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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.

"ASTORIA, 1909."

This is our slogan now! The new year must mean more to Astoria than any of her hundred years and it is up to us all to make it the best ever.

There is no political impediment to confuse, annoy, distract; for nearly two years to come we have nothing to think of but business and commerce and general up-lift and that will keep us going some.

No man knows what a day may bring forth in a business way, nor who will turn the propitious trick for himself and the city and section, nor on what basis the development will hinge, lumber, fish, dairying, small manufactures, shipping, grain, mills, or what not. But we do know that Astoria cannot stand still any longer; that she must save her own situation and secure her own future, using every resource she possesses and unfold others. The hour is our own, the inspiration should be ours, the achievement of something more and better than we have now on record, must be ours.

Let's get to it!

CRYING ECONOMIES.

There are certain sharp economies to be practiced in this city of ours during the next year or two; not radical, nor crippling, nor diffuse; but genuine and business-like and helpful. The city has reached a pass, as to population, commercial influence and significance, where sudden and widespread reduction of her expenditures would insure a worse result even than sheer extravagance; but there are many lines, departmental and otherwise, that may be minimized in cost for a few years to the immense good of her civic credit, and yet not dwarf nor thwart her progress and her best interests.

Property in Astoria must be relieved of many of the charges that have in the recent past almost obviated its market values; taxes and assessments and all costs, save those of actual government, must be kept to the lowest margins, to let the reality here recoup from the extraordinary stress that has prevailed pretty nearly to the danger-line.

Other cities in the Northwest have done this thing; have done it well, and in good time and are wonderfully better for the experience. One lesson of the sort is quite enough, as all sharp business expedients are. It is merely a question of rightfully realizing the necessity and going at it in the interest of all concerned.

We are not advising or counseling; we are merely suggesting; and are quite conscious of the unpopularity of the hint as well as of its inevitability!

Mr. Taft speaks cordially of his treatment in St. Louis during the campaign. St. Louis points to its Taft plurality of 13,000 as a proof of its reciprocal sentiment.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Gompers do not agree as to the best method for improving labor conditions, but the president has the advantage of having done something.

To be given away at the

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CHRISTMAS MATINEE

Every lady and child attending the matinee from now, to Christmas will be given a coupon which will entitle them to a drawing on a free present. The presents will be displayed in the show window of the Bee Hive Store on Commercial street. Special matinee prizes for children from now till Christmas, 5c. Who are the lucky ones?

ADMISSION 10 CENTS SEATS FREE

A BASEBALL WONDER.

"Old Hoss" Radbourne, Greatest of All Pitchers.

THE HERCULES OF THE GAME

His Marvellous Feat of Pluck, Strength and Endurance That Won the Pennant For Providence in 1884—A Record in Games Won.

Pitchers may come and pitchers may go, but the name of "Old Hoss" Radbourne goes on forever. I have talked to many great ball players who have lamented to me the fact that baseball fame is so ephemeral that it was not worth the gaining, and, while no doubt this is in a great measure true, there is one pitcher who has left a name that promises to roll on for many, many years.

Each year hundreds of pitchers claim attention of the world, and each year they are promptly forgotten. But Illinois produced a man who, although now years deceased, has a brighter name than any of the great multitude. In the great campaign of 1884, when the Providence club, then a member of the National league, was fighting a bitter game with Philadelphia, a catastrophe occurred that seemingly would disrupt its chances of winning the pennant. A player named Sweeney, who was pitching, was ordered to go into right field to change places with "Cyclone" Miller. At that time it was not permissible to take a pitcher out of the game. Whereupon Sweeney promptly walked out of the game, leaving the team with only eight men and with one pitcher, Charles Radbourne.

Two men tried to cover the field, with the result that Providence was completely snowed under. A meeting of the directors was held to decide whether or not the club should be disbanded. Certainly a professional team was never in a sorer plight.

Radbourne was approached and the proposition put to him. "I can win it all right," said he quietly and in a matter of fact tone.

And then followed the most remarkable battle for a pennant that the world has ever seen. Radbourne established a record that has never been equaled, one that will live when more expensive contests will have been blissfully forgotten. Of twenty-seven consecutive games Radbourne won twenty-six. In four games with Boston he had three shutouts, only one run was scored and only seventeen hits were made. This defeat was suffered at the hands of Buffalo by a score of 2 to 0, and even then only five hits were made off him, showing that the defeat was not due to poor pitching. Needless to say, Providence won the pennant, or, rather, Radbourne won the pennant.

