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### THE WEATHER

Oregon—Rain in west portion; fair and cooler in east portion.  
Washington—Rain.  
Idaho—Rain or snow

### HARRIMAN'S AWAKENING.

It would seem, from the news of the day, that Mr. Harriman has dandled his vast holdings and privileges in this State just about as long as safety will permit; his competitors are crowding him to the verge of ouster and negation; whereas the wizard wakens with a rush and ordains the things that would have put him in the van years ago, had he used them as he ought.

Oregon must benefit immensely by this turn of affairs; and even little old Clatsop will come in for her very practical share of the gainful program, and the very Heavens know we can stand it.

In the huge game played by the Hills and Harrimans of America the ace sometimes fall to the obscure, the over-looked, the remote, but none the less deserving, localities, long smothered by time, circumstance, and man; that both these great railway masters are casting their nets of transportation over and around the mouth of the Columbia river, and incidentally, this city, moves us to the thought that perhaps we have been brought within the spotlight of opportunity at last and are really under exact and momentous consideration; this, coupled with the fairly generous provision of the Government, for the Columbia bar; and the timely and propitious fact of the steady progress of the new electric railway venture, in, through, and out of this city, and directly into the territory by which Mr. Harriman must enter here, gives zest and confidence to the "flattering unction" we are laying to our patient and long-ignored souls.

And, chief among the elemental reasons we enjoy for daring to maintain the new hope is that these men, James J. Hill, and E. H. Harriman, are quite free from the pressure and direction of the Portland thumb in these pleasant premises.

### TEN DAYS MORE.

What of vengeful-slur and slime is yet to be cast upon the impervious shoulders of Theodore Roosevelt must be flung at him within the next ten days, for at the end of that time, he is to start for Africa to play with the lions and gorillas, and will be still more impervious to the scandal and revilings hurled through the halls of Congress and the air-spaces in the trust-lairs.

The utter good will of the commonality of the country goes with Mr. Roosevelt on this strenuous outing of his; and it will last, unimpaired, until he returns to take up some more of burdens and stand for his old place or some other great dignity and post, in which he shall loom even bigger than he does now. The people of this country know him well, and trust him implicitly, and have not done with him by a long sight, and the best of it is, he knows this as well as any of us; and knowing it, will not gainsay us when the time for new honors and new service comes.

His enemies are in the open, so far as the people are concerned; they are known far and wide, and their animus also; nothing of reproach will stick to Theodore Roosevelt of their casting. We know he is not per-

fect; nor would we have him so. He is simply "square," with the courage that lines up with that compound virtue, and this is an imperishable open-sesame to the favor of the nation; and the favor of the nation is the one supreme test, in and out of politics, in the United States.

### WASHINGTON.

The farther we get from the time of Washington the less we care, apparently, for the wonderful influence he cast on the destinies of the country. Not that we fail to measure his life and deeds and character accurately, when we measure them at all, but we are, seemingly, at a loss to summon the largess and spontaneity of gratitude and devotion we once gave to the great name and the greater career. We still cherish a profound honor for the Father of His Country, but our consciences smite us for the abstract fashion in which we signify it; we realize the negative and rather uninspiring tone of all our expressions of love and remembrance, and we do not hesitate to compare them with the ardent and glowing manifestations of our tributes to Lincoln. All this indicates the flight of time and the leveling of the things we once held sacred; the dimming of our patriotic retrospect, and the substitution of newer idols and later inspirations. It may not be right, but it seems to be inevitable. The name of Washington is still ours as an invincible challenge and war-cry, and but little else!

### WING SHOTS.

There is nothing like a genuine grand jury to break down the sophistries of the men who seek to justify their contempt for, and dalliance with, the law; unless it be an able and fearless prosecutor; and a judge to back them both.

The homing fleet of war ships are now snug in harbor and the nation breathes a bit easier; and doubtless the officers and men of the armada are glad of a rest from the deluge of good will and ceaseless ministrations of interest and kindness to which they have been subjected for the better part of a year. Home is home, always!

