toward the up-lift of the association and all its standards. It is one of the most important and significant departures that has been made here in years; and along with such other excellent groups, as the First Company, Coast Artillery, will contribute immensely to the abatement of a hundred evils that have existed just because there were no such refuge as these excellent concerns. Good luck to them both and all others that have the real good of the young as a basic and initial criterion.

THE FATEFUL TUESDAY.

Next Tuesday begins to loom large, and almost fateful, in the minds of many who have not much of anything else on their minds. If the day and its great vote shall yield the Presidency of the nation to

Mr. Bryan, we can picture the Astoria Democracy swelling around on say, Thursday morning, about 100 strong, with its nose in the air and a repellent, haughty and disdainful manner, snubbing the hosts of Republicans round about; the picture is one to fright and dismay and only the meagreness of their numbers leaves any sense of security and peace in the dominant ranks at all.

On the other hand, the election of Mr. Taft, having been long conceded, confidently expected and practically assured, will leave the Republicans calm, consciously proud, and undisturbed; a condition that will measure admirably with the certainties of this hour and that. And, even, in the event we have to renig, we can do so dignifiedly on the score of having put up our primest and best, and had it repudiated by an inconsiderate populace, who will have estimated a mere change above the essential good of the country; this, only by the way, however, as there is not the remotest possibility for such dismal conclusions. Diagnosis must, of course, comprehend the vagaries that are likely to ensue in so vast an engagement as a Presidential contest; and allowing for the biggest and the worst that can rise from the Democratic side, we can easily discount and forgive them in the midst of our gratulatory success and their fore-ordained defeat.

Make a note of this, somebody!

THE OLD SOLDIERS FRIEND.

The Republican party has kept its promises. Through its legislation there has been disbursed in the payment of pensions on account of the Civil War to June 30, 1908, \$5,533,593,025.95, and there were on the pension rolls on the last date 633,338 veterans of the Civil War and a total of 967,371 pensioners of all wars and classes, and on June 30, 1905, there were approximately on the pension rolls 621,000 surviving veterans.

All the civilized nations of the earth combined have not equalled the United States in liberality in granting pensions, bounties, homesteads and land warrants, providing homes, etc., for war veterans. The appropriation for the present fiscal year for paying pensions is \$162,000,000—more than one-fifth of the entire revenue of the Government.

No man who was not old enough to be a factor in that great struggle could give his heart and soul more completely to the welfare and well-being of the veterans who fought for liberty and right in the days of '61 to '65 than Mr. Taft. He is the recognized and distinguished friend of the old soldier, and is pledged to carry the Republican policy in a generous manner toward the Grand Army of the Republic. He has never been too busy to see the veteran and listen with sympathetic interest to his just demands. Taft, as President, will be an abiding fast friend to all the survivors of all our wars.

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AMUSEMENTS

"FLAMING ARROW."

Lincoln J. Carter will present at the Astoria theatre for an engagement of one night, Sunday evening, the stirring drama of western life, "The Flaming Arrow."

The story relates the love of a daughter of a colonel of the United States army, commanding a western post, for a young Indian—"White Eagle"—and the machinations of two villains which furnish the motives of the action. The villain inflames several braves to make war on the decayed forces of the fort and the attending excitement abducts the commander's daughter. The daughter, after a series of hair-raising adventures, is rescued by her Indian lover and justice is dealt out to the villains in true western style. The cast is a large one and contains the names of many prominent people. A tribe of full blooded Indians are also carried. The scenery is said to be especially elaborate, many of the scenes being taken from real life.

Playgoers are promised an exceptional clever cast in the musical farce "Ma's New Husband," which comes to the Astoria theatre on November 4. The Harry Scott Company, the producers of this comedy, had two companies of it on the road last season playing the cities and the principal one-night stands in the United States and Canada. The press notices were exceedingly good in Chicago, New York and Boston and the management promises a still better show this season with added new features.

The management of "Ma's New Husband" agrees to refund anyone's money after the first act who doesn't say it is one of the best musical farces they ever saw. Surely this ought to catch everyone "From Missouri!"

GREAT TENOR TO SING HERE

Great interest attaches to the announcement of the coming here of Mr. Otto F. L. Herse, the gifted tenor, who will appear here November 5th at Hager's theatre for a grand vocal concert. Mr. Herse gratifies the wish of a host of people in this city who longed to hear and see the noted tenor who had scored again and again all over the country. Mr. Herse has a beautiful tenor voice of unusual compass and brilliancy. He has what is termed a "naturally placed voice." He has been singing since he was a wee bit of a child and is ready self-taught, although his contact with master vocal artists has rounded him to completeness. Wherever he has appeared crowded houses have been the rule and doubtless will be the case when he appears here. His program is made up of varied selections of high class and familiar songs, each one a gem—a program that will satisfy every individual desire. English, German, Scotch and Irish songs. It is not surprising that this artist's coming is attracting so much attention, since a treat of this kind is a rare thing for this community. By all means hear him.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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Admission, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Tickets on sale at box office, S. L. Nanthrup's Store, Hauke & Co., and the Owl Drug Store.

PRESS COMMENTS

Mlle. Sigrid Westerlind gave a concert at Fraternal hall Friday evening, which in scope and character excels anything ever heard in Everett. The songstress came heralded and praised, but only a portion was told. The balance remained to be revealed to those who attended and heard her excellent program which consisted of the best songs from German, Swedish, Finnish and American composers.—Everett Herald.

To a nature lavishly endowed with the artistic sense, Mlle. Westerlind has added a vocal equipment which

enables her to approach the heights whereon Schuman-Heink has for years been enthroned in the hearts of music lovers all over the continent. The critical moment came when Mlle. Westerlind sang Grieg's tremendously dramatic "Ved ed Ung Hustrus Barre" ("At the Bier of a Young Wife"). It is not strange that the singer did not receive the enthusiastic handclapping at the conclusion of this number, that followed every other on the program, as Grieg sounds in the song the very depths of human misery, grief and passion.—Seattle Times.

SEE PROGRAM IN LOCAL COLUMNS.

AMUSEMENTS.

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