But the great player had to pay the price. No arm could stand the awful strain without great agony. Morning after morning when Radbourne arose he could not lift his arm as high as his waist. He had to brush his hair with his left hand. But he did not give up the game. He would slip out to the park about two hours before the rest of the team put in an appearance and would begin the excruciating process of limbering up. He would pitch the ball only a few feet when he would first go out, but he would keep on trying time after time, rubbing his arm with his left hand. Sometimes his face would be drawn up into contortions, but never a word of complaint left his lips.

Half an hour before the game was to begin the players would slip out to see how "Old Hoss" was getting along. They would sit silently on the bench, waiting for his arm to get into condition. When he was able to throw from second to home base a rousing cheer would go up, for they knew that meant the winning of the game for them.

Radbourne claimed for his home Bloomington, Ill. After his great season with Providence managers all over the country were upon his heels. Flattering offers poured in, and he was not under contract with Providence for the next season either. When the contest was over the late Ned Allen, president of the team that season, sent for Radbourne. He laid the release before him and close beside it a blank contract. Radbourne looked at them both for several minutes and then slowly took up a pen and filled the blank out for a sum only \$2,000 higher than he had been getting and tore up the release. Allen almost fell on his neck and wept for joy.

Radbourne's last year in baseball was with Cincinnati in 1891, but it was a sad year. It seems a pity that the career of so great a ball player should end so sadly. That year his work showed great deterioration, for the awful strain made in 1884 was beginning to tell on his arm. At the end of the season he was too proud to go into minor league baseball and so entirely withdrew from the game. He returned to Bloomington, where he opened a billiard hall. He had little to say and in unthinking silence would sit in a corner and watch the young men laugh as they played. He would talk about himself only when cornered, and then but for a few short words. He had always been an ardent fisherman, hunter and sportsman, but he gave up the open life. Each year his taciturnity increased until he became almost silent.

After a time he gave up his billiard hall and retired into the obscurity of his home, seldom letting people see him. At last, in 1897, he fell ill and soon passed away. — Portland Oregonian.

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 1,200.03
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 17,733.16
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.

A HONGKONG TYPHOON.

Doors and Windows Smashed in by the Fury of the Gale. Boom! Boom! Boom! The signal had changed to the ominous red-green-red, and the three dynamite bombs were the warning that the typhoon was upon us. No need to hurry the servants now—every one was only too anxious to assist. The wind was tearing round the house, seemingly in all directions, but strongest from the north, and the noise of it was louder than thunder. One outside room, more exposed than the rest, seemed to be its especial bolt. We stayed there for a moment to listen to the raging of the storm, but even the stoutest heart could not sleep in that pandemonium of sound. It was well shuttered and barred, but it was incredible that it stood in that tornado of wind. The doors creaked and groaned with the strain, and the windows clattered with a shriller note, while outside it seemed as though all the winds of all the ages were let loose for destruction. In the center of the house, though the noise was less, one could feel the building rocking on its foundations and hardly dared speculate how much the late heavy rains had weakened them. Every moment we expected the roof to go.

Crash! The upper part of an inner glass door had blown in. There was a stampede for that part of the house, for the wind must be kept out at all costs. Sofa cushions, sheets, blankets from the beds, all were requisitioned to stuff the broken panes. We had hardly finished before there was a terrific noise in the basement and such a shouting in Chinese that one could hear the boys above the din of the storm. It was the door of the cook's room which had burst its hinges and bolts, and once the wind had found an entry it made the most of its opportunity. Twenty-seven panes of glass clattered to the ground in the basement before they could get the door wedged back into place with great difficulty. But there was little time to think of the servants, for we had our own troubles upstairs.

The wind suddenly veered round until the full force seemed to be coming from the southwest, and the front of the house began to feel it. The hall door was straining on its hinges, and we had to improvise struts and pile heavy furniture behind it to help its resistance to the wind. Then a rush upstairs, for a bathroom window had crashed in and the door was straining. Every moment the wind was increasing in fury, but the roof held. Between 3 and 4 the typhoon was at its height, and it is impossible to describe the sense of helplessness one feels in such a wild raging of the elements. Sleep was out of the question until the wind abated toward morning, and we rested a little, a tired, sorry looking household, encamped in the safest part of the house—Nan Peacock in Leslie's Weekly.

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At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 27, 1908.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$403,175.70
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 8,942.78
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 47,500.00
Premiums on U. S. and other bonds 4,575.00
Deposits 20,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits 34,000.00
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 \$30,486.40
Time certificates of deposit \$258,333.50
Certified checks 331.65
U. S. Deposits 45,000.00 615,376.46
Total \$784,469.62

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.

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:
Due from other banks \$10,376.19
Cash in vault 9,679.21 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

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