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### THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.

### BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES.

After posing as a political savior of the city and her people and organizing the famous (and infamous) "Citizens' convention in that particular behalf, in order to mulct the mayoralty (after he had discarded the police commissionership), Hon. A. M. Smith, yesterday, harked back to first principles and filed his acceptance of the democratic nomination for the mayoralty. He is now where he belongs, despite the multitudinous phases, attitudes, make-shifts and ambiguities he has essayed in this political play, and we all know just where to place him. He waited until the last moment of charter-time before coming out in his true colors and assuming the distinction that should have gone to Hon. Isaac Bergman by every rule of party expression and equity.

### WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT!

There is a rumor abroad in the city that the 30 saloons in the Second ward are a unit for A. M. Smith for mayor and the "Citizens' councilmanic nominees; that they are being relied upon to swing the day for that element and there are those of that faction who make the claim boldly, with what right, is yet to be seen. As for us, we do not believe it.

In the first place, the wise saloon man will keep out of this fight in deference to the temper of the people, who will, at the first opportunity (which is only a short year away) rebuke any interference of the sort, by a county movement for prohibition; and in the second place, that same wise saloon man will not care to hamper himself with what administration may be set up by the people next month; and the wisest saloon man of them all will keep his hands off this election altogether because the day of saloon domination in Astoria is past, politically.

There is no fight on against the saloons now; no basis for their taking a hand in any pronounced and organic way; the question the people are to decide at the polls next month is one of business policy, of the abatement of Astoria's civic budget, and the reduction of her taxes; the freeing of private property from the curse of public cost. No word has been heard this fall of any disposition to hedge or hamper the

saloons and any assumption of active interest or gratuitous aid in any direction, will be wholly initiatory on their part and will be sharply resented. As we said, we do not believe it!

There are many good citizens in that particular business in this city who, under any circumstances, command the good will of the people, and who do not care to figure as posing for or against either side in this case and they should see to it that they are not needlessly involved in a canard of this sort. The vote will demonstrate the truth or falsity of the rumor, and there will be reprisals that will not spare even the best man of them all.

### ASTORIA UP IN ARMS.

The property owners and taxpayers of this city are up in arms at last and intend to fight to the bitter end for a revolutionary change in the municipal melange and for the assurance that they may yet save their holdings with some show of ultimately realizing on them, before they are utterly swamped with confiscatory charges of various kinds and degrees. They are the men who pay the public bills and their right to revolt is as righteous as it is timely. And the poorer of them all have the most at stake since it is their all that is threatened. Every piece of property in Astoria today is almost valueless on account of the public charges pending against it and time alone, and the absence of further burdens in the meantime, may relieve it to such a point as to permit the naming of an equitable and sane price for it.

This is no picayune fight for a mere handful of men. There is something deeper and more commanding than personalities and the claims of individuals for preferment in the campaign now afoot; and this spirit of just amendment will assert itself, howsoever the election shall go. Let there be no mistake made as to this phase of the fight.

The "Citizens' ticket is labelled, before-hand, with a million-dollar seawall burden which it is pledged to cast upon the city the moment it is put in power if, ever again, it is trusted with the reins of authority, and the man who votes to put it back in office, votes to smother his home and business beneath that weight, which, with all that now envelops it, will put it beyond that voter ever to save it. Astoria, with her present million of debt has but one supreme duty to perform on the 9th of next month, and that is to put her affairs

in the hands of men who will conserve her resources and begin the reduction of her standing obligations, fore-fending her against any doubling of the enormous and threatening encumbrance.

### ONE BIENNIAL TICKET.

The farther one goes with the study of the electoral program of our people the more emphatic becomes the choice and challenge for a complete unification of the franchise at one biennial polls; the merging of the six or seven annual elections, with their weight of cost, confusion, interference with business, and the constant disturbance of the popular peace into one general, economic, sensible expression. There is no good reason for maintaining the long string of state, county, city and school elections, when one day in each second year will serve to wind up the whole business, and the mere fact that we have acknowledged the principle by changing the date of our State election to correspond with that of the federal franchise, leaves no room for disputing the further extension of the benefit.

### "THAT HEALTH" FARCE.

The whole city is laughing at the presumption that its "health" is the fundament of the "Seawall Bill." And it has right to laugh. A seawall here is among the certainties of the future; one of the great essentials that time will urge and establish. But, that it will be wrought because of "health," save in the technical sense of complying with an idiotic statute, is beyond every consideration behind the movement, now, or henceforth. Astoria wants a seawall, just as she wants rail and ship terminals, rates and privileges, the "common-point" on grain, drydocks, mills and all the energies and engines of commerce and universal progress; and she will get them all in due time; but she does not want a seawall now, in her hampered and forbidding condition, especially as it will bring nothing in its wake that will not come without it; even her unfailing, marvelous health may not be invoked to compel this vast burden just now. No man is boss enough of Astoria to cram this thing down her unprepared and unwilling throat at this time.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 24—The shadow

CHICAGO, Nov. 21—The shadow of the czar loomed big in the chambers of a judge of the United States court yesterday, and agents of the Russian government put forth their best efforts to obtain possession of Christian Rudowitz, whom they accuse of murder. His friends, on the other hand, assert that he is merely a political refugee seeking to escape sentence in Siberia. It rests with United States Commissioner Mark A. Foote to decide whether Rudowitz will remain here as an American citizen or whether he will go back across the ocean as a prisoner of the Russian government.

Baron Schilling, Russian consul and Wm. C. Rigby appeared for the government of the czar.

Attorney A. E. Horwich of New York, in opening the case, charged the Russian government with formulating fictitious evidence so as to "railroad" Rudowitz to a Russian prison for political revenge, because of the man's participation in revolutionary movements.

### PLUCKY LITTLE GIRL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24—Eunice Treadwell, a 16 year old girl, living in Brooklyn, is in the hospital today as a result of her bravery. At the risk of her life last night she flung herself in the path of a runaway horse, checking the animal and saving a number of women and children who were on the sidewalk along which the runaway was dashing. The girl was dragged for a considerable distance, but held fast to the bridle until assistance came. When an ambulance arrived it was found that the child had sustained a broken leg and other injuries.

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