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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Generally fair.

YOUR SAY, MR. TAXPAYER.

We people, and newspapers, and candidates, and partisans, and semi-political champions, and opponents, may have a good deal to say in relation to the coming city election, but, at last, it is up to you, Mr. Taxpayer, to say who, and what, shall be put into office and administrative effect, and none of us may gainsay your decision for an instant.

lic records, and attempting its reduction by the due course of practical business, by electing Samuel Elmore and the Republican candidates set up by the people here who believe they have about all the burdens they can stand in that line.

Our future is as preciously important as our past ever was; and as well worth saving, as the past was of negation and debt and mis-rule. Just why the city should be chained down to the blunders (and worse) of the past has not been satisfactorily explained to any of us, as yet, and we are curious to see the answer that is to be given to the "example" now being worked out by the taxpayers of Astoria.

BAR AND RIVER.

One of the immense and living issues of the day, and of the years to come, is the opening of the great Columbia Valley to the commerce of the world by way of its own glorious river. We intend to take but one ground in the premise, and that is, for the creation, and endless maintenance, of a deep commercial channel from the sea-lines of the Columbia bar to the uttermost inland reach of the great stream. To us, this is the only policy that can rebound to the greatest good of the greatest number within the sphere of the development that is sought and which must come inevitably.

Naturally, we believe it is primarily essential to get the ships within the river, and that therefore the bar is the first and supreme element of consideration and effort. For a 100-foot channel from here to the Snake would be of mighty little avail if the sea-barrier met it with a paltry 30 feet. With 40 or 50 feet on the bar, maintained steadily by jetty and dredge there would follow a campaign for those depths in the river from a thousand points in the huge territory to be served.

Nor do we believe that the State of Oregon, the Port of Portland, nor any other great local agency should bear the brunt of the effort and cost of opening and expanding this national artery. It may need the sharp lesson of a Pacific war to warn and warm the government of the United States in this behalf; and grateful as we are for what millions have been expended by Uncle Sam on the jetties and the upper-river, we insist that he has but begun the system of practical and devoted interest that the project demands at his hands as one of the prime of the prime things he is fathering.

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Of course, we boosters are doing the regulation stunt of advising and posting you and keeping you in touch with the sentiment of the hour, but you responsible, paying people, do not have to listen to us. You have the property right in your own hands; it is yours to govern as you please, to save or swamp or hypothecate irredeemably to the future of debt and interest, no matter what we think about it. Yes, Mr. Taxpayer, you are to have your way on the 9th of next month. GO TO IT!

MINUS? OR PLUS?

About so often every organized community is called upon to do a sum in simple arithmetic. Astoria is struggling with her little conundrum of plus or minus, and must hand in her answer on the 9th of December. The arithmetical play of "division" goes on uninterruptedly, anyhow, and has been for some time past; about 10 years past.

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About the only thing left for the Uncle Adlai E. Stevenson to do is to join a golf club.

Thanks should be included to the drought for holding off until the big crops of 1908 were made.

China's 400,000,000 will be glad to learn that the president elect in the United States is known as the great pacificator.

Mr. Rockefeller's autobiography indicates that making a fortune of several hundred millions is a job singularly devoid of incident.

Missouri will occupy a prominent place in the inaugural parade of March 4. No more of the Bourbon eclipse for the most central of the states.

In its attempt to shake up the United States, Oklahoma has had no better success than that of Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas in causing the United States Senate to trample on its foundations.

The Atlantic Deepener Waterways Association has been in session in Baltimore in behalf of inside coast channels. All the 46 states are now pulling for permanent deep channels. Congress will hear a great deal about the subject during the next year.

The apple growers of the States of Oregon and Washington have built up a large and profitable business by the most careful culture of their orchards and the attractive packing of the fruit for market. Last year some of the apple producers of the Northwest made money enough out of the crop to pay for their farms.

Tragedy Luckily Prevented.