Most people in Astoria and Clatsop county are hoping that the new district judge to be appointed will be chosen for certain essential qualities of brain, training and adaptability; and quite irrespective of politics, provided, of course, he be a Republican.

The war-agitator is one of the poorest specimens in the infinite variety of human-life; he is small, insidious, foul and cowardly, and never takes a hand in the game he starts. It takes men to carry on a war; and greater men to stop it!

Now that we know just where the lines of the new electric railway to the coast lie, in the city, and out of it, we are ready to welcome the first genuine overture toward the practical end of the venture, the building of the road. It is the biggest and best thing before this people, and lies nearer to them than anything on the docket of progress!

You may stake all you're worth on the fact that the "blind-pig" man never forgets to square himself first with his Uncle Samuel. He pays that little \$25 anyhow, knowing well that he cannot throw dirt in the eyes of the federal inspectors and courts. But, for the rest, he will take all the chances of fine and imprisonment, and do it gladly, with even contemptuous bravado—until a grand jury and a practical prosecutor rounds him up and makes him "dig" and do other compensating stunts.

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## IMMIGRATION MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

### CHAIRMAN SHUMWAY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 22.—Several important matters for legislation or department rulings are presented by G. L. Shumway of Scottsbluff, Neb., chairman of the executive committee of the American Irrigation Federation, headed by L. Bradford Prince of Santa Fe, N. M., in a letter to Arthur Hooker, secretary of the local board of control of the 17th National Irrigation Congress, which will meet in Spokane August 9 to 14. He says: "We need legislation or department rulings along the following lines:

"Sufficient appropriation for the United States Geological Survey to pay for all surveys and topography connected with the government's irrigation projects.

"Sufficient direct appropriations to pay for all administration of the same while directed by the government.

"Appropriations through rivers and harbor or river improvement bills to pay for all federal reservoirs, as they are useful factors in governing stream flow.

"Permitting private enterprise to acquire for beneficial uses the waters impounded in government reservoirs in excess of the needs of the government.

"Permitting or extending to homesteaders under government irrigation projects the right to commute.

"Another thing which may need attention is that the government after making an estimate of the expense of an irrigation project and permitting settlement, should not raise the cost upon the settler when it finds that the betterments and maintenance were higher than estimated."

The American Irrigation Federation has members in every state and province in which irrigation is practiced, and it is expected that the organization will be largely represented at the irrigation congress in this city the second week in August. Mr. Shumway announces that a large attendance is looked for at the annual meeting of that body here August 8. Towns in the irrigated belts in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico will send delegates, and there will also be visitors from Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas.

### Fireworks As Airships' Enemy.

While the ordinance officers of the different powers are racking their wits to devise some method of repelling a bombardment from airships, H. J. Pain, the famous maker of fireworks, sits in his office, smiles, and says, "Why not use fireworks?"

"Why bother about shells fired from cannon," asks Mr. Pain, "when there are skyrockets able to soar a mile and explode up there? Why worry about searchlights when there are aerial torches which will burn for

### RESULTS THAT REMAIN.

#### Are Appreciated by Astoria People.

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#### A Permanent Cure.

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### DESTROYING GOPHERS.

Two implements used in California for destroying gophers and other rodents are described with illustrations in the March Popular Mechanics. One of them is filled with a chemical that makes a poisonous gas. Working a bellows on the top forces this gas through a hose into the holes of the rodents, thus killing them. The second implement is filled with damp straw and set on fire. A bellows which fits into an attachment on the top of the receptacle blows the dense smoke through a tube which is inserted in the ground near the opening of a gopher run and covered with earth. This fills the little subterranean passages with the smoke.

### A City Of Snow-White Domes.

The little city of El-Oued, with its population of 8,000 people, at the extreme south of the province of Constantine, in Algeria, is unique even for a Mohammedan city, because of the great number of its snow-white domes or cupolas. So extraordinary is the great number of these cupolas that many writers have referred to El-Oued as "The City of a Thousand Cupolas." The homes of the residents of El-Oued are constructed of white plaster, and were it not for the whiteness, the domes would be taken at a cursory glance to be a city of cook ovens.—Popular Mechanics.

### Pearls From Tiny Chinese Images.

Compelling oysters to produce pearls by placing a foreign substance, such as small pebbles, in their shells has become an extensive industry, in which the Japanese have especially excelled, but the Chinese can claim distinction in the originality of one of the substances often used by them. This is none other than tiny leaden gods or images, and when the oyster has formed the pearly around this nucleus, a process which extends over a period of four years, the shell is opened and the prize removed.—Popular Mechanics.

### AN INCOME TAX.

#### Schiff, Of New York, Recommends Expedient For National Relief.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—An income tax designed to overcome objections which were raised when the tax was last imposed, is suggested by Jacob Schiff of the banking firm of Kahn, Loeb & Co., as a means of meeting the increasing deficit in the United States treasury. Discussing the plan, Mr. Schiff after condemning the issuance of additional government securities as "pernicious and dangerous," said:

"What we need is a real revenue producing system which shall interfere in no way and affect as little as possible questions connected with the tariff or the country's banks or currency systems. I believe this is to be found in the income tax.

"The objections, it seems, can be met by means of a measure which shall tax only income or revenue derived from business and especially interstate commerce. If investigation be made of the source of income in this country, it will develop that an enormous revenue to which practically all contribute in an equitable manner can thus be produced. So far as the banking business is concerned such an income tax would yield a very large revenue to the government and this is even true, of course in many other forms of commercial and industrial enterprises.

"At the same time a tax on income arising from such sources would in no wise conflict with the rights of states and would neither be directly nor indirectly a tax upon rents or lands. While some skill would have to be displayed in drawing up such a measure I believe it could be done successfully and its operation, I feel convinced would be carried on without difficulty."

Charles H. Treat, treasurer of the United States, favors a direct proportional tax on income.

"I believe that it would assist considerably and am in favor of an income tax coming from business efforts and the results of a man's labor," he said. "As a matter of fact I feel that it would be quite fair to tax those who earn over \$1,000 a year; to have an ascending scale as it were, but uniform.

"Then, too, I believe an inheritance tax is a good revenue raiser. Those who obtain money by inheritance, get it from those who certainly cannot take it with them, so why not put a tax upon it?"

## BACKACHE FROM WEAK KIDNEYS

### This Simple Home Made Mixture Is Said To Prevent Serious Kidney Trouble And Is Easily Mixed By Anyone.

More people succumb each year to some form of kidney trouble than any other cause. The slightest form of kidney derangement often develops into Bright's kidney disease, diabetes or dropsy. When either of these diseases are suspected the sufferer should at once seek the best medical attention possible. Consult only a good, first-class physician.

There are many of the lesser symptoms of kidney trouble which can be treated at home is stated by a well known authority. For some of these, such as backache, pain in the region of the kidneys, weak bladder, frequency, (especially at night) painful scalding and other urinary troubles, try the following simple home remedy: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsa-

parilla, three ounces. These simple ingredients are harmless and can be obtained at any good prescription pharmacy and anyone can mix them by shaking well in a bottle. The dose for adults is a teaspoonful after each meal and again at bedtime.

There is no more effective remedy known to relieve all forms of rheumatism, because it acts directly upon the kidneys and blood. It cleans the clogged up pores in the kidneys so they can filter and strain from the blood the poisonous uric acid and waste matter which if not eliminated remain in the blood, decompose and settle about the joints and muscular tissues causing the untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism.

Backache is nature's signal notifying the sufferer that the kidneys are not acting properly. "Take care of your kidneys," is now the physician's advice to his patients.

### NEW STYLE SAUCEPANS.

Few women know that saucepans are now made heart-shaped so they will fit together for use over one burner of the gas range; thus saving gas. Popular Mechanics for March contains a picture of these heart-shaped saucepans.

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