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### THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair.

### QUESTION OF PUBLICITY.

There are times when the province of a newspaper becomes somewhat ambiguous in the matter of giving the news, especially in a city of this size owing to the urgency of police interest in cases that require more or less silence in order to enable those charged with the duty of capturing the guilty parties to do their full duty. All papers resist this demand as far as they are able to do so, on the ground that the public has a right to know the happenings of the day in order that the necessary precautions may be taken to hedge against the repetition of the offenses against public security and peace.

The Morning Astorian has been particularly amenable to this rule and has observed it, to its own discredit at times, rather than interfere with the operation of the police department and is not quite sure that its assistance has been really appreciated. No good reporter likes to be "held up" on this score and his management usually "dresses him down" when the absence of a live item is noted. But the play of justice comes first with all concerned and the paper falls in line, as it should.

When a matter of civic interest becomes public property by word of mouth on the streets, it would seem that the newspaper has the first right to it, as the purveyor of the general scheme of news at hand. And it happens, oftener than not that the paper observes a reservation quite unappreciated by the general public, who, knowing the fact itself, looks daily, for the details and failing to get them, resents the omission, without regarding the basis of the paper's action. With this presentment of the matter, the Morning Astorian here and now declares it will ignore the rule in future, and give the news as it gets it. It is weary of being reproached for derelictions made in this behalf.

### A GLARING DEFECT.

A well known banker of this city has called attention to one of the glaring defects of the proposed scheme of national postal savings banks, in that it does not provide any

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means for the small depositor's creditor to secure recourse in court for the collection of an honest claim against such depositor.

Under the terms of the proposed bill the small saver may accumulate a thousand or more dollars in the federal repository and still defy his commercial creditor in the matter of the payment of his current obligations, at any time such a course may appeal to him; a condition that does not tally with the fairness usually observed in the course of business as we Americans understand, and pursue it. As things are now, the account of a depositor in a savings bank, or bank doing a commercial business only, is amenable to the law of recovery by due process in court, either in the way of attachment or other peremptory processes.

It would be well if this great proposition of popular savings were made to conform to the recognized rules of business, without injecting any exclusive and dubious provisions of this character; that is if it ever becomes a law at all.

### PUTTING THEM IN TOUCH.

The Government has determined upon the policy of putting the life-saving station of the country in instant and constant touch with the active communities next and nearest to them, and the plan is highly commended everywhere. There is no branch of the public service that calls for more intimate and easy relation with the working public than this department. It is a notorious fact that the great majority of the stations are remote and often inaccessible, and the idea of putting them in telephonic communication with their nearest neighbors is as wise as it is generous.

This is especially true of the service out on this coast, where there are long and arduous distances to be compassed before the life-savers may get in touch with anyone beyond their peculiar and lonely habitat. It is not only essential as a matter of social intercourse, but of safety and health and business expediency. It is well that the Government itself should be in readier contact with these important stations and gather the grave facts they have often to send out; a condition that will tend to hasten the relief that is beyond the capacity of the station, and give to the wide world details of wreck and loss and disaster for which it waits far too long at times.

A big corn exposition is in progress at Omaha. This is where Farmer Bryan will have a show.

The Duke of Abruzzi cabled his farewell love letter. It is easy to guess the reply: "Will be a sister to you."

### Guilty of Counterfeiting.

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## SCHOOLS CLOSE DOWN FOR HOLIDAYS

### SLIGHT FEAR OF SCARLATINA EPIDEMIC LEADS BOARD TO ACT.

At a meeting of the board of education yesterday it was decided to close the city schools for the holidays with the session yesterday afternoon. Hence there will be no school today, or until on Monday, January 4. The fear that the few cases of scarlatina that have developed recently might spread among the school children was the reason for closing down the classes two days earlier than had been announced.

The Christmas holidays were to have begun the middle of this week anyway, and hence the board deemed it the part of wisdom to close them down two days earlier and avoid all danger of any epidemic among the little folks.

At present there are only two houses under quarantine for the scarlet fever, and there really is not the slightest idea in the minds of anyone that the situation is at all serious; but it was simply thought best to quiet the fears of the mothers who had begun to worry about their children. One or more cases of the scarlatina, which is in very mild form, had appeared in one of the schools and the rooms where there is the slightest danger of contagion will be thoroughly fumigated.

Dr. Reames, the city health officer, stated that the situation is not in the least alarming, but Dr. Reames evidently thought with the board of education that it would do no harm to drop off the last two days of school to avoid any possibility of contagion among the pupils and to ease the fears of the mothers.

The city health officer apparently has the situation well in hand and every case will be watched thoroughly.

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### "IN ARIZONA"

Whether taken as a whole or in part, "Arizona" holds the attention of both the casual playgoer and the one who wishes to go deeper into the story of the passion of life. The environment is such that one finds ceaseless attraction in this bit of dialogue or that bit of action. The characters are such that the soldier, the cowboy, and the woman, one after another, occupy the principal place. Having chosen an appealing theme for his story, Augustus Thomas, the author, also selected a collection of people who could not only preserve all the virtue which there is in the central idea, but who would each, by contrast to the other, carry the central plan and make this mimic world seem like a real one. The force of the characters and the excellence of the situations are backed up by dialogue which is always brisk, as the talk of the West should be, and which has a lightness now, or a sombreness then, that is as distinct as the mountains and the shadows that form the background scenes.

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Peter the Great, czar of Russia, punished a traitor on a notable occasion in a way that the numerous victims of the present czar's wrath might well wish were still in vogue.

Mazeppa, chieftain of the Cossacks, had deserted to the king of Sweden, with whom Peter was at war. Mazeppa was at once tried by court martial and found guilty of high treason. Sentence of death was passed upon him.

Mazeppa, however, was safely in the camp of the Swedish king, but this fact was not permitted to stand in the way of the carrying out of every part of the sentence. A wooden effigy of Mazeppa was made, and the punishments were inflicted upon the Cossack chieftain's substitute.

The effigy was first dressed in Mazeppa's uniform, and upon its breast were pinned all of the medals, ribbons and other decorations that the real culprit had worn. While the commanding general and a squadron of cavalry stood near an officer advanced to the wooden man and read the sentence. Then another officer wrenched off the effigy's patent of knighthood and his other decorations, tore them up and trampled upon them. This done, he struck the wooden gentleman a powerful blow in the pit of the stomach, knocking him over. Next a hangman appeared. While the soldiers shouted he threw a noose over the imitation Mazeppa's head and dragged the effigy to a nearby gallows, where it was "hanged by the neck until it was dead."—Scribner Book.

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### When a President Resigns.

The method by which a president may resign is provided for in section 151 of the revised statutes, reading as follows: "The only evidence of a refusal to accept or of a resignation of the office of president or vice president shall be an instrument in writing declaring the same and subscribed by the person refusing to accept or resigning, as the case may be, and delivered into the office of the secretary of state."

### THE \$50 IS HIS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A negro robber thrust his hand through an opening in a South Side elevated station window, snatched about \$50 in money and fled. The agent sounded a burglar alarm, which was promptly answered by a policeman, who roused the neighborhood by a volley of shots but failed to stop the fugitive.



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