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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain; colder in the east portions.

THE BOY SAVAGE.

Oregon and her State University are deeply disgraced by the fearful result of the hazing of Ralph Bristol this winter, and his hopeless insanity must stand, through the years, a withering reproach to the savagery of the boys who wrought it and the wretched discipline that made it possible.

The ansinine plea that he was crazy, insane, simple-minded, foolish, before the blasting trick was played upon him, but deepens the character of the offense and intensifies the responsibility of his tormentors; it leaves them utterly without excuse for the perpetration of so deadly a game; if he was weak, physically, or mentally, that weakness should have appealed to the manhood of his fellows and spared him the rigor of their indulgence. It is simply another expression of the innate savagery in the boy when he is stealing his license to do that which is forbidden; and it leaves the young men implicated in the deed in a light that will become ghastly to them in the days of their manhood, when matured reflection reveals the real scope and horror of it all.

Not a single one of them should be permitted to remain at the University. There should be no hesitancy in dismissing them in plain and merited disgrace. That is the least the authorities at Eugene can do to placate the state-wide disapprobation that exists over this affair. If it is not done the University is likely to suffer heavily in the future, for parents are not going to risk their sons and daughters in an institution that lays down in such a case.

We have every proper feeling for youngsters and would stretch every sense of good-will and palliation in their behalf upon a less gross and less pitiful emergency; but this matter presents an issue that evokes a range of danger and turpitude that outclasses and forbids the play of forbearance and for the good name of the State, we insist that the rugged course of reprisal, sharp and prompt, take its way.

EXIT CHAMBERLAIN.

Good Morning, Governor Benson! Oregon has paid dearly to get back to a Republican gubernatorial basis; but that she is there, may give her the necessary "hunch" to stay there and avoid the traps and tangles whereby she has been despoiled and denied her logical status during the past six years!

Mr. Chamberlain is likely to find that Republican majorities in Congress are less pliable than the home-majority and coldly immune to his cooing charm, invulnerable to the fast of his adroit wiles as a politician; for the time being he is the last and least of the great body to which he has been sent, and while he may rise to notable place in the minority, he is to realize that that minority is peculiar, genuine, a minority that means exactly what the term stands for. "Charm he never so wisely" he is at the tail end at last, gracious as is the dignity that has fallen to him.

The reversion to our proper status at the capitol is one of the happy issues from the play of this man's am-

bition; it gives us one more chance to get in line and amalgamate for the good of the State, and of the party at home and throughout the country. Oregon has played the fool long enough; she has been on the odd list until she is a laughing stock of the Union; it is time to lay a predicate for the resumption of our honest place in the Republican sphere and councils, and no better plane has offered itself since 1902. If we cannot build to the rightful level, with this man out of the way, (in that larger sense that he was in the way as Governor of Oregon) we had best cut loose from the party of Lincoln and McKinley and Roosevelt and take the negative and helpless attitude of a State with a swinging majority of Republican votes that are too cowardly to assert themselves. It is time we saved ourselves, and there are none to do it save ourselves.

THE MAN TAFT.

The new President of the United States, to be, William Howard Taft, has matriculated from the Rooseveltian school of high politics and courageous administrative reform, and the country is wondering to what measure of application those policies will be carried into the new regime and whether the "big stick" will be wielded with the same old promptness and vigor and effect!

We believe the whole system will pass, unchanged, undiminished, qualified only by the man and manner of its destinies. Mr. Taft will be just as severe upon all phases of dereliction in high places, but he may soften the method of hitting the derelict humans; may use a wad of velvet to ease, not the blow, but the noise it makes; he may go even farther than Mr. Roosevelt in his search and discovery of fraud and wrong and uncover boldly while he punishes quietly.

Mr. Taft, to our thinking, is no less impregnable than his predecessor when it comes to dealing with the scoundrel in, and out, of office; but he is not so much given to "open-air-methods" and will be a bit partial to "cabinet" corrections and reprisals. In all other ways he is a counter-part of his friend and has trained with him religiously in all the details of governmental and administrative fitness and flourish, until we have come to think of the men as partners in thought and action, for the most part, and co-idealists in aspiration and the concept of their exalted, functions, altogether; but we are willing to concede the coming President to be rather the gentler and quieter exponent of the swift and silent rule of doing the "unpleasant" things required at the hands of the Chief Executive.