What might have been a serious tragedy was narrowly prevented by the confession of a young lady. One of the sailors had become so enamored of the captain's daughter that he found life unbearable, and was about to commit suicide, when the young lady decided to brave her father's anger and marry him in spite of all opposition. It all ended happily, as all comic operas do, and "Pinafore" is no exception to the rule. Don't fail to see it at the Astoria Theatre, Thursday and Friday evening, Dec. 3rd and 4th.

OUR EARLY STATESMEN.

Seneca's Expansion Views and Madison's Population Guess.

Some of our early statesmen were not expansionists. Washington was opposed to assuming the ownership of the Mississippi river, and James Monroe when a member of the Virginia convention in 1788 argued against the adoption of the federal constitution for geographical reasons. "Consider," he said, "the territory lying between the Atlantic ocean and the Mississippi. Its extent far exceeds that of the German empire. It is larger than any territory that ever was under any one free government. It is too extensive to be governed but by a despotic monarchy." And this from the man who thirty years later was elected president of the United States extended far beyond the Mississippi and who became the author of the "Monroe doctrine."

A year after the adoption of the constitution James Madison thought he was making a bold guess when he estimated that the population of the country might, "in some years," double in number and reach 6,000,000. He lived to see far beyond that. Yet it is true that for a number of years the population was largely confined to the original thirteen colonies. In 1789, when the constitution was adopted, New York city had 33,000 inhabitants. In 1817 it had 115,000, Philadelphia 112,000, Baltimore 55,000, Boston 40,000, Providence 10,000, Hartford 8,000, Pittsburg 7,000, Cincinnati 7,000 and St. Louis 3,500. Chicago was but a fort, and Indianapolis was an unbroken wilderness. The country was not crowded yet.—Exchange.

Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Pompeii was buried in ashes and was easily disinterred, while Herculaneum received the full force of the crimson lava, which hardened rapidly to the consistency of marble and must be quarried in order to reach the city beneath. Owing to this difficulty only a small amount of excavating has been done in Herculaneum as compared with that which has taken place at Pompeii. In addition, another town sprang up on the lava above Herculaneum, which would have been endangered by the undermining necessary to exploration with pick and shovel.—New York American.

About Doo.

A country woman residing near the town of Ellgo, thinking her husband was rather late in coming home on Saturday with his pay, went to the police office to inquire if he was there. "Is Pat here?" she asked. "No," replied the constable, "but sit down. We're expecting him every minute."—London Opinion.

Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine, 25c at Charles

THE PRICE OF PEPPER.

It Helped to Change the History of the Old World.

In the sixteenth century all the pepper consumed in England was brought by the English merchants from the Dutch, who brought it from India. Owing to racial jealousy, the Dutch traders in 1506 raised the cost from 1 shilling to 6 shillings per pound. This petty display of ill feeling caused considerable annoyance to the English merchants and aroused in them that feeling of independence which has always been so characteristic of our race.

They determined to import their pepper direct from India in their own ships and for this purpose formed a company, called the Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading to the East Indies, which in latter days became eventually known as the East India company.

Their first voyages embroiled them in almost innumerable quarrels with the Dutch and Portuguese, and for a time the venture proved a financial failure. It was not until 1613 that the company became successful and obtained lucrative treaties, owing to their decisively defeating the Portuguese.

From this time on their possessions gradually increased, slowly at first and then very rapidly, until, by the wise and beneficial management of such men as Clive, Warren Hastings and Cornwallis, they exercised sovereignty over the greater portion of India.

In this manner it happened that an increase in the price of pepper momentarily affected the history of mankind.—London Standard.

When Bill Took His Discharge.

The Powder Manufacturer—Fancy old Bill of all people going into the gunpowder shed with a lighted candle. I should have thought that that would be the last thing he'd do.

The Workman—Which, properly speakin', it were, sir.—Sketch.

Knew What to Expect.

Walter—How will you have your steak, sir?

Guest—Have you the same steak you had last week?

Walter—Yes, sir.

Guest—Then I'll probably have it burned.—Boston Post.

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