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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Occasional rain.

THAT RESOLUTION.

The Curtis resolution, passed unanimously by the Astoria city council, directing the police to do their whole duty in the matter of arrests for all violations of law, irrespective of the Police Commission, has the right ring to it and is a complete and peremptory answer to the senseless message put out by the latter body to the earlier resolution of the Council; and what is more, leaves the credit of the situation wholly with the "city dads."

The people of Astoria are weary of having their laws prostituted and ignored and one of the best indications of their temper in this relation was the sending up of certain men to the Council last December who will have an eye and hand in the cure of this evil.

The saloon and the saloonmen are eternally to the front in this city, because they will not carry on their business as other businesses are conducted; they cling to the old policy of taking a hand in the government and this has been a sore spot for ages, with a lot of people, who have given an impulse to the sentiment, until it is far more powerful and extensive than is realized. It is going to assert itself here just as it has in all other parts of the country, and the only way the saloon can placate it is to get out of politics and meet the restrictions placed upon it. There is a deep resentment against the part of dictation consumed by the saloon; it is not an element that invites any confidence, and while it is tolerated, that tolerance has its limitations.

There are some excellent men engaged in the business here and every transgression charged to the traffic falls upon them with, practically, the same force and reproach that lies with the offending saloon. This is but one of the injustices the business wreaks, upon itself, and the only safety left lies in a unanimous and careful observance of every rule set up for the business by Council and State. Anything less than this will fall so far as controverting the present humor of the people is concerned. The people are learning their lesson, and the law-breaking saloonman must learn his or go out of business.

OREGON'S 50 YEARS.

The anniversary of Oregon's semi-centennial of statehood has come and gone, with but meagre notice. The people were even busier than legislature and failed to note the period and all it suggests. Oregon has much to be proud of in the progress that has come to her and while she has hardly kept pace with her sisters on the coast in the scope of her development and wealth, she has wrought splendidly from the slow base of agricultural

expansion, achieved her ends fifty, and stands ready for the larger and greater destiny that awaits her.

Among all her proudfest blessings, perhaps the fact that she is without a public debt of any sort, as a State, stands out most commandingly. It is a rare and extraordinary attitude and one that cannot be denied nor disparaged in this age of universal and blasting debt-mania. It may have contributed to her retardation, may have kept her down and out, but there is still the intense and immense satisfaction possessing all her people that they are not carrying this curse of the day whatever else may rise to thwart and hamper them.

Her commerce, trade, manufactures, railways, and all the agencies of the hour, for expansion and uplift, are well redicted and steadily advancing with the ratio of her population and means, and she suffers no loss nor disadvantage in the careful and considerate policies that dictate her measured and reliant stride. Oregon is absolutely all right!

THE MEXICAN HORROR.

The word that comes up from beautiful Acapulco of the 300 souls lost in one of her theatres, by fire, startles the world to fear, sympathy and sorrow, while it begs one more sharp lesson of the frightful dangers of herding humans in fire-traps, the one universal folly that is apparently impervious to all examples, to all lessons, however dreadful.

We Americans are, perhaps, the worst offenders in this line. We do not seem to care a hang for ourselves nor our families; we persistently rush in to every inviting cul-de-sac of a theatre and hall that presents itself and only the infinite mercy that guards the fool in his folly, can account for the marvelous exemption from disaster we enjoy.

It is the old tale of the dollar. That is the crest and test of all our thought and movement, hope, risk and indulgence; to make that or to gain the advantage of its integer, we will run all the perils of the day and sleep better at night for the wild chances taken. Argument, pleas, warnings, soul-shocking instances, avail nothing; it is useless to try to arouse the wisdom and interest that shall conserve human life and limb; and the story from Acapulco will pass to the limbo of forgotten things save in the stricken circles about the famous old port.

WING SHOTS.

U. S. Senator Hale is throwing a spasm in Congress over the vast military expenditures of the national government; deploring the wasted millions that go for army and navy. We hope the day may not come any too soon when he will bless the folly he now raves at. The country is outgrowing the Hales!

Prosecutor Heney does not seem to be able to keep out of scraps; and is now taking the initiative in ugly contention. There is always an end to these things, and it is always unhappy for the aggressor!

TO DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE OF CEMENT

MESSRS. FOARD & STOKES TO ERECT STORE BUILDING ON COMMERCIAL STREET.

There has just developed, in this city, a project which has been kept quiet for some time past, and which is likely to mean much for a great many before it has become a settled and convincing theory of procedure here.

The fine property on the southwest corner of Commercial and Sixteenth streets in this city, the property of Messrs. Martin Foard and F. R. Stokes is to be adorned with a three story cement store building, it being the purpose of the projectors to make a complete demonstration of the economic advantages of this class of structure here, and to further accentuate the fact that there is a company now in existence here, which will give trained and intelligent oversight to this new and important industry. The company being the West Coast Construction Company, of Astoria, of which Chris Larson, the well known mechanic, is the moving spirit and business head.