Underlying the twinkles and smiles and laughs wherewith the personality of Mr. Taft is generally tinged, is the man-strain that will carry him through all the turbulence and traps of the Presidency. Don't let that jolly front blind you to the steely back-plates of character that maintain and guide him in all things!

WING SHOTS.

Portland is perhaps fully justified in taking strict notice of the graver transgressions of the moral law within her boundaries, but she is becoming something more than a joke by the reckless manner in which her officers are prosecuting their duties of scrutiny and apprehension of the evil-doers. There will be an awakening up there some of these fine morn-

ings, when the aggravating insult of such an invasion is revenged by a gun in the hands of the insulted, or the city itself is heavily milted in damages on the score named.

Black and white testimony always goes farther than curbstone rumor. There has not been even \$1000 withdrawn from the Astoria National Bank by the saloonkeepers of this city because of the grand jury indictments nor on any other ground. So much for gratuitous "hot-air."

Upon the river bank, directly south of the Hanthorn Cannery, on the line of the A. E. car line, in this city, there is a row of decaying, and tumbling buildings that are a patent disgrace to the city, to the owner, and to every sense of civic nicety. They should be burned to the ground; they are not worth any effort to save them and stand there a sheer monument of what plain neglect produces. The owner will be doing a good citizen's duty in dismantling them by the quickest possible method.

To Messrs. Olsen & Mahoney and to C. R. McCormick, the best wishes of the people of the Columbia Valley, and especially this end of it, go out, for the prime and lasting success of the new line of eight freight and passenger vessels they propose to put on between the Columbia and San Francisco. It is a business proposition and should be met as such.

The reformer who always has his little joke, and joker, with him, must expect to have his efforts at reformation discounted a bit. The people are shy, you know!

STRUCK IN "HELL-GATE."

Pathfinder Belies Her Name In The Dangerous New York Channel.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The steamer Pathfinder, from Boston, a 2,200 ton vessel of the New York & Porto Rico Steamship Company, struck a rock in Hell Gate yesterday afternoon and almost sank before she could be got into a drydock in Erie Basin, according to the Herald, this morning. A hole was smashed in her hull four feet below the water line, but her steel bulkhead saved her. The Pathfinder blew for assistance but as no immediate aid was forthcoming, Captain Hughes rushed his vessel full steam ahead. Off Wall Street the harbor tug President steamed along side and set two wrecking pumps at work and the stricken ship was finally worked into the dock, although there was 12 feet of water in the hold.

The accident to the Pathfinder occurred when she swung in shore to avoid a collision with a tug and was caught in the strong flood tide, and thrown against a jagged rock. She arrived here from Boston, whither she had carried a cargo of sugar from Porto Rico, and was to load out again on her regular run. There were no passengers on board.

LINCOLN'S TENDER HEART.

From a child Abraham Lincoln was ever the champion of the helpless. His first "composition" in school was against cruelty to animals. Many stories are told of his defending the defenseless. One day, on finding some boys using a shingle in putting live coals on a traphin's back, angry tears came into his eyes, and he snatched the shingle from the ringleader's hands. With it he dashed the hot coals from the turtle's back and "preached against such cruelty, claiming that an ant's life is as sweet to it as ours is to us."

Late one cold night Abe and some companions found a man they knew lying drunk in a freezing mud puddle beside the road. The others said: "He had made his bed, now let him lie in it." But to Abe this seemed monstrous. The man was large and heavy, yet the youth carried the apparently lifeless body eight rods to a deserted cabin, where he made a fire and warmed and nursed the man back to himself.—(Washington Star.)

A Religious Author's Statement. Rev. Joseph H. Fesperman, Salis bury, N. C., who is the author of several books, writes: "For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days, unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick sediment and I passed some frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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HONOLULU'S DEFENSES RISING STEADILY

UNCLE SAM TAKING CARE OF HIS "EVENING ISLES"—FORTIFICATIONS VAST.

