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## THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair.

## CIVIC SELF-HELP.

Self-help is one of the cardinal phases of human uplift in every field of endeavor, and it applies as directly and potentially to the communal as to the individual achievement. Astoria is unqualifiedly in want of a bit of this powerful agency; self-help and self-centering will do her a huge lot of good just now. And the fact that she is off at a tangent, by herself, makes the principle the more valuable and effective.

It has been proven beyond the doubt of any man familiar with her history, that she need never look for the most indirect aid or countenance of any of her civic neighbors; and on the contrary may make up her mind that those of them in a position to defeat and deny her, will not lose the opportunity. We have advertised her to the world itself and that has done but mighty little good if any one wants to know it. The mere fact of her existence will not yield her a man nor a dollar nor an enterprise; these she must go after and bring in.

We must get together on a common basis (not too large) with a unified idea of working together for the city along some particular line, however small it may be at first, and all pull heartily until it is ours. The accumulation of the lesser advantages will

soon give us a name worth infinitely more to us than the regulation howl of invitation to come here and share our ineptness and negation has ever done.

We had far better go after one small and rational enterprise, with the snap and certainty of getting it and making it a feature of our future, than to fritter away our time and money and spirit on claims we cannot make good. We have just so much in the way of resource, attraction, and compensating investment to offer. And we will do well to work to that and try to realize on it; but first we must merge in sentiment and sense and know what we want and that all are wanting it and working for it. Business is business and hot air is hot air. The latter is exhaustless at so much per; the former, plentiful enough, simply requires employment, application, and the assurance of united action to win out on any given line we may be justified in following.

Let's get together and go at it on a business footing!

## DON'T FAIL TO ORGANIZE!

There should be no sort of delay nor failure in the organization of the Port of Astoria. It is one of the most essential things we have to do, if only to put ourselves and the port on a legal and actual footing to meet any exigency that may arise as between our own jurisdiction and that of the Port of Portland. No man knows at what moment grave questions will

arise demanding our attention and interest and there must be some organic body ready to meet and dispose of them with certitude and authority.

This does not mean that the levy and collection of taxes in this behalf are needed or necessary at this time, nor that any money is to be raised or spent. That will come when it is unavoidable and for the proper and timely enforcement of the provisions of the act at the right time.

There is no earthly use in our sleeping upon our rights in this important premise. The thing to do is to perfect the creation of the port, put it in the hands of its commission, organize that, and wait for such developments as are sure to come, in the course of its full and final establishment, or in the course of any dispute or invasion or confusion that may be injected from any source.

## FACTS WANTED.

The Morning Astorian has been gratuitously censured for the lengths to which it went during the recent municipal campaign in dealing with the financial facts as they exist here, her civic obligations, etc., etc., the objectors alleging that we were destroying the credit of the city abroad and hampering her fiduciary plans and engagements, etc., etc.; to all of which we again make our invariable answer.

Facts are facts, and the people want them, especially at a crisis; a crisis existed; we gave the facts (much against our own desire); the crisis was averted; and the city was spared an infinitely worse crisis; her condition now is admittedly better than it might have been had we not gone to the lengths of candor we did; and this is the last word we have to offer in this behalf.

Adelina Patti has been singing again in Paris, and to an enthusiastic audience. Patti is qualified to explain why Ponce de Leon failed to find the fountain of youth.

The Lincoln centennial anniversary comes February 12. Many preparations are going on throughout the country, but it is necessary now to pass them through vigorously.

Mr. Carnegie says the improvement of waterways should be national, not local. The lakes-to-gulf proposition is not only national, but continental.

# TYPICAL WESTERN PLAY FOR TO-NIGHT

"In Wyoming" a Well Known Drama of Life In the West--At Astoria Theatre.

With the evident intent of fixing on the stage for all time that last disappearing, if not extinct, and wholly picturesque type of being, the American cowpuncher, Mr. Willard Mack, the author of "In Wyoming," which will appear this evening at the Astoria theatre, has given in "Bob Rikards" a character study that seems to have satisfied all demands of fancy regarding our western range rider. The hero, although born in Pennsylvania, has lived years in Wyoming and is in perfect sympathy with the peculiar manifestations of civilization that obtained in that region during the "70's" and "80's," when cattle raising was the only business, cattle stealing the only crime and lynching the only evidence of order.

Everything that could tend to lend atmosphere to the play has been carefully attended to. The scenery is a faithful reproduction of the Dalby Ranch, with the Big Horn range of mountains in the distance and cactus-grown plain in the foreground and the ranch house situated in the midst of this desert.

The newspaper world and the public who have witnessed "In Wyoming" claim that it is the truest and best exposition of western life yet given to the stage and predict that it will live along with "The Old Homestead," "Way Down East," "In Old Kentucky," and other plays of this character, whose sort, though probably not dramatic seems to hold the attention of the public year after year by their reality and simplicity.

## TITLED THIEF.

Sad Story of a Danish Girl in the New World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—"I am the wife of Count Brockenheims Von Lowenhielm, a Dane, not a Russian, although we were intimate with a number of Russian nobility. My husband dabbled in Russian politics and

Oklahoma seems to be having as much trouble as Cuba in getting her government started.

A Boston paper refers to Missourians as "Southerners." Where does it think the Central West is located?

Judge Taft will inherit the tariff question, from his predecessor, the same as all the other presidents have done in turn.

