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### THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Fair and colder in east portion.

### WANTED: A CONCRETE PLANT.

From casual remarks made by practical men of this community at odd times during the past two years, we are led to believe that a good, up-to-date concrete plant would pay at this end of the river, especially in this city, whence all contiguous points could be cheaply and quickly reached by rail and water. The enterprise does not call for a great abundance of capital, skilled labor and the essential ingredients being the commanding needs of the venture, and as to the latter, the sands and rocks of this territory are said to be unequivocally well adapted to the manufacture of cement.

It is one of those propositions that would have to build up from the very ground. Cement, in the commercial sense and use, is not a familiar matter here; but it is so widely adaptable, so wonderfully useful, and, comparatively, so cheap, it would not take long to initiate it as a standard element of utility here, and it would pay from the start, provided that start was not too elaborate. The range of form, use, and application of this cheap and durable material, is simply illimitable, and the demand for it here could be easily cultivated since the stuff commends itself the world over to builders, artisans and engineers; and the venture, at this point, would be practically free from competition, a consideration that goes a long way to make the departure successful from the very beginning.

This is the one particular line that invites the interest of the man with a few thousands to invest, and with good judgment exercised in its development, we believe it would be immensely successful.

### ONE PORT ON COLUMBIA.

As a matter of fact and despite all quibbling, there is but one real organic port on the Columbia river, and that is the Port of Astoria.

Of course, up on the Willamette, 12 miles from its confluence with the greater river, there is a port (Portland), but it is in its own separate valley and upon the banks of one of the Columbia's tributaries. We are particular in stating these things because we do not want the unthinking to confound the Willamette valley town with the real Columbian territory. This is the only port on this river, and it may be well to remember this some day, when there are issues afoot in which its significance shall figure more conspicuously than it does at this time.

In the meantime Astoria asserts first and just claim to being the one and only legal, and natural, port on the Columbia, as well as upon the coast of Oregon; and speaking with due regard to all claims, upon the bases of accessibility, depths, channels, security, expanse, direct contiguity to, and quick-touch with, the open sea this is the truth.

For the time being Portland is

reaching out from her remote and dubious vantage to take over the commercial interests of the Willamette and Columbia, along with the bar of the latter, and will endeavor to annex the shipping of the basin, the one and only jurisdiction confronting her being our own. What she will do with the new privileges remains to be seen; and it is easily conceded she will do her best by them and by her own interests, as she should do; but we are still here, still waiting and watching and preparing for the day when the foreign fleet of sea carriers shall have dwindled to such proportions as shall compel recourse to this port to renew and expand it. The day will come, alright! And other rails and other ports are to contribute to the diversification of the commercial interests of Oregon. The new general port law of the State will help immensely to that end, and it will be well achieved. We want to see the maritime interests of the State spread out in a score of directions, knowing as we do that the Columbia basin must always, and inevitably, command an enormous share of the export and import business of the Northwest.

Portland, with less than 12 square miles of harbor territory; with congested channel ways and a port that is useless after the 50th ship enters it, must one day go up against her limit. While this sinks in on the commercial conscience, we shall come into our own along with every available harbor in the State. There are huge interests in this river and valley beside those of Portland and others are coming. Time and the exigencies of trade will find the harbor for a thousand ships next to the sea, and use it.

### THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

All men with a just conception of the rights of humanity believe in the principle of the eight-hour day for the employe.

But like all great and radical changes, it is a matter of growth and equitable application. Its one overwhelming antagonist today is the fierce and universal competition in business; the narrowness of the margins upon which nine-tenths of the trade of the world is done.

It is comparatively easy for the Government to concede the splendid privilege to its employes; there is no crying necessity for a nine, ten or twelve-hour day with Uncle Sam; he can dispatch his affairs and make the people pay for the better and ampler service; the people themselves easily concede it when he ordains it. And the great trust can do the same thing when it has put competition on the "bum."

But the ordinary small manufacturer and business man is not so free to grant the concession, however willing he may be in the humane sense. By the terms of every contract he makes with his trade he is compelled to nourish the last resource of his business; and time and service are of the very essence of that contract if he is to make the admissible profit his investment justifies.

There are two sides to every issue on earth and there always remains the inalienable privilege of rendering

## HOW VANILLA IS GROWN IN HAWAII

### AN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

The growing of the vanilla bean of commerce has attained considerable importance in Hawaii, where a number of successful small plantations have been producing for a number of years. Jared G. Smith, late director of the United States Agricultural Experiment Station in Honolulu, gives the following on vanilla in his book, "Agriculture in Hawaii."

"The vanilla bean is the cured and fermented fruit of a climbing orchid. The finished pods are very dark brown or black, glossy, somewhat wrinkled on the surface, from five to eight inches long and about as thick as a lead pencil. The vanilla extract of commerce is simply an alcoholic extract.

