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## WESTON PLANS A LONG WALK.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Edward Payson Weston, the famous pedestrian, will be seventy years old Monday and he plans to signalize the anniversary by starting on a walk from this city to San Francisco. The feat will be undertaken in fulfillment of a promise made 30 years ago when Mr. Weston won the Astley belt with a record of 530 miles in 142 hours. The famous pedestrian told Sir John Astley then that he would be in condition on his seventieth birthday to begin a task which would exceed his previous feats.

Mr. Weston expects to complete his walk across the continent in 100 days. The distance, as he estimates the route he will be obliged to take, is about 4,000 miles. He will travel through Troy, Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Columbus Toledo, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Yellowstone Park, Tacoma, Portland, Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco. Following the custom of his life, the veteran pedestrian and record breaker will not walk on Sundays, but will take the seventh day for rest. He intends to deliver lectures at points on the road.

Weston has been a recognized factor in pedestrianism since 1861, at which time he walked from Boston to Washington to witness the inauguration of President Lincoln. He traversed the distance of 453 miles in 208 hours. In 1867 he made his first long-distance walk from Portland Me., to Chicago, starting Oct. 29 and arriving at his destination Nov. 28. Two years ago, when sixty-eight years of age, he eclipsed his previous record by covering the distance between Portland and Chicago in 24 days and 19 hours. In the late seventies and early eighties, he accomplished many remarkable feats of pedestrianism. His world-wide recognition came in 1879, June 21, when he covered the remarkable distance of 550 miles in six days. This was in London and his only competitor was "Blower" Brown, who had a record of 542 miles.

When 54 years of age—Dec. 18, 1893—Weston undertook the walk from New York City to Albany, a distance of 143 miles, starting at 9 o'clock Monday evening and calculating to reach his destination Thursday evening by 8 o'clock. Great interest was taken in this endeavor and thousands of people gathered along the way to see him. He arrived at the capital in Albany more than 11 hours ahead of his schedule, was returned by train to this city and given a testimonial in Chickering Hall.

### EX-SOLDIERS WANTED

NEW YORK, March 13.—Chief Croker of the New York Fire Department is anxious to have honorably discharged soldiers from the United States army for members of the Department. To this end he has written a personal letter to Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East, and General Wood in turn has had the letter published in a circular order. The letter instructs the men concerning the Civil Service examination and urges those who desire to, to make application.

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## NOTED COLORADO RAIL- ROAD BUILDER DIES

GENERAL PALMER, FOUNDER  
OF COLORADO SPRINGS,  
PASSES AWAY.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 13.—General W. J. Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs, died at his country seat, Glen Eyre, west of this city, this afternoon. Death came as the result of a fall from a horse in October, 1906, which resulted in a broken back. His estate is said to be worth \$15,000,000. He was distinguished as a soldier of the Civil war but his greatest fame was as a railroad builder. He built the Kansas Pacific Railroad (Union Pacific), in 1869-70; the Denver Pacific between Denver and Cheyenne, and was president of the Denver & Rio Grande until August, 1883, when he resigned to give greater attention to his railroad in Mexico, the Mexican Central but he continued to be president of the Rio Grande & Western extending from Grand Junction to Salt Lake until April, 1901, when he withdrew from personal participation in its affairs. He founded Colorado Springs in connection with building the Denver & Rio Grande and lived there since the summer of 1871.

### STRIKES IN MANILA

MANILA, March 13.—The street railroad strike declared last week has extended to the workmen employed by the Manila lighting department, but the service remains unimpaired. The general agitation in labor circles continues but no other strikes have been called.

### AFTER MAD CHAUFFEURS

CHICAGO, March 13.—One of the hottest fights of the Winter against offending automobilists on Michigan Avenue has resulted in the arrest of thirteen chauffeurs, one of them being David Wheeler, driver for Mrs. Marshall Field.

William Taylor, who is alleged to have been spying on the police and warning chauffeurs of their presence, was also taken into custody.

According to the police some chauffeurs have become so reckless in driving in Michigan Avenue that the lives of pedestrians crossing the Streets are constantly endangered.

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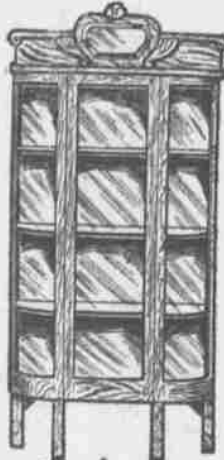
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### ENDLESS RATE WARS

This Time Steamer Lines Are In On The Trouble.

CHICAGO, March 13.—Strenuous effort is to be made, says the Record Herald today in a news article, "to settle the steamship rate war between the Seaboard and the Gulf coast ports and between the seaboard and the Pacific Coast. The war is causing the railroads west of Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Chicago a tremendous loss in tonnage and revenue and is also causing Chicago merchants a large loss of business.

"Since the steamship rate war began the rates by way of the all-water and the ocean and rail routes to the southwest and the Pacific Coast have become so low that shipments are being 'back hauled' to the seaboard from points as far west as Indianapolis. It has become cheaper for shippers to pay the rates by rail back to the seaboard 500 to 700 miles and then re-ship by the steamers than to pay the rates all-rail direct to the West and the Southwest. This has detracted from the value of the markets of the middle west and has diverted large amounts of tonnage from the western lines.

"So severe has become this loss of tonnage that the western roads are beginning to cry for help. Even the Harriman lines are suffering.

