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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Occasional rain.

TAFT'S HOME-COMING.

The home-coming of President-Elect William H. Taft, and his splendid reception at New Orleans, are items of exceeding interest to the country.

The first thing he tells us is that the Panama Canal is demonstrated success in every detail of its work to date and that the lock system is the best and most applicable; that things and people down there, high and low, are moving along in admirable shape and that the work is to go ahead just as it has been devised, with every assurance of magnificent fulfillment. Coming from Taft such a message means much and will lay all doubt and uneasiness sought to be stirred up in Congress by the enemies of the present administration, who are vociferously demanding the paralysis of the project by the sudden shifting to a sea-level program down there. So far, so good!

Then it is pleasant to read of New Orleans turning itself inside out with enthusiastic acclaim and welcome to the man. It shows that the new spirit down there is paramount and that the country is unified and contented with the popular choice made last November and that there is likely to be broadcast forbearance and unanimity in the work of the new federal administration, and that Mr. Taft, like his predecessor, is to have a fair show to make good, unhampered by any sectional prejudice or opposition; for as New Orleans goes, so goes the South.

There is something cheery about Taft and all the news we get of him. It is a happy augury, and the people are glad to have it. There is a solid, quiet, agreeable sense of assurance and security and right pervading the masses when they hear of any fresh stunt by Theodore Roosevelt, and if the same under-current of good will and confidence can be extended over into the new era of government, it will be an excellent thing for all hands.

The politician's hands are tied when the people have confidence in their President!

THE INFANT DRINKER.

The man who will deliberately lure a beardless boy to the drinking habit is as pitiless a scoundrel as he who wrecks the life of a young girl.

Both are shameless and despicable deeds; both perpetrators are beyond the play of conscience and the range of human decency, as their victims are beyond the pale of accountability.

Astoria stands for too much of this thing, and thereby discredits her moral tone, leaving the justifiable inference that such matters are of but small moment here; a conclusion at once insulting and debasing. To the



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John Fox, Pres. F. L. Bishop, Sec. Astoria Savings Bank, Treas. Nelson Troyer, Vice-Pres. and Supt.

ASTORIA IRON WORKS

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onstrate it. That remains to be done. We want the dredge, and all the water we can get on the Columbia bar. Portland does not want another foot there. And there you have it. We wish the extra five feet Mr. Lockwood alleges to exist were there, with ten more on top of them; but we are compelled to wait, and work, for them. We want that dredge and shall not cease striving for it; we want that north jetty, and shall begin to campaign for that, too. We have a part of our own, now, and are under no sort of obligation to dawdle along at the Portland pace any longer. WE WANT THAT DREDGE AND ARE GOING TO GET IT, IF WE KNOW HOW; AND WE THINK WE DO!

WHAT WILL ASTORIA DO?

What will Astoria do with regard to the re-submission of the fishery-bills to the people for revocation? That is a question that must be answered, sooner or later, and is well worth the answering.

Are we to submit to the dictate of the predatory fishermen who are demanding that the people of Oregon, who passed the Gillnetters' bill by a majority of 26,000 last June, shall renegade and stultify themselves on so grave an issue; especially when that majority was due to the intelligent and timely campaigning put up by this city, county and section? The wheel-barons and their agents are working steadily and insidiously in the upper country, and moving, on a studied program, in every field in which their interest holds at all; while we sit supinely idle and scarcely take note of their operations. It is time we were waking to this new-old issue and asserting the distinct claim we possess upon the good will and franchise of the people for the preservation of one of their greatest industries. The least we can do is to get together and voice our conclusions and attitude in the matter and send forth the word that made good last summer in behalf of the righteous handling of one of our most valuable assets and sources of employment and income. To do less than this, were small return to the generous electorate that saved us in 1908.

THE INEVITABLE TAG.

Charity of a Year in Chicago to be Raised in One Day.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Stanley Field, is working out a plan for raising in one day all of the money needed in charity during the year. The time and also the wear and tear of giving a charity ball, in the streets of Paris, a pageant and a renaissance revival will be spared by her system to the women of wealth who have always given their services. Tag principles will be simply carried out on a vast scale, according to her present imperfect plans. Instead of one charity however, more than 200 would be benefited and the sum to be drawn from the citizens of Chicago in twelve hours as Mrs. Field heard undismay would have to be something like \$3,000,000 if it supplied the needs of the city during the year.

Just who the taggers and who the tagged would be is yet undetermined and also the districts of operation. Mrs. Field is now busy getting reports from all of the charity organizations, stating the amount of their expenditures for a year and saying whether they will give their co-operation. A board made up of impartial judges is to distribute the funds and each organization benefitting will have to agree not to approach people for money or give charity entertainments.

The great object of the new plan is to do away with the trouble and fatigue of these entertainments. It is said that some of the women upon whom the burden has fallen in the past have been ill for months afterwards. It is also intended to do away with the practice among charity solicitors of selling boxes and seats to citizens for all sorts of charity at all sorts of times. People of wealth describe as unbelievable the annoyance endured from the practice. An equitable division of receipts, impossible under the old system, is also sought.

Children Who Are Sickly

Mothers who value their own comfort and the welfare of their children, should never be without a box of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, for use throughout the season. They Break up Colds, Cure Feverishness, Constipation, Teething Disorders, Headache and Stomach Troubles. THESE POWDERS NEVER FAIL. Sold by all Drug Stores, 25c. Don't accept any substitute. A trial package will be sent FREE to any mother who will address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

GOATS WORKING FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

EATING OUT FINE LANES IN THE CHAPARRAL OF CALIFORNIA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Three thousand angora goats ferried out on the brush-covered foothills of California are going to do some hard work for Uncle Sam during the coming two years beginning this spring. The experiment will be unique both as stock raising proposition and as an engineering and tree culture problem. The little white animals whose long wool is of such great value are going to be put to no less a task than constructing mile after mile of fire line through the bushy chaparral growth in the national forests, saving much labor by the United States Service engineers and making way for forestation by merchantable trees. Not the least important feature of the experiment, which for the first two years will be confined to the Lassen Forest, is the fact that the task will be performed during the regular grazing by the goats which will not even realize they are doing a valuable work.

Plans for carrying on the work are outlined in a co-operative agreement drawn up by the Forest Service and the owner of a band of angora goats grazing on the Lassen National Forest of California. The scheme is to run fire lines parallel with the contour of the slopes by cutting trails about eighty rods apart. These trails are to serve as guides for the angoras. They will graze in each direction from the trails, killing, it is estimated, a strip of brush about 300 yards wide. The wide lanes cut out and grazed by the goats will serve as ideal fire lines in protecting the forest covered lands lying beyond and around the chaparral areas, and also make a place for reproduction of merchantable trees.

For the past two years the government has been carrying on permanent improvements in the national forests on an extensive scale, and the construction of fire lanes and

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$373,016.45
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,030.67
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	47,500.00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits	20,000.00
Other bonds to secure U. S. deposits	34,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	4,117.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	89,573.38
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,000.00
Other real estate owned	8,233.41
Due from State banks and bankers	8,013.73
Due from approved reserve agents	92,439.56
Checks and other cash items	2,366.33
Notes of other National Banks	1,260.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	463.58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie	\$72,601.95
Legal-tender notes	475.00
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	1,000.00
Total	\$765,466.06
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	55,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	14,781.91
National Bank notes outstanding	45,800.00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$274,530.98
Demand certificates of deposit	\$20,112.82
Time certificates of deposit	\$264,948.60
Certified checks	291.75
U. S. deposits	40,000.00
Total	\$765,466.06

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.
Correct-Attest: G. H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNECKAU, F. L. WARREN, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 1909.
G. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$113,664.73
Bonds, securities, etc.	32,914.42
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	4,457.69
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve banks	7,465.04
Checks and other cash items	85.71
Cash on hand	12,430.97
Total	\$173,018.56
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	3,500.00

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trails has been one of the most important features of the work. The task of clearing the ground and providing land for good forest trees is, however, perhaps the most important benefit expected to come out of the experiment.

The proposed work of the angora goats may finally solve the chaparral problem which has been troublesome in the state of California for many years. The bushy chaparral growth chokes out seedlings of valuable commercial trees which may get a start and when it is dry is one of the worst kinds of fire risks. Often a small blaze which starts in it gains such headway in a few minutes as to travel hundreds of yards and lick into valuable stands of merchantable timber.

The protection to be afforded by the goat-built fire lanes, therefore, may at last bring relief to the state, which in the past has had its full share of destructive forest fires. At the same time, much chaparral will be killed out to make room for the growth of good trees that produce lumber. If proven successful at the end of two years the work will be carried to National Forests in other sections where chaparral has choked out good forest trees and created a dangerous fire risk.

C. R. Kluger, the Jeweler, 1060 Virginia avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I was so weak from kidney trouble that I could hardly walk a hundred feet. Four bottles Foley's Kidney Remedy cleared my complexion, cured my backache and the irregularities disappeared, and I can now attend to business every day, and recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy to all sufferers, as it cured me after the doctors and other remedies had failed." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$453,893.01
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,671.49
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	40,000.00
Premium on U. S. bonds	1,200.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	54,430.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	46,307.23
Due from State and private banks and bankers	18,145.21
Due from approved reserve Agents	114,190.42
Checks and other cash items	989.99
Notes of other National Banks	1,795.00
Nickels and Cents	430.15
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie	\$166,800.00
Legal-tender notes	135.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	334.68
Total	\$902,322.18
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	17,085.58
National Bank notes outstanding	40,000.00
Due to State and private banks and bankers	951.53
Dividends unpaid	1,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	\$600,015.98
Demand Certificates of deposit	\$118,269.09
Total	\$902,322.18

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.
Correct-Attest: JACOB KAMM, G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1909.
V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$113,664.73
Bonds, securities, etc.	32,914.42
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	4,457.69
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve banks	7,465.04
Checks and other cash items	85.71
Cash on hand	12,430.97
Total	\$173,018.56
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	3,500.00

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.
Correct-Attest: G. H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNECKAU, F. L. WARREN, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 1909.
G. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

AMUSEMENTS.

ASTORIA THEATRE

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Engagement of the Eminent Actor

CHARLES B. HANFORD

ACCOMPANIED BY

MISS MARIE DROFNAH

In a Brilliant Production of

The Greatest of All Comedies

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

Preceded by the One Act Napoleonic Play

"THE OLD GUARD"

An Event of Exceptional Interest

30 People in the Cast 30

Seats on Sale Prices: \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	367.15
Individual deposits subject to check	45,805.51
Demand certificates of deposit	2,705.70
Time certificates of deposit	30,496.00
Savings deposits	36,144.20
Bills payable including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	4,000.00
Total	\$173,018.56

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. M. Anderson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. M. ANDERSON, Cashier.
Correct-Attest: GUST HOLMES, AUG. DANIELSON, C. G. PALMBERG, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 1909.
OSWALD GUSTAFSON, Notary Public.

FINANCIAL.

First National Bank of Astoria

DIRECTORS JACOB KAMM W. F. MCGREGOR G. C. FLAVEL J. W. LADD S. S. GORDON

Capital	\$100,000
Surplus	25,000
Stockholders' Liability	100,000
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