HONOLULU, Hawaii, March 1.—Two great coast defense guns for the fortifications at Pearl Harbor arrived here last week, and are now being unloaded from the bark Mohican in which they were towed from San Francisco. The huge weapons are the latest design of 12-inch disappearing rifles, each 35 feet long, and weighing 57 tons. Specially constructed apparatus is being used for lifting them from the vessel to the specially built railway cars, by which they will be transported to the fortifications at Diamond Head, just east of the city, which are now nearly finished and have mounted eight great 12-inch mortars.

At Waikiki Beach work has already begun on fortification works which will be equipped with two 14-inch rifles of the most powerful type. When all these guns are in place the city of Honolulu will be well equipped to withstand a sea attack, and with the troops to be stationed on the island will be able to well guard the rear.

At the present time there are some 1,200 men in cavalry, infantry, and marines, while quarters for at least twice that number are now being prepared. These troops will include several batteries of field artillery.

Back of Honolulu and separating the city from the northern coast of the island, is a backbone of exceedingly rugged mountains, which are virtually impassable except at two or three easily guarded passes. At the present time a company of engineers is engaged in surveying and mapping the island in careful detail, and planning defensive works which will make a landing on any part of the island exceedingly difficult, and will guard Honolulu and Pearl Harbor effectively even though a landing should be effected.

The island of Oahu lends itself naturally to the purposes of a stronghold. Its coast-line of only about one hundred miles, has only a few places where landings may be made safely even in the calmest weather. A large part of the coast is belted with a barrier of coral on which a heavy surf breaks constantly, while at other places the solid basalt cliffs drop down into deep water in ragged outline and tear the heavy rollers of the Pacific into spray. These rock bound sections of coast are practically safe from any landings, inasmuch as they are most dangerous to approach by small boat. Thus the problem of landing troops in any number, against any opposition from land forces, will be a serious one for the nation attempting it, when once Uncle Sam gets through his work here. Military men here declare that even now, with the guns mounted and the forces already here, a very good resistance could be offered to an invading army.

HAWAII MAY GO TO SEATTLE.

HONOLULU, Hawaii, March 1.—The racing yacht "Hawaii," built last year by the people of this Territory to compete in the trans-Pacific race from San Pedro to the islands, will probably carry a party of Hawaiian yachtsmen to Seattle next summer during the time of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Although the Hawaii lost the race for which she was built, many of the local sportsmen have not lost faith in her, and if she goes to Seattle will be prepared to take part in any racing events which may be arranged there. The schooner is now controlled by the Hawaii Yacht Club, stock in the club having been given in exchange to the large number of contributors to her building.

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BIG STICK THREATENS.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Literally there is a "big stick" hanging over the Senate and it will remain there even after the fourth of March.

It has been there in fact, during the entire administration of President Roosevelt and it was there throughout many preceding administrations. Its presence was not, however, detected until last Saturday. To Representative Shirley of Kentucky is due the credit of its discovery. When Mr. Shirley, who was sitting in the chamber chanced to look up found the stick as he puts it, as big as life suspended immediately over the head of Senator Tillman. The instrument is a part of one of the paintings on glass which ornaments the ceiling of the Senate chamber and it is so prominent that many Senators to whom it was pointed out commented upon their failure to observe it before.

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The druggists here have been notified to supply themselves with the ingredients, and the sufferer will have no trouble to obtain them. The prescription is as follows: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce, and Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle. The dose is one teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

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Those who suffer and are accustomed to purchase a bottle of medicine should not let a little inconvenience interfere with making this up.

BEYOND HIS FAITH.

Senator Beveridge, discussing a political movement that in its sudden overwhelming success had rather embarrassed him, said:

"I felt like a good old Ohio pastor. As he came down from the pulpit one Sunday morning, the sexton said: 'Your prayer for rain was soon answered.' 'Dear me, I hope not,' muttered the pastor. 'I came away this morning without an umbrella.'" Ex.

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