Some of the campaign stories, which bothered nobody during the campaign, are now returning to plague their inventors.

had some narrow escapes."

This was the statement in police court here yesterday by Mrs. A. L. Rogers, an American, convicted of stealing silverware in this city, and sentenced to 90 days in jail.

She appealed to the Danish minister, who, she said, knew her. Mrs. Rogers testified that her father was a successful business man in Dallas, Texas, where she was married in 1897, and that she separated from her husband.

"It was another one of those international marriages," she said. "My husband kissed me one morning, walked out of the door and I have never seen him since. Of course we had some exciting times in Russia, but please don't refer to my life in Europe. It's all past now."

## PURSUES HIS HOBBY.

Nathan Straus Going After the Country's Infected Cattle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Nathan Straus, the New York philanthropist, best known perhaps for his free milk

booths and pasteurization crusade, is urging the passage by the next Legislature of more stringent legislation in this state prohibiting the importation of cattle affected with tuberculosis. Also he hopes to prevent the use of the word "pasteurization" unless it speaks for the scientific and not commercial method.

"Commercial pasteurization," says Mr. Straus, "is a humbug and fraud. The germs are not killed, but the milk has been treated by a process which merely preserves it, and prevents it from souring. It actually does more harm than good, for it enables dishonest dealers to keep milk and market it when it is old and stale. It deceives mothers who know that pasteurized milk is good for their babies, and do not understand that commercially pasteurized milk is only preserved milk."

"Unfortunately most of the so-called pasteurized milk sold in the city has been only commercially treated and the use of the term 'pasteurization' in connection with it should be forbidden by law."

## NEW CONCRETE BUILDING.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 19.—Carstens Packing Company of Seattle is contemplating construction of a concrete building on Main street. Their representative has placed a recommendation with the directors of the company to that effect. The building will be a two-story one, 50 by 100 feet, adjoining the new Odd-fellows Hall.

## A Notre Dame Lady's Appeal

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatic, lumbago, backache, pains in the kidneys of neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured

her of all these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box R, Notre Dame, Ind.

## AMUSEMENTS.

# Astoria Theatre

## Dec. 20

H. E. PIERCE & CO.

Present the Stirring American Play

# IN WYOMING

A Cast of Brilliant Excellence

"Seldom has such a typically western comedy been created."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"In Wyoming" is a genuine western comedy without the usual gun play."—Minneapolis Journal.

Another "Arizona" Absolutely Void of Gun Play

Intensely Exciting! Prices 25, 50, 75, \$1

To be given away at the

# BAKERONIAN

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

JOIN THE CROWD WHO KNOW AND GET REAL BARGAINS AT WATERMANS

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Free! Xmas Eve a Beautiful \$14 Doll will be given away Free!



Free! That Pretty \$14 Doll May be Yours Xmas Eve Free!

The Shrewd Holiday Shopper Will Trade at Waterman's The Bargain Store

## Toys For Girls

The favorite toy for the little girl always has and always will be, DOLLS. We have a grand assortment: rubber dolls, rag dolls, A B C dolls, and fine China dolls. We can suit both taste and pocketbook. Our dolls range in price from 15c to \$5.00. Besides dolls, for the little misses, we have doll folding brass cradles, doll dishes, kitchen ranges, small flat irons, wash boards and a hundred and one other gifts to please the little girl. We have a splendid assortment of games of every description ranging in price from 5c to 25c. Story books, nursery rhymes, A B C and holiday books of all kinds

## Toys For Girls

For the small boy we have probably the largest stock of toys in town. Repeating air-rifles \$1.50, pop-guns 15c, swords 15c, Christmas horns 5c to 25c, sand palls and spades 10c and 20c, pocket knives 5c to 30c, mail box banks, combination banks 15c, mechanical automobiles 30c, woolen dogs, horses, mules, etc., on wheels 15c; Happy Hooligan iron wagons and trucks of every description at all prices. All kinds of iron toys at from 5c to 50c; mouth organs 10c to 15c, carpenters' outfits \$2.25, soldering sets 15c, and tools, the boy kind, are to be had here galore at low prices. You must visit our boy department to fully appreciate the large assortment.

## Gifts For "Grown Ups"

After looking around the many other stores in the city trying to decide what to buy your mother, wife, sister, or sweetheart for Christmas, if you will pay us a visit we will no doubt be able to supply you with "just the thing." For instance, you can get her fancy imported hand-painted China at almost any price, toilet articles, a Merry Widow hat pin and many other styles of fancy hat pins, shirt-waist sets, and links necklaces, handkerchiefs, bracelets, neck pins, jewelry boxes, writing stationery, and other articles too numerous to mention.

## CAN YOU GUESS

If you think you are a good guesser, we challenge you to tell us the amount of shot in the small tumbler in our Commercial street window. It doesn't cost anything to guess and you may win the pretty doll for your trouble.

Since Waterman's store has been established in this city. Astoria has at last filled a long felt want, that of a department store where real values are to be obtained at right prices. Waterman's is fast becoming the favorite shopping place in the city for women, and is steadily gaining the reputation of being Astoria's leading store—and again we say

Watch Whose Windows For Bargains?

# Waterman's

## THE DOLL IS FREE

Just drop into our store and submit your guesses of the number of shot in the small glass tumbler; your guess may be the lucky one and win the \$14 doll to be given away Christmas eve. You don't have to buy to guess.