### ASPIRING KIDS

CHICAGO, March 13.—The Wild West as an attraction for the youth in search of adventure has yielded to the present superior claims of Oyster Bay. Parents and police in more or less frantic search for Clarence Thomas, Earl Howe and Roy Olson, a trio of runaways, caught up with at Hegewisch their first stop on their way East to induce President Roosevelt to take them with him to Africa. They were armed with revolvers and hunting knives but were short of food supplies. They have been returned home.

### WILL PARTICIPATE IN MATCH

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Nearly a score of the leading universities and colleges of the country have entered the inter-collegiate rifle match for 1909 for the gallery championship of the United States which will be shot on the local ranges beginning next Monday. Among the institutions entered are: University of Idaho, Nevada University, State College of Washington, University of California and Agricultural College of Utah.

### WASHING BY ELECTRICITY

Some woman said, in a jocund way, that electricity now does everything on wash-day but hang out the clothes. Perhaps she was well pleased with her new motor-driven washer wringer and electric flatiron that she exaggerated the truth a little bit but certain it is that all the hard work of wash-day is now assumed by electricity.

Thirty-five complete washings can be done for fifty cents and a little motor will wash a tub-full of clothes in from eight to ten minutes. The same motor which washes the clothes turns the wringer when the washing is done. If it is rainy outdoors an electric fan will quickly dry the clothes in the basement. After the washing is done the electric iron, in turn, eliminates all the walking back and forth between the ironing board and the hot stove and does the work in a third of the time. The cost of operating an electric flatiron is about six cents an iron—less than the cost of the coal required to keep the kitchen range hot.

### To Lay Out Street

Petition to open and establish a street or alley through the frontage of block 135, Shively's, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, was filed in the office of the city auditor yesterday, being signed by Mrs. Bridget Grant, Alex Grant and 21 others. The object of this petition is to open a thoroughfare running parallel with Commercial street to the rear of the stores on Commercial street between Fourteenth and Fifteenth. As the result of litigation with the O. R. & N. Company, the Grants have been practically shut off, and for that and other reasons it is said a street is very desirable there. At the present time, if a fire occurred in the stores and other business places of that locality the department would not be able to get into the rear of the block at all. For this reason, and for the convenience of the Grants and others, it is asked that a thoroughfare be opened.

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## NORTH SIDE NEWS

Miss L. M. Williamson, of Ilwaco, is the accredited representative of The Astorian and will take care of all items of news, orders for subscriptions and all kinds of printing.

### ILWACO

Several persons from Long Beach, enjoyed a delightful ride to North Head Thursday in Mr. Jacobson's new automobile. They are as follows: Misses Vivian McKinney and Myrtle and Della Tinker; Messrs Ed. Deputy, George Tinker, and Ed. Jacobson.

Mrs. Chas. E. Kerlee, who was very ill the first of the week, is now out of danger and is slowly recovering.

Mr. Albert Bergman and wife of Fort Columbia, were in the city the latter part of the week.

Al Simmons, returned the first of the week from Bear River, where he has been acting as watchman in a logging camp during the absence of J. A. Vaughn.

Rube Hawkins, left the first of the week, for some river points where he goes to buy horses for the coming busy season.

Ed. Nort returned Wednesday from a short business trip to Astoria. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons and children spent Tuesday at Fort Canby with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Inman.

Mrs. J. S. Jones and children departed Tuesday for Portland Ore. after a couple of days spent with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Kerlee. Her husband joined her the latter part of the week.

Mr. Hollister and Glen Buck, both traveling salesmen, from Portland were in the city Thursday.

Harry Waters, of Fort Canby, left Wednesday for Astoria to spend two or three days.

Al Simmons, of this city, is filling his place on the life saving crew. A large scow, loaded with tar and rope was towed in Wednesday, for the Columbia River Packers Association.

W. A. Towler, returned Wednesday from Young's River, where he has been spending some time on business, connected with his logging interests at that point.

Edith Whitcomb and Eleanor Williams were visitors to Fort Canby, the first of the week.

The debate, which was to have taken place Friday evening, between two of the pupils of the South Bend High School, and two of the Ilwaco High School, has been postponed, owing to the illness of one of the

South Bend pupils. It will, however take place at some convenient time in the near future.

Astor A. Seaborg, returned the latter part of the week, from Nahcotta and various other points on the peninsula where he has been assessing property.

Dr. Kelsay, of the city, who has been practicing dentistry for the past few days in Chinook, returned Thursday evening.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth of Nahcotta, was reported quite ill, Thursday, with a severe cold.

Miss Edith Warner of the head of the bay was in the city, Wednesday evening.

During the past few days of gun-shiny weather, several fishermen have begun to get their gear in readiness for the coming season. The odor of tar again permeates the air, and Ilwaco has assumed a busy aspect.

Capt. Howard Emery, inspector of W. S. Life Saving Stations, spent Thursday at Fort Canby, inspecting that station. He left the following day for the Ilwaco Beach Station.

J. A. Howerton, and Gene Bouton, took their special car to Nahcotta Friday, and made several repairs on the telephone line between Ilwaco and that point.

Mrs. Starr and Mrs. Canaris of Long Beach, were visitors to Ilwaco Friday.

Miss Hilmo Saari, of Astoria arrived this week for a visit with her parents of this city.

Mrs. Steve Butts, and Mrs. Deputy of Sandridge, were visitors to the city the first of the week.

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