"The vanilla plant is grown either on a trellis or is planted at the base of a tree so that it can clamber up the trunk. Any soil is suitable, provided the drainage is good. It grows well in regions of abundant rainfall on the Kona (south or southwest) side of the islands. A mean temperature of from 65 deg to 75 deg. gives good results.

"The plants are propagated from cuttings, which are simply lengths of the vine itself, from two to six feet long. The length of the cutting has some relation to flower production, the longer ones yielding flowers in a shorter period. The leaves are cut from the lower end of the cutting and the stripped portion of the stalk is buried horizontally under two or three inches of soil and rotting leaves. The upper end of the cutting is fastened to the trunk of the supporting tree to which it soon becomes tightly attached by its aerial roots.

"The vanilla plant begins to flower during its second or third year and continues flower production until seven or eight years old. Cultivation consists in keeping down the weeds and underbrush in the plantation.

"The vanilla plant only bears pods when the flowers are hand pollinated. This is a delicate operation not difficult to learn. Any one who attempts it becomes quickly proficient so that a good many flowers can be pollinated in the course of a day. The pod matures in from six to eight months, becoming hard, thick and greenish-yellow. They are gathered before ripe.

"The curing process is a somewhat complicated one. After gathering the green pods are spread out and exposed to the air for 24 hours, being

what service for what pay the man employed may fix for himself in deference to the conditions most urgently besetting him. Gradually, as time and growth and experience shall make it possible, the eight-hour principle will expand and assert itself fully and finally; but just now there are millions of employes who must ignore it or go out of business.

### KILLING THE OLD CRAFT.

Slowly, but surely, the stenographer and typewriting machine are killing the old craft of hand-writing. The typewritten letter and record are becoming the rule of the day and that rule is going farther afield every day and hour. The work of the pen in the commercial world is being fast circumscribed to mere substitution, to the hurried scrawl of the moment to meet some exacting emergency. Socially, of course, it still figures as one of the utilities, but this is only a question of the time when the machine shall be brought to the pass of employing the delicate script of the women of fashion, signature and all, and then only the school children will be left to carry on the old and distinguished art.

It is not altogether a healthy nor gratifying sign of the times; but it has all the appearance of a fixed and universally accepted theory and course of action, and as such, will surely supervene to the ultimate obliteration of the pen and its distinctive work.

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roughly assorted into grades according to size. After being graded, the pods are sweated between the folds of woolen blankets exposed to the heat of direct sunshine. During the period of fermentation the pods turn dark brown, become soft and leathery and sweat freely. The pods are manipulated for several days until the proper degree of color and aroma have developed. After the fermentation they are dried in the sun for a few hours and finally in cloth covered trays in the shade with gentle heat. When fully dried, that is when the pods no longer lose weight, but are still moist and pliable to the touch they are packed tightly in tin boxes and are again manipulated in bulk for one or two months. When completely cured the pods are sorted to size and color, tied in bundles and these packages packed in tin lined boxes which are soldered when full.

"The yield per acre in Hawaii has been estimated at about 13,000 pods, producing about 120 pounds of finished vanilla beans fully cured and ready for market.

"The industry is a very profitable one for persons having sufficient means who will give this industry their personal supervision. The price of the vanilla bean depends as much upon the outward appearance of the finished product as upon its actual quality as indicated by aroma and flavor. Care is therefore necessary at every stage in the growth and fermentation of the crop.

"Five acres of vanilla in bearing should yield from \$400 to \$500 worth of beans per acre per annum after the third year. There are vanilla plantations in the Kona district on the island of Hawaii and in the Kona district of Oahu near Honolulu. Much land is still available which is entirely suitable for the cultivation of this crop.

### AFTER THE CHINESE.

Trying to Break up Contraband Trade from Mexico.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Jan. 29.—The Chinamen who travels the underground route from Mexico to Los Angeles may find it harder to make connections from now on.

Knowing that Chinese are being brought into this state from Mexico, H.H. Weddle, inspector in charge of the immigration service for Southern California has decided to offer reward that may help break up the contraband trade.

Weddle has just completed a trip through Orange County which is on the alleged route of the underground, and has offered for every Chinaman caught, \$5; for every guide of contraband parties \$50; for every master of a vessel landing Chinese \$100.

The inspector believes there is an organized gang that escorts bands of Chinese from Mexico to Los Angeles at a fixed price per head. It has long been thought here that Chinese were landed on the coast in the northern part of San Diego County, from which point Mexican guides escort the Chinese to some point between El Toro and Santa Ana, where automobiles from Los Angeles pick them up.

### REGISTRATION REFUSED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A Bills granting American registry to the Andromeda, wrecked on the California coast, have been laid on the table by the House committee on merchant marine.

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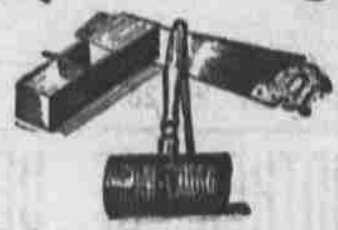
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