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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Increasing in cloudiness followed by rain in west portion; warmer except near the coast.

TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM.

The Oregon legislature is in session, and the physicians of the state are very much interested in establishing a sanitarium for the exclusive care of patients suffering from tuberculosis. So many schemes more important to their promoters than the health of the community will take time and available public funds, and unless the matter of a state sanitarium is pushed with vigor and special intelligence, it may be expected to fall by the wayside.

HASTENING THE INEVITABLE.

The surest and quickest method of hastening, and fastening, the inevitable in the way of liquor prohibition, in this State, is by the introduction of such measures as that just filed in the Oregon House to divorce beer from whiskey in the public and legal consideration and treatment of the prohibition issue. Such procedure is calculated to set up sharp factional activities in the two great departments contributing to the liquor side of the contest; of arousing the jealousies and animosities of the two distinct trades and giving the prohibitionists a hundred advantageous handles where they had but one; weakening the solid front of the liquor forces and permitting the prohibitionists to win a fight in easy detail, that might have been hard to win against the allied agencies of the liquor craft.

It would seem that the "interests" are pretty badly "balled-up" when they resort to such expedients as this. When they put the "hop industry" of Oregon up against the moral and social welfare of the whole State and make a campaign cry of it. There has been many a stupid thing done of late by the whiskey and beer forces, in the way of attempting to placate, and hedge against, the "wave" that is known to be gathering for final submergence of their cause, or at least, for its sharp regulation. But this new bill to make "fish of one, and flesh of another" is the silliest element of their program we have yet noted. It is in order for some bright "statesman" to follow it up with a bill exempting wine from the range of prohibition, and leave the distillers of the potent intoxicants, whiskey and brandy to bear the weight of the battle that must come.

It looks to most men like a "run for cover" on the part of the beermen and does not commend them as very reliable champions of their cult. If such a discrimination as this can be

made in Oregon, under the sanction of its statutes, we shall confess ourselves at the limit of calculation of the absurdities possible here.

There is but one way for the saloon in Oregon to escape the pressure of the prohibition wave and that is to take the business out of politics: Nothing short of this will save it. The average Oregonian is not arrayed against the saloon on any other ground, save that, perhaps, of common decency, and it can never be decent and remain in politics. The clean and quiet saloon is admissible everywhere nearly; but the people are tiring of the incongruous and insolent assumption of political dictation, and the sooner the business divests itself of this quality, the sooner its troubles will be over, and not until then.

COAST AND INLAND EMPIRE.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce has sounded the key-note of freedom in its determination to invite a great conference as between the coast interests and those of the Inland Empire, in the matter of the handling and shipment of the products of the Columbia River basin, via the mouth of the Columbia itself, in the common interests of despatch and economy.

Portland stands at its great gateway at the junction of the two grand valleys and their rivers, not as the champion of all concerned, but as the selfish arbiter of her share of the growing commerce that must enter, or pass, that gate; the whole country up here is now convinced of this and the movement to stamp out this impediment and loosen up the whole range of possible activity and profit to the tens of thousands who have heretofore taken what share Portland has permitted them, is one that will commend itself to both sections and bring new thought and energies to break the monopoly that is holding back a tremendous development.

Portland will fight every foot of water on the Columbia bar in excess of the river depths hence to her docks. Take this for the basic proposition and one has no difficulty in understanding why the jetties have been a score of years in building, and why she has expended her few millions to keep the river at bar depths all that time.

The scheme is a deliberate outrage upon the inland farmer and wheat grower as well as upon the ports of the lower Columbia; and the effort to adjust it, late as it is, is as rational and expedient now, as ever. We hope to see the proposition go forward in a business-like manner to the last extremity of recourse and relief: not to the deprivation of Portland particularly, but for the wider and commoner good inherent in it for

a much vaster constituency than is at present served, and for the grander development of two splendid territories long denied the essentials of swifter despatch and valuable economies in transit.

LAW OFFICERS AND THE LAW.

When a man becomes, by election, or by appointment, an officer of the law, he becomes not only an agent of the law but its champion. Its very letter, and last demand, falls upon him as a garment, no fold of which he may displace nor discard without danger to his official record and to the constituency, or power, which exalted him. With him rests the fulfillment of the law; its exceptions, its specific departures, its abatement and other overtures of excuse, or palliation, rest with the courts of the land, and not in the whim or judgment of the departmental officer. Any assumption, or transgression of these accepted theories of government, must work to the flat discredit and disadvantage of the officer taking it on himself to indulge them. The law won't stand for it; the people won't stand for it; and the officer who persists in it will come to his reckoning sooner or later. The traditions of the law are adamant and may not be assailed without reaction upon the assailant. That is what is meant by the term and text of "the Law."

