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THE WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.

THE DAY WE VOTE.

This is the day we vote; tomorrow is the day we celebrate.

Of course we don't know who is to be elected President; but we all have our hopes and guesses and convictions, and it is up to us, the people, to say what and whom we want; this is our busy day, the biggest business, as good Americans, we have to transact; it means more to us than anything we shall do for another four years and we must go about it with a sense of its gravity and do, severally, what we believe to be best in a national sense.

Naturally, we look for the overwhelming election of William Howard Taft, because he has been practically, successfully, masterfully, honorably, before the people of the land for years, an administrative way; demonstrating the splendid ability required at his hands in the event of his selection to the great post. There is nothing to discount in his case; he is a man so fit for the place, so thoroughly adapted by training, experience and profound knowledge of public affairs, that every vote cast for him is safe and wise and wholly expedient from every demand of honest citizenship.

"Be careful how you vote."

BUSINESS, OR OTHERWISE?

The people of Astoria are going up against some very significant problems during the next 45 days; chief of which is, whether they are to continue the program of piling up extraordinary civic costs, taxes and charges to the point of municipal bankruptcy and utter derogation of property values, in order to bolster a ring of exploiters' who have had things their own way for three years past; who have milked the city to its very "strippings" and whose particular business has occupied the common council and the official agencies of the city to the almost complete exclusion of every other department of public concern; or whether they intend to bring this element within the radius of business construction and control and reduce the enormous and confiscatory burdens that are piling up hourly.

We intend to show the home-owners and tax-payers of Astoria just where they are going to get off if the present course is pursued; who is responsible for the impending collapse; what they are bearing in the way of needless and disturbing bills; and how to escape further entanglement in the web. If their interest and taxes and assessments and current charges are of any concern to them, there will be some interesting facts and figures submitted during the coming campaign and they make what use they see fit of them.

A BABY-CITY EXAMPLE.

Raymond, Washington.
Twenty-five hundred people!!
Sixteen mills and manufacturing plants!!!

Four years old and growing fast and solidly!!!

WHY?

Because she gave away sixteen mills sites and has more to give; because when the site she gave did not happen to abutt upon the river or railroad, she built a railroad spur into the mill and otherwise encouraged the man who came there to build her up; made him her friend and sponsor, and then pulled altogether, for the next man, and is still pulling unitedly and constantly and evenly, for the commercial advance of the place!

There are hundreds of sites as good as any of this live little city has ever given her enterprising new-comers, in and around Astoria, on Lewis &

Clark, Young's River, and Young's Bay, lying idle, barren, unprofitable, along with others nearer Astoria's business center. WHAT?

DIVIDENDS AND CRUMBS.

The two poles of the modern world of business as represented by capital and labor, are DIVIDENDS and CRUMBS. There is no use in apportioning these; the corporations take care of that: But we cannot help indicating the vast divergency in the polar elements, just at the moment the national conscience is to be aroused to the choosing of the man whom the corporations really fear, or the man whom they went to see elected. Of course no one man nor administration is going to even up, or leave the huge discrepancy, but it may be well to take all the steps we can toward the inevitable adjustment of this evil; and the election of Taft means the second step in the scheme of redemption.

There is a stiff greenback clause in the Denver platform, but not a whisper about it comes from Mr. Bryan in his campaign speeches. If elected, he would make that plank thunder.

Col. Henry Watterson is fearful of another civil war as the result of continued Republican supremacy. In his perusal of the book of fate the colonel has evidently reached the serene and yellow leaf.

Congressman Tawney agrees with Col. Goethals that the Panama Canal will be ready to open in 1915 and that its cost will be about \$256,000,000. The big job, under a competent administration, moves along in the best possible shape.

Mr. Bryan's new campaign treasurer formerly opposed him and said to his paper: "Bryan's strenuous activity will hasten his annihilation." As the party may be annihilated first his critic has taken refuge on the war chest.

It is reported that Mr. Bryan has an offer of \$12,000 a year from a paper to be its editor after the election. As Mr. Bryan received \$52,500 from his lecture manager last year he will hardly accept without a roving commission proviso.

San Francisco complains that the once deep channel of the Sacramento River has been filled with debris until the lightest draught steamers stick on the bars at times. The Pacific states should be sure to help in the waterways movement.

Now that the baseball season is over the fans can watch Taft making a home run for the White House.

What the workingman wants is work at fair wages. It is Republican policy that has given the workingman both.

The amount of money in the hands of the people of the United States today is greater than was ever possessed by any other people under the sun. The per capita circulation of \$35.04 tells the tale, as money talks, of Republican financiering.

Mr. Bryan has got near enough to the negro question to declare that the negro has a right to vote. He has the right, but it is not safe for him in states where Democrats are in power.

Laboring men have been showing Mr. Taft during his tour of the country that they have not been misled or deceived by the charge that he is unfriendly to their interests.

COFFEE

The dealing is simple. If you don't like Schilling's Best, it costs you nothing.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it; we pay him

ASTORIA HIGH ELEVEN WILL PLAY

A GAME SCHEDULED WITH UPPERTOWN TEAM NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Astoria High School football team, which came back from its week's trip in the valley covered with laurels, will play a game Saturday on the home grounds with the Uppertown team—the "Owapunpuns." It will be a fine chance for all Astoria to see the Astoria High in action, and doubtless there will be a large attendance, especially if the weather be at all fair.

So fine was the record made by the local boys in their games in the valley that many will be eager to see them play. The Uppertown team should prove good metal, also, and an interesting game is promised.

