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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers in west followed by clearing weather; showers in east portion; probable frost in early morning in exposed places in west portion.

THE USEABLE STREET

We trust the present year will witness no such contretemps in street improvement as the Irving Avenue episode of last year; and while we are at it, it may as well be said now that public opinion in Astoria is sharply in favor of dealing only with streets that are useable and that street improvements generally shall be restricted to those that are to be of immediate and distinct service; the rest can wait.

Astoria is growing; but not so swiftly that she is climbing over her unimproved thoroughfares, and the tax-payers have quite enough to do this year without taking up the unessential burden of visionary street buildings. There are some things very necessary in this line, but the range of those necessities is not wide nor costly, and 1909 should be a banner economic year in comparison with the years that have gone. When the hour strikes for big and universal improvement there will be plenty of lines and material to work upon; none of it will get away in the meantime, and the handiwork of the tax-payers' resources now may redound to the wider and more needful scale of enterprise then.

PERFECTION OF DETAIL

Including the post office at Astoria, Uncle Sams vast mail business, considering its almost incalculable detail, is the perfection of business administration, and the fact that once in a great while something goes away is accentuated as the exception rather than the rule. When one thinks out the infinite and elaborate system that controls the direct movement of hundreds of millions of small objects daily, each as important as the other to the Government, and lands them in particular hands with unflinching precision and invariable good order, within the quickest possible time, the marvel looms more and more prodigious as the thought follows its ascertainment to one climax after the other. It is conceded the world over that the United States mail and its handling constitute the next expression of intelligent and effective operation in human affairs, and the infrequent lapse may be safely relegated to things infinitesimal.

THE TRACK ROUTE

That man is indeed desperate who, seeking the oblivion of death, takes the track route, as did the poor devil in Portland on Thursday last, lying down by a railway, placing his neck over the harsh iron and waiting the end as it was to be found beneath the wheels of a flying train. There are so many milder, easier, more refined, ways of doing this act that one is compelled to wonder at a choice so brutal and harsh and unusual.

There is something very pitiful in the misery of a mind so blinded by despair and grief that it takes no thought of the "way out", but seizes

the first horrid suggestion that presents itself and plunges through the mortal agony that reflection and a little more time might have spared it. Suicide, of itself, is one of the awful manifestations of human woe and always leaves its taint of added sorrow in the lives of others in touch with the deed; and while to a great extent, it is the outcome of mental derangement, it is far too often the sane and simple expedient of those who have weighed life in the scales of experience, and with the chilled reasoning of changeless defeat and misconception, and refuse longer to submit; and who have never been brought to the mark, or have had ways of circumventing and relieving the crises, but little right to judge the poor souls who have resorted to it. We cannot measure the misery they bore; and to judge them from any other plane than that on which they stood at the last hour, is unfair and gratuitous. In the flush of our happiness and success and buoyant hope, we are ill prepared to say anything of the heart-breaking motives that prompted the deed in others. The least we can do is to pity them and try to make things brighter and easier and simpler for the others.

NEW ERA OF SMUGGLING

Now that the civilized world has practically united to crush out the dreadful curse of opium eating and smoking, it is to be expected that the old-time craft of opium smuggling will be revived and the preventive energies of the nations re-awakened to meet it. But we opine that it will be of a very different character, both as to the deed and the systems of detection and reprisal. The old semi-romantic courses will not figure in the new regime; there will be no slow and dubious methods used on either side; there will be plenty of snap, plenty of "fine art" plenty of cleverness; for in this day and age, with all the agencies for silence, expedition and assurance, all the old clumsy methods will have to be abandoned and plans made and followed to match the exigencies of up-to-date alertness. It will be an interesting study for those next to the business, especially in governmental circles the world over, and there can be no doubt that steps have already been taken by all powers to meet and mitigate the great evil.

A large red persimmon is the only fruit that many Chinamen ever get. The possum is unknown to them, and the substitution of the house rodent to go with the 'simmons strikes Western taste unfavorably.

In all the advice received by Col. Roosevelt in regard to his African trip, no one has thought to warn him of the danger of sleeping sickness. The natural impression is that some persons are immune by temperament

The gulf states are full of yellow pine Democrats. Their chief party doctrine is that they want their share of protection.

Gov. Hughes is backing a new state primary bill, and the country is waiting to see if he has produced one warranted to work in all respects.

Nicaragua's president says he is shocked by Uncle Sam's ultimatum, but promises to give it attention. The Central American mischief breeders are quick to notice when the situation means trouble for them instead of their victims.

British pessimists insist that the Cape-to-Cairo Railroad will never be completed, though half of it is now built. It seems that all big national enterprises stir up mosquitoes of the yellow-legged sort.

