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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Increasing cloudiness; probably rain.

OUR NORTHERN BOUNDARY.

The court of last resort has defined and declared the long disputed northern boundary of the State of Oregon as between Tongue Point and the Pacific, and we of the lower river know, at last, the line that marks our civic and commercial rights and habitat.

We sincerely hope the decision of the federal supreme court will operate to reduce the friction and loss incident to the prevalent fishing problems and that it may pave the way to an early and permanent settlement of many of the annoying issues that have waited upon it for adjudication.

THE DEBT-CURSE.

The fact that a certain group of Astorians, with money to invest, have sent their capital to Portland and other points and placed it upon rational, paying bases, need cause no wonder nor provoke a single sneer at the wisdom actuating the apparent disloyalty.

The curse of debt has driven this money out of this territory. Public debt, ever increasing, with never a thought of its curbing, nor an act toward its limitation; always, and ever, "a saving at the spigot, with waste at the bung."

If the system of extravagance is to be pursued much farther, and the load of taxation, special and general, is to be nourished to a weightier margin, this city cannot escape the shameful alternative of civic bankruptcy and the appointment of a receiver, a confession to the world that we are incapable of rational self-government.

The trouble confronting us is the stupid blindness of men to the future of these courses; the indisposition of the ordinary man to investigate the real trend of civic administrative action, good and bad; the general willingness to take the word of some favored adviser, and to repudiate the record that is piling up day by day and which may not be disputed by any living man.

The curse of debt, private, as well as public, may not pass the hour of final reckoning. This all men know. And knowing it, they should set about inquiring into the meat and substance of the conditions their willful and stupid acquiescence is abetting. There is no pleasure in this writing; yet a warning hint is the least we can offer in this ugly premise, and we hope it may serve its purpose, without the necessity for an open, candid illustration which we shall surely make if there is not a radical change in the public policies now on foot.

THE UNSTABLE EARTH.

The Irving avenue slide has furnished a monumental lesson to the people of Astoria. This is the one fortunate phase of the situation it has produced; it is so permanently engrained on the public conscience that, for years to come, it will serve as a governing entity in every negotiation that has to do with street improvement. For, if it shall fail to inspire caution and preliminary engineering, then we had best acknowledge ourselves ignorant of the first principles of legitimate progress, and give the town over to nature and limitations of private enterprise.

Never again should the city be involved in such difficulties as this; and we venture to suggest that the thousands of money it is going to cost to clear this situation, might well be duplicated in an effort to resolve the problems ahead of us at other points, by the employment of competent advice from men who

have engineered these things successfully and who know the best and latest methods of circumventing them. Nor is the mastery of sliding-earth the only enlightenment needed in the science of street building hereabouts!

We respectfully suggest to the poor man of Astoria that the legislative function of granting us the right to increase the limit of our public indebtedness, in no sense pays a single dollar of that ever-expanding and ever-crushing obligation! Every poor man knows what debt means!

With an approximate per capita indebtedness of \$66, Astoria and her 15,000 people are hardly prepared to face the additional per capita of \$66 involved in the "seawall" scheme!

A million-dollar-debt, plus a million-dollar-debt, makes a two-million-dollar-debt! What?

LETTER FROM FORTY-NINER

Could Not Obtain Relief From Catarrh Until He Had Used Hyomei

Here is a simple, interesting and sincere letter from a rugged pioneer of '49, who braved the dangers and hardships of the overland trail to California. Surely the sincerity of this letter should strongly appeal to those who desire to escape the bondage in which they are now held by that ruthless and most powerful wrecker of health and happiness: Catarrh.

Santa Rosa, Cal., May 5, 1908. Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Dear Sirs—Some years ago I was afflicted with catarrh, and tried a number of remedies, but received no relief. I was told by a friend who had been using your Hyomei, and thought I would receive a great benefit and perhaps a cure. I purchased an outfit, and before I had used the bottle I noted a marked relief.

I used it for a month or so, and thought I was cured, and stopped using it for a year or so. Thought I was getting catarrh again, and started using it again, and I kept it in the house and use it every morning once a day, and keep myself clear of catarrh. I consider it the best catarrh medicine that is used. I have often recommended it to my friends. I am 81 years old. I came to California in 1849, and of course am not as vigorous as I was 58 years ago. My address is 841 Fourth street. Yours truly, W. Mock.

Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me) is guaranteed by T. F. Laurin not only for catarrh, but for grip, coughs, colds, bronchitis, croup of infants, asthma, and all diseases of the nose, throat and lungs. A complete outfit, including inhaler, costs only \$1.00; extra bottles of Hyomei if afterwards needed cost but 50 cents. Asks T. F. Laurin about it.

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LAUNCH "ASTORIA OUT IN ROUGH WATERS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PENNANT BESTOWED ON HER.

Yesterday afternoon there was a pleasant time on board the Oregon Fisheries patrol launch, the "Astoria," which had been brought down from the metropolis by Fish Warden McAllister to be invested with her new and handsome pennant. She was berthed at the O. R. & N. pier, when boarded by Secretary John H. Whyte, of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Herman Wise, President W. T. Scholfield, of the Chamber of Commerce; Chris Schmidt, the cold storage man and Editor John Gratke, of the Evening Budget, the group constituting the committee on presentation of the flag. Captain Brown was in charge of the craft, while the Master Fish Warden, H. C. McAllister, and his chief deputy, Mr. Mack, with Deputy Brown, constituted the reception committee in the pleasant premise.

In a very neat and appropriate address President Scholfield turned over the pretty and serviceable emblem, which was of the finest bunting, in red and white, three feet wide by six feet in length, and which was sent up to the masthead on the instant. Warden McAllister had completed his equally appropriate speech of acknowledgment for the gift, pledging the service of the fine little department boat to the honest and just administration of the laws under which she will operate.

For the purposes of demonstration as to the power, the facile handling and ready despatch of the "Astoria," a trip was made to the lower harbor, including a run around Sand Island and Desdemona Sands, the property just acquired in fee and perpetuity by the State of Oregon, according to the terms of the decision handed down by the United States supreme court, on Monday last; and the trip was immensely enjoyed by all concerned, until the full sweep of the ocean winds and the accompanying seas caught her squarely on the weather board as she rounded the Desdemona Sands. Then the froth and spume and other things began to fly, and Messrs. Mack and Brown were most ardently begged to "smooth things up a bit," and get the valiant little vessel on an even keel and headed for home. She was flirting delightfully with the in-rolling surf, ducking, and delving, and rolling and pitching to her keel's content and showing just what a real crackerjack she was; all of which her passengers were more than willing to concede, along with certain other concessions intermittently made.

However, she was soon straightened out on the home-run and made to behave herself as became the vehicle for so much dignity and popularity, and, snapping her brand new pennant in the 50-mile gale that swept her up the bay, she was soon at her berth again and the pale sextette landed, safe and sound, and extremely glad to feel the solid gangway beneath their feet.

The "Astoria" behaved beautifully throughout the run, and gave her guests a pretty distinct idea of what her officers have to go through with in the course of their duties, in even lesser craft than she. Warden McAllister left for the metropolis last evening on the 6:10 train, delighted with the experiences of the day; and the "Astoria" will follow him this morning, with Deputies Mack and Brown in charge.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

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TO UTILIZE FORESTS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The future development of the lumber industry in this country lies in a close utilization of forestry products according to a statement issued by the forestry bureau. Both foresters and practical lumbermen now agree on this point, the report says. The case is cited of a lumber company in the South which intends to find out just what size and classes of timber can be utilized for cheaper commodities when this timber is given a preservative treatment. The greater use of chemically preserved wood will undoubtedly result in that wood giving a greater life in service, says the report.

DEATH ON WHEELS.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—An automobile driven by M. F. Wilson ran into a group of small boys playing football yesterday and killed one of the players, John Armstrong Pierce. The boy's neck was broken and he was dead when taken from beneath the machine.

What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

MISAPPROPRIATED CASH.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Nov. 17.—E. Balmodes, secretary-treasurer of the Blanchard Hardware Company last night was arrested on an indictment charging embezzlement of \$16,000 from the company's funds.

Colds and Croup in Children.

"My little girl is subject to colds," says Mrs. Wm. H. Serig, No. 41 Fifth St., Wheeling, W. Va. "Last winter she had a severe spell and a terrible cough but I cured her with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy without the aid of a doctor, and my little boy has been prevented many times from having the croup by the timely use of this syrup." This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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