At a meeting of the student body of the High school yesterday the question of the alleged lacy of encouragement given to some who might make good material in the High school sports was brought up for discussion. Captain Parker of the football team asked every boy present if he had any complaint to make, or if he could suggest any betterment in the school sports. There was not an objection voiced. That there is the slightest discrimination shown, intentionally or otherwise, is indignantly denied by all those interested in the school sports.

Lloyd Van Dusen presented the football team with a fine new football yesterday, as a gift in slight appreciation of their good work in the valley.

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COMEDY QUARTETTE IN "MA'S NEW HUSBAND"

POLICE PETITION WAS NOT FILED

WERE INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE BILL TO HAVE IT FILED.

The police commission bill, proposing an amendment to the city charter to do away with this body as an independent and elective one, is lost. It was not filed yesterday, and now the time for filing has gone by.

Yesterday afternoon the petition was submitted to the city auditor for the purpose of checking over the 251 names contained on the petition. It was ascertained that of the 251 names contained on the petition. It was ascertained that of the 251 names nearly 100 had not registered at the election two years ago, and therefore were not eligible to sign on a petition proposing a charter amendment. There were some forty names lacking the requisite number.

Those who had the petition in charge at once "threw up their hands" when the shortage was discovered and, it is said, no attempt was made to get the required forty names. There was ample time, apparently, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until midnight, but nothing was done and the petition stood ineffective.

The failure to have this petition filed will prove a matter of much regret to many. That there is anybody to blame may be doubtful, for "what is everybody's business is nobody's business," as has been remarked in this connection before.

AMUSEMENTS

"MA'S NEW HUSBAND"

"Ma's New Husband," which is being presented this afternoon at the Kentucky to a fairly large matinee audience, will be presented again this evening. If there are any lovers of clean fun and catchy music who did not attend the matinee this afternoon—and, of course, there were many—they should be present tonight. They will be most thoroughly delighted if they do so.

"Ma's New Husband" is all its name would imply except that it is not only funny but that it is rich, rare and racy in its fun. The whole music score is catchy and excellent at the same time. Then it is presented in a most captivating way in every respect. You get more than your money's worth in the bill.

No company which has visited Paducah this season has come to the city with stronger endorsement from the press and the News-Democrat feels assured in all it says in behalf of the company.

See "Ma's New Husband" Wednesday night without fail.—Paducah, Ky., News-Democrat.

MASTER OF SONG COMING

The announcement that Otto F. L. Herse, the well known tenor, is to visit Hager's Theatre, in Astoria, has aroused a great deal of enthusiasm among the public. Recent criticisms of Mr. Herse's singing seem to unite at the point of his ever increasing excellence. For sheer beauty of voice he surpasses any tenor ever heard on the coast, save only Caruso (and we question whether Caruso could sing Mr. Herse's varied program as acceptably). Mr. Herse's phrasing is a thing to give the listener joy without stint. His command of shading and coloring is adequate for every least and greatest call upon it. Some of the single

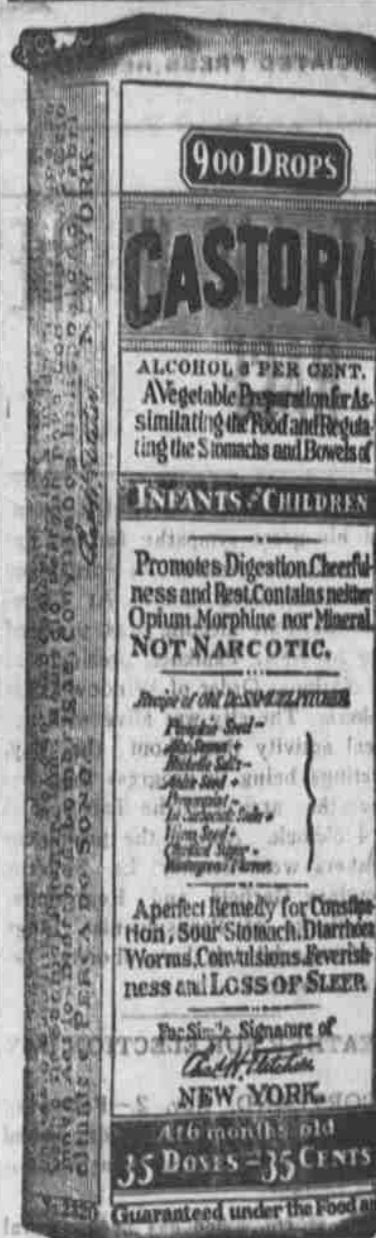
tones will remain in the memory always, for he has every shade of color on his palette, and a master artist's skill in using each. He will be heard here in English, German, Scotch and Irish songs.

"FACING THE MUSIC"

At the Astoria Theatre next Sunday, Mr. James J. Corbett will be seen as a star in the highly successful comedy entitled "Facing the Music," in which Henry E. Dixey appeared for several months at the Madison Square Theatre in New York and at Powers Theatre in Chicago. This play is likely to afford Mr. Corbett the opportunity, his legion of friends have hoped he might have—of demonstrating his ability to portray a comedy role of strength during the action of a three-act play. Mr. Corbett has the personality so essential in this field of endeavor, and his experience gained in other plays should equip him for stardom in legitimate comedy. A strong supporting company and adequate production have been provided by Mr. H. H. Frazee, under whose direction Mr. Corbett's tour will be conducted.

If You Are Over Fifty Read This
Most people past middle-age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders which Foley's Kidney Remedy would cure. Stop the drain on the vitality and restore needed strength and vigor. Commence taking Foley's Kidney Remedy today. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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