Louisiana Democrats are pleased with the protective duties proposed on sugar and rice. Yet Louisiana voted for Bryan's free trade last November by 63,568 to 9958. But it is true also that the state cheerfully expected Bryan's defeat.

A herd of yaks, a domestic animal well known in Asia and Northern Europe, is to be imported by the Canadian Department of Agriculture. The yak is a good producer of steaks, milk and rugs. Billy Possum may find Yawcob Yak a formidable rival.

American friendship for Cuba can be detected in the new tariff bill. Uncle Sam believes in helping a country that is just taking its first steps in independent government.

Uncle Sam invested \$6,000,000 in the second provisional government in Cuba. He has gallantly paid the freight so far, but would draw the line at another repetition.

For use in his African hunting expedition ex-President Roosevelt has ordered a three-barrel gun. This must be intended for the ruminant dromedary that carries more than two humps.

Germany's cannon makers keep pace with the development of flying machines. Emperor William, though accused of talking too much, has been from the first one of the rulers who does things.

A man experienced in chasing a collar button is less amazed when he hears that the 500 buttons on the new feminine dress are not detachable.

Sherlock Holmes would have considered a kidnaping case gasy, but out of fiction the detectives seem to be at their poorest in dealing with crime.

A hundred miles more of travel would have taken the latest exploring expedition to the south pole. There is still a chance for Peary to win the polar pennant.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

- 1698—The Earl of Bellemont at New York to succeed Fletcher as governor.
- 1743—Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, born at Shadwell, Va. Died at Monticello, Va., July 4, 1826.
- 1814—Erastus B. Bigelow, inventor of the power loom, born in West Boylston, Mass. Died in Boston, Dec. 6, 1879.
- 1823—John E. Owens, famous comedian, born. Died Dec. 7, 1886.
- 1825—First Roman Catholic paper, "The Truth Teller," appeared in New York City.
- 1830—Survey made for laying the city of Chicago.
- 1847—Alvarado, Mexico, surrendered to the Americans.
- 1865—Attack on Mobile commenced.
- 1868—John W. Beckwith, second Protestant Episcopal bishop of Georgia, consecrated in Savannah.
- 1872—S. F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, died in New York. Born April 27, 1791.
- 1886—Gen. Miles succeeded Gen. Crook in command of the Department of Arizona.
- 1895—The Iowa Supreme Court sustained the constitutionality of the mulct law of 1894.
- 1908—The Czar dissolved the Finnish diet for expressed sympathy with the Terrorists.

"THIS IS MY 59th BIRTHDAY"

Prof. James Laurence Laughlin, one of the highest authorities on finance in the United States, was born at Deerfield, Ohio, April 2, 1850 and received his education at Harvard University. He became assistant professor of political economy at Harvard in 1883, remaining there four years, when he resigned to become president of an insurance company in Philadelphia. From 1890 to 1892 he was professor of political economy in Cornell University, and since 1892 he has occupied a similar position at the University of Chicago. Prof. Laughlin was a leading promoter of the Monetary Conference held at Indianapolis in 1897 and was a member of the Monetary Commission created by that conference. In 1894 he prepared for the

AMERICANS MAY HANG IN MEXICO

NOW UNDER SENTENCE FOR MURDER BUT THEY MAY APPEAL.

EL PASO, Texas, April 2—Upon the decision of the Federal Supreme Court of Mexico depends the fate of Ole E. Finstad and "Shorty" Coughener, Americans held in the jail at Chihuahua, awaiting final action on their appeal from the conviction charge of murdering Robert Rutherford, of Philadelphia, and Charles McMurray, another American. The latter is a brother-in-law of Finstad. Finstad and Coughener, both residents of Los Angeles, appealed their case to the Federal District Court at Juarez, and the decision just rendered is favorable to them. The matter must now be passed upon by the Supreme Court. Rutherford and McMurray were killed at Finstad's ranch two years ago, and Coughener was wounded. Finstad claimed that the crime was committed by Mexican robbers, but in spite of this claim, he and Coughener were placed on trial at Chihuahua on the charge of murder and found guilty. They were each sentenced to 12 1/2 years' imprisonment but appealed to the Federal District Court.

NO BURYING ON SUNDAY.

CHICAGO, April 2—Sunday funerals have been placed under the ban of the Carriage & Cab Drivers' Union which has adopted resolutions saying that the drivers need "Intellectual instruction and time to worship with their families." The Chicago Federation of Labor will take up the matter.

EAT FATTY MEATS

OR ANY OTHER SO-CALLED INDIGESTIBLE FOODS.

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I fyout get from your pharmacist a 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin you could always go to the table with a hearty appetite, and your meals would taste good, because you would know there would be no Indigestion or Sleepless nights or Headache or Stomach misery all the next day; and, besides, you would not need laxatives or liver pills to keep your stomach and bowels clean and fresh. Pape's Diapepsin can be obtained from your druggist and contains more than enough triangles to thoroughly cure the worst dyspeptic. There is nothing better for Gas on the Stomach or sour odors from the stomach or to cure a Stomach Headache.

You couldn't keep a handier or more useful article in the house.

government of San Domingo a scheme of monetary reform, which was afterward adopted. He is a member of the international Institute of Statistics and has written extensively on the subject of finance and monetary reform.

Exposure to Wet, dampness and cold, results in a sudden chill. Take a teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Pain-killer, in half a glass of warm water or milk. The whole system will be heated and the danger of catching cold, cough, croup, etc., will be avoided. It is a sure cure for all colds, coughs, croup, etc., and is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments. It is sold every where, and is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments. It is sold every where, and is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments.

FOR DIPLOMATIC POST

CHICAGO, April 2—The Tribune today in a special dispatch from Washington says: "It is understood that President Taft shortly will announce the appointment of Colonel Fred Smith of Peoria, to a diplomatic post in South America. It is understood Colonel Smith will be asked to become minister to Chile although he may perhaps be given a choice between that post and that of Persia or Siam.

SERIOUS FOOLING

CHICAGO, April 2—After hiding in a barrel and tormenting Peter Patterson, a carpenter by pelting him in the back with small stones, Herbert McHugh, 15 years old, laughingly lifted himself from the hiding place, and cried "April Fool." His welcome was a large brick which struck him on the head. Patterson is under arrest charged with assault and McHugh is under the care of a physician.

SPREADS HIS BENEFITS

CHICAGO, April 2—The will of Nelson P. Holden, Pioneer shoe merchant, who died ten days ago, bequeaths the bulk of a \$300,000 estate to a daughter, but 100 beneficiaries are named besides, and gifts to these range from \$500 and \$10,000 each. A provision of the will states that all employees whose names have not been specially mentioned shall receive \$100 each. Bequests are also made to relatives, friends and charitable institutions.

YOUNG FAD CHASERS

NEW YORK, April 2—Ten young women students from Cornell University commonly known as co-eds, are due to arrive here tomorrow to spend their Easter vacation studying conditions on the East side. They will be in charge of Professor Frank Pether and will be accompanied in addition by ten male students. The girls comprise half of the class in philanthropy. They will visit Randall's, Blackwells, and Ellis Island, the various penal institutions, insane asylums, several hospital and other charitable institutions.

DUE TO BE SHOT

NEW YORK, April 2—Sergeant Cortes, and his son who were involved in the recent armed revolt in Cuba, have been sentenced to death, according to the Herald's special correspondent in Havana, who cables that he "Has very reliable information" concerning the findings of the court martial which may be given out officially today. The dispatch adds that President Gomez is not inclined to pardon the rebels. If the sentence is carried out as predicted Cortes and his son will be shot.

CATARRH DESTROYED MY APPETITE.



PERUNA rarely fails to restore the appetite. Immediately upon beginning the use of Peruna patients begin to eat and digest. This is the universal testimony, coming from all parts of the civilized world. Catarrh is a very frequent cause of loss of appetite and disturbed digestion. The beneficial influence of Peruna on catarrh completely restores the appetite in such cases. To prod the digestive organs with medicines that are merely stimulants is a poor way to remedy such cases.

Removed Catarrh, Restored Appetite. Mr. Joseph H. Conlan, 487 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "I suffered from catarrh which completely destroyed my appetite and weakened my entire system. I am now cured and cheerful in spirits, all through the agency of Peruna, which has cured me effectually and restored my appetite. My only regret is that I did not use Peruna sooner and I would have avoided all my previous suffering and misery." —Mr. Joseph H. Conlan.

Torpid Liver, Stomach Trouble. Mr. James O'Byrne, 620 Madison St., Topeka, Kas., conductor Santa Fe Railway and member Order of Railway Conductors, writes: "I suffered with a torpid liver and stomach trouble, which made my complexion very sallow, and I felt miserable and tired all the time. An aunt wrote me that she was taking Peruna with such good results that she advised me to try it, and I finally bought a bottle, although I disliked to take patent medicines. However, I found Peruna very agreeable to take, and effective, as I felt better in a week. I took only five bottles in all and I found that was all I needed. I am most grateful to you for what your medicine has done for me." —Dysentery Entirely Relieved. Mr. W. N. Casey, Leanington, Ill., writes: "In two weeks after beginning your treatment I was well. I used nine bot-

les of Peruna. My case was bowel trouble or dysentery. I also tried Peruna for a cough, according to directions, and it exceeds any cough syrup I ever used. I wish every one afflicted would give Peruna a trial." Pe-ru-na as a Tonic. Capt. R. B. Smith, Greensboro, Ga., writes: "After using several bottles of Peruna I can recