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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho-Fair.

THE ATTITUDE ANALYZED.

From one end of the city to the other there is a strongly apparent attitude of satisfaction because of the defeat of the Seawall bill.

Everybody expects to see a fine seawall along the northern front of this port in time to come; it is one of the essential things here as in all great water depots the world over.

As it figured in the recent campaign, it was the very crux of the issues of the hour, and was looked upon, on all sides, as the last subject and guiding idea of the contest before the people.

AFTERMATH.

Astoria is entering upon a 23-month era of political quietude. Until the first Monday after the first Tuesday in November, 1910, there will be no kind of an election to disturb her temperamental placidity.

howsoever important that selection was in its place and hour.

The city is in good hands. The new mayor, himself, will admit this, though the personnel of the council is distinctly adverse to his concept of what is expedient in city matters and to the program he had in view.

There is much to do, in a municipal way. Many things to cure and more to initiate, in behalf of Astoria's future, her immediate future.

The police commission is more prominently at the fore now, than the council. The people are of two minds about this department of the city government; one crowd holding that, as it is now constituted, the "wide-open" element is ascendant; the other claiming that this issue is practically dead, and that no man in public place dare call it up.

But, taken by and large, the city is far safer that it was on the 8th of December; so much so that the business men realize and admit it, and the taxpayers, big and little, are not a whit less candid in the premise.

Jobbery and the sequent results of jobbery are negatived from this time forward, not alone on the score of the present personnel of the council, but particularly on account of certain specific eliminations made by the electorate on last Wednesday.

In writing the memoirs of a trust an appropriate motto for the title page would be the phrase so frequently heard on the witness stand: "I don't recollect."

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A CYCLONE OF FLAME

Fires in Bamboo Forests Are the Fiercest Known.

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Like the Roar, the Roll and the Rattle of a Great Battle is the Noise of the Exploding Stalks That Sometimes Shoot High into the Air.

When the forests are afire, when the smoke makes dusk at noon and reddens the harvest moon a thousand miles away, there is the measure of a conflagration. When the prairies burn, as they used to before farms had crept in upon the endless miles of grass, there was a fire which ran like mad and left behind it a blackened trail of death.

Such a combination is effected when the bamboo groves catch fire. The bamboo is but a grass, a grass with the height of a tree, swaying stems reaching 100, even 150, feet in air.

All that is needed is a spark; then ruin runs red. It is not necessary to rely upon the carelessness of the woodsman to start the blaze. The bamboo can kindle itself.

Let two swaying stalks of dry bamboo be set in motion by the breeze, let one rub against the other long enough, and the friction will set the spark, and the long dry leaves will feed the flame. It is known that many fires of the bamboo forests thus originate.

As soon as a flame in the bamboo has crept to the level of the tossing tips it spreads like wildfire. The wind carries a sheet of flame along the grove at tremendous speed. Some observers say that such fires have been seen to move forward at the rate of more than a mile a minute.

From such a burst of fire there could be no escape. Fortunately it passes high overhead at the tops of the bamboos. It serves as a warning to the traveler who may be making his way along some one of the water courses by which the forest is intersected.

The fire in the great trunks moves more slowly, and if warning be taken it may be possible to sink one's boat and throw up wet herbage and clay against the bank of the stream to provide shelter until the furnace blast has blown by.

Bamboo forest fires have another quality which is all their own. They bang and rattle with thunderous crashes, as of artillery fire, without cessation.

The stalks of these tree bamboos are frequently more than a foot in diameter. Near the ground the joints are close together; in the younger growth the nodes may be several feet apart.

When the blast of the flame sweeps onward the air in the stalks upon which it is driven is suddenly heated to a very high temperature. The residuum of moisture which may be in the stems is immediately transformed into steam and at once subjected to superheating, thus becoming a violent explosive.

Astrologers are at work on Bryan's chances for 1912. For a start add the figures together.

While the tariff committee is considering the schedule on hides it ought to strain a point and give Col. Bryan the full measure of protection.

Indiana will celebrate its centennial in 1916. A presidential election comes the same year, so the pressure to the square inch in Indiana will be something tremendous.

Guilty of Counterfeiting. Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs.

name and is carried by the wind to spread wider disaster. The bursting of the smaller joints is like the roll and rattle of rifles and machine guns. The effect is that of a battle hotly contested.—Washington Post.

An Aquatic Outfitter.

One day a ship was lying at anchor at Boca Grande when the crew observed a dolphin chasing a flying fish, both coming directly toward the ship. On nearing the vessel the flier arose in the air and passed over the bow just above the foremast. As it did so the dolphin went under the ship and, coming up on the other side, sprang from the water and caught the flying fish on "the fly" just as it was curving gracefully down in its descent to the water.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Missing Opportunities.

"I have no patience with a man who makes the same mistake twice," said Arnes, rather severely, in speaking of an unfortunate friend.

He that studieth revenge keepeth his own wounds green.—Bacon.

HE USED TACT.

A Successful Man's Story of the Way He Won Wealth. "The late Ira D. Sankey," said a Brooklyn clergyman, "attributed a part of his success to tact—the faculty of pleasing people. He used to tell a story in illustration of tact's great power.

"Mr. Sankey, according to the tale, met on the street one day a man he hadn't seen for two years.

"Why," said the man, "how well you're looking, Sankey?" "You, too, are looking well," said Mr. Sankey. "And two years ago you were quite cut at the elbow, while now you are clothed in purple and fine linen. Come home to dinner with me, won't you?"

"Gladly," said the other, and they went to dine.

"During dinner Mr. Sankey's guest talked agreeably of his 120-horsepower racer, his wife's limousine and his daughter's husband, the earl. It developed, in fact, that he was a multi-millionaire.

"And yet two years ago," Mr. Sankey said, "you were as poor as a church mouse. Tell me, how did you manage it?"

"By means of tact," replied the guest. "I suddenly took to being tactful, and the results were marvelous. I never neglected on meeting an acquaintance to say, 'How well you are looking!' The acquaintance would be tremendously pleased. He would invite me home to dinner, he would introduce me to all his influential friends and he would give me valuable tips and pointers. Naturally I soon became rich, very rich, rich enough to retire."

"Then the guest looked at his watch and rose.

"But I really must be going," he said. "Thank you, my dear Sankey, for an excellent dinner. Goodbye. How well you're looking!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Scandinavian-American Savings Bank OF ASTORIA.

To the State Bank Examiner, at the close of business, November 27, 1908:

CONDENSED. RESOURCES. Loans and Securities \$133,918.19 Furniture and fixtures 4,446.54 Expenses paid 205.50 Available funds 110,376.19 Due from other banks 9,679.21 Cash in vault 20,055.40 Total \$158,625.63

LIABILITIES. Capital stock \$50,000.00 Surplus 3,500.00 Undivided profits 445.58 Deposits 104,680.05 Total \$158,625.63

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Astoria National Bank At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 27, 1908:

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$403,175.76 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 8,942.78 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 47,500.00 U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits 20,000.00 Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits 34,000.00 Premiums on U. S. and other bonds 4,575.00 Bonds, securities, etc. 85,681.15 Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 4,305.00 Other real estate owned 8,233.41 Due from State Banks and Bankers 10,306.50 Due from approved reserve agents 77,849.65 Checks and other cash items 438.76 Notes of other National Banks 3,035.00 Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 871.06 Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie \$71,075.55 Legal-tender notes 1,505.00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation) 2,375.00 Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund 600.00 Total \$784,469.62

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00 Surplus fund 50,000.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 21,485.58 National Bank notes outstanding 47,500.00 Due to State Banks and Bankers 107.58 Individual deposits subject to check \$281,224.91 Demand certificates of deposit 330,486.40 Time certificates of deposit \$258,333.50 Certified checks 331.65 U. S. Deposits 45,000.00 615,376.46 Total \$784,469.62

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of December, 1908. M. C. MAGEE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE, GEORGE W. WARREN, A. SCHERNECKAU, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$456,888.00 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 1,786.94 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 40,000.00 Premiums on U. S. Bonds 1,200.00 Bonds, securities, etc. 55,430.00 Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 63,379.03 Due from State Banks and Bankers 25,022.36 Due from approved reserve agents 153,733.16 Checks and other cash items 776.29 Notes of other National Banks 2,530.00 Nickels and cents 361.70 Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie \$169,000.00 Legal-tender notes 220.00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 2,000.00 Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund 350.00 Total \$977,677.48

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00 Surplus fund 25,000.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 29,175.94 National Bank notes outstanding 40,000.00 Due to State Banks and Bankers 70.87 Individual deposits subject to check \$655,145.75 Demand certificates of deposit \$128,284.92 783,430.67 Total \$977,677.48

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1908. E. P. NOONAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: G. C. FLAVEL, JACOB KAMM, W. F. MCGREGOR, Directors.

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