EDITORIAL WING-SHOTS.

The tragedies of the sea are numerous and heavy this winter on all coasts; but fortunately their griefs are soon blended in the happier record of successes, and winnings and discoveries of sure progress, ashore, and afloat.

While we would not deprive the youngsters of a single phase of their winter sports in Astoria, the constant complaint filed at this office on the score of sidewalks made perilous, on the hill-sides, by glassy surfaces due to constant sledding, has reached a pass where some protest is in order. The elders have some rights that even the healthy boy or girl are bound to respect, and which even the law itself may take cognizance of.

Make up your minds, Gentlemen, that when it comes to facts in relation to the jetty and the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river, Uncle Sam is going to listen to his engineers and agents first; after which you may undertake to convert him, if you wish to.

What do we care where the ships go to after they get inside the mouth of the river? The supreme thing is to get them to the Columbia river, over a bar that will admit any tonnage that floats. After that the most commanding market in the basin may have them. In fact, we might create a market for them right here at deep water.

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's cough remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Ex-Governor and Mrs. T. T. Geer arrived in this city on Monday for a week's sojourn; and Mr. Conwell's lecture at the Presbyterian church on Monday evening is reputed the best thing of its kind delivered here in years: We failed to meet Governor and Mrs. Geer, and we failed to hear the lecture: Thus it will be seen that even the ubiquitous reporter is up against defeat, denial and deprivation, as well as the rest of humanity.

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NORTH SIDE NEWS

Miss E. M. Williamson, of Ilwaco, is the accredited representative of The Astorian and will take care of all items of news, orders for subscriptions and all kinds of printing.

ILWACO

Mrs. Charles Kerlee and son left the first of the week for Chinook, Wash., to visit with Mrs. Kerlee's sister, Mrs. J. S. Jones.

Work was resumed Monday morning by the Ilwaco Mill & Lumber Company after a shut-down of a month.

Miss Hannah Hughes returned Monday after a brief absence spent in Stevens, Wash.

Mr. Lee returned recently to his home in Seaview after a several days' visit in Portland.

John Adamson of Long Beach, was a visitor to Ilwaco Monday.

J. H. McAfee returned the latter part of last week to the Wireless Station at North Head from Portland, where he spent a few days on business. He was accompanied home by Mr. Thomas who will fill the place soon to be vacated by Mr. Haan, who expects to be transferred to some other station.

Miss Edith Smith of the Sand Ridge spent Saturday in Ilwaco with friends.

A very enjoyable time was reported by the large number of people who attended the social dance given Saturday evening in the Ilwaco opera house. Quite a crowd of young folks from Long Beach were in attendance.

Festees Plumb of Chinook was in the city for a short time Monday. He drove home in the evening.

Miss Jennie Cox of Ilwaco spent Sunday in McGowan, Wash., with relatives and friends.

Leo Wise, Clark Hedrick and Roy Herrold were among the pleasure-seekers to visit the wrecked ship "Alice" Sunday at Ocean Park.

Dr. Barbour and wife passed through this city the first of the week from Nahcotta where they had been located for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hawkins expects to depart some time this week for an extended trip to Portland and the Collins Springs, Or.

J. J. Brumback of Ilwaco and Capt. Charles Stuart of Cape Disappointment, were among the Ilwaco visitors to Astoria, the last part of the week.

Miss Edith Fredenberg was in the city Monday from Stringtown.

L. A. Loomis and son, Eugene, passed through Ilwaco Tuesday on their way home from Corvallis, Or. Mrs. Donaldson of Chinook was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

C. L. Beaver, a former resident of Seaview and proprietor of the Shelbourn Hotel returned recently from Portland for a short business visit.

NEW TELESCOPE A MARVEL.

Prof. Robert W. Wood, of the Johns Hopkins University, has perfected an invention—based on a discovery—that may revolutionize the present costly and cumbersome methods of studying the stars and exploring the universe for new plan-

ets, suns, moons, and asteroids. Judging by the success the young scientist has had, the simplicity of the principal of his invention, and the comparatively small cost of models, the possibilities of his telescope are commensurate to the scientific-literary visions of Mr. H. G. Wells, fictionist extraordinary.

Since the invention of the telescope, in the sixteenth century, it has been the dream of a great part of the scientific world to actually get a glimpse of the life that possibly exists on Mars and other planets; to secure some tangible proof of intelligent existence on the worlds around us.

But in Prof. Wood's telescope there is no glass! Its reflecting surface—its lens—is mercury, revolving mercury, that magnifies and magnifies as the speed increases until it brings the heavens down startlingly close. While Prof. Wood, like most scientists, is somewhat reticent about his invention, it is not hard to conclude from his remarks that he has great hope of its accomplishing astronomical wonders.—Technical World Magazine.

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