Mr. Larson is an expert in the use of cement for building purposes and has had wide experience in the craft, beside being a fine worker in stone and all sorts of building materials, and intends to carry the business to its farthest logical limits of business and utility in this place and start a new era of modern mechanics where it ought to be appreciated.

It is a gratifying piece of news, this; it is time this wonderful agency should be put to practical use in this city; it has everything to commend it, including the sharp reduction in the unbearable insurance levies now afflicting the city, as well as the economic advantages of first cost and the immense diminution of the cost of maintenance after construction.

This particular venture will be watched with deep interest here, and is almost certain to attract a volume of convinced followers in similar enterprises such as Messrs. Foard and Stokes have inaugurated.

Perhaps some wholesale arrests for Sunday-opening of saloons might give color and warranty to the Curtis resolution of Monday night. It would help the police, advantage the city, commend the council, and benefit the saloonman. And it needs is action!

Will the day ever come when the wireless will supercede the wire

Harriman is going to build another \$5,000,000 railroad in Oregon. This is the steepest thing that road has been built. The Wizard of Wall Street will get absent-minded some day and actually construct that trunk line through Central Oregon; then we will cheerfully forget the long list of broken promises he has made in that regard. Go to it, E. H.!

What Astoria needs is a first-class cement plant. It has got to come and the men who gets in early will cull the ripest reward from its certain profits. We understand there is a movement on foot in this direction, and that it has expert training and handy capital behind it!

Will the Hon. Grand Jury of Clatsop please prove that it is not a misnomer, this time? It has some splendid functions and they may be used to excellent purposes in straightening out some of the snarls that afflict this city and county!

"Petticoat" was not far wrong when she pleaded for street signs in this city. There are practically none, and would be of distinct service to more than the petticoat contingent!

TREMENDOUS COST OF DOGS.

In the State of Texas alone, prairie dogs eat annually enough grass to support 1,562,500 cows. Utterly useless, the little animals is a pest so dreaded that the Forestry Service has undertaken his extermination. Poison is killing him, wherever he now flourishes, and another resource of the farmer is safeguarded.

Who would think that the prairie dog, the shy and amusing little rodent that we like to watch before the door of his burrow at the "Zoo," would ever become the subject of the Government extermination program?

forests which Uncle Sam is guarding for the use of the public, expert hunters have gone after the prairie dogs with zeal, ingenuity and poison, and literally exterminated them in great numbers, because some of the choicest bottom lands have had the grazing ruined for stock by the in-dustrious burrowing of the "dogs."—March Technical World Magazine.

WALLACE REAPPOINTED.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—Governor Chamberlain today reappointed R. R. Wallace of Astoria a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, and Drs. W. B. Morse of Salem, E. A. Pearce of Portland, and E. B. Pickel of Medford, to continue service on the State Board of Health.

ASTHMA VANISHES.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

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

Table with columns: RESOURCES, Liabilities, Total. Values include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. bonds, etc.

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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.

Condensed Report of Condition of the

Scandinavian-American Savings Bank

OF ASTORIA, OREGON, as made to State Bank Examiner, February 5, 1909.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, Liabilities, Total. Values include Loans and securities, Furniture and fixtures, etc.

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Astoria Savings Bank

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

FRANK PATTON, Cashier. Correct—Attest: J. Q. A. BOWLBY, J. W. GARNER, FRANK PATTON, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 1909. FRANK J. TAYLOR, Notary Public.

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Astoria National Bank

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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: GEO. 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.

AT THE JEWEL

Tuesday, Feb. 16, Wednesday, Feb. 17 and Thursday, Feb. 18

BIOGRAPH FILMS

EDGAR ALLEN POE

A picture story founded on incidents in his career, which, while not pretended to be biographical, is intended to show him as a man of heart, in contradiction to the calumnies of his enemies. It portrays his devotion for his dying wife, and the writing of that wonderful masterpiece, "The Raven," for which he receives the paltry sum of ten dollars. The subject as a whole is indeed a work of art, and most timely, commemorating this seasons of his birthday centennial.

A WREATH IN TIME

Mr. Goodhusband goes out with the boys to make a night of it, and telegraphs his wife he left town on business. The evening paper recounts the wreck and killing of all on board of the train he was supposed to take. Mrs. Goodhusband at once gets ready for his interment, ordering the floral designs, etc. When he appears in the morning and finds he is supposed to be dead, he makes the bluff that he was the only one saved, and tells how he tried to help the others, when the morning paper arrives and states the account of the wreck was a mistake—it never happened. Poor Goodhusband, he—Oh, well—

—AND—

THE HIGH DIVER

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FINANCIAL.

First National Bank of Astoria

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

Table with columns: Capital, Surplus, Stockholders' Liability. Values include \$100,000, 25,000, 100,000.

J. Q. A. BOWLBY, President; J. W. GARNER, Assistant Cashier; O. I. PETERSON, Vice-President; FRANK PATTON, Cashier.

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FEBRUARY TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns: FEBRUARY 1909, FEBRUARY 1908. Values include High Water, Low Water, A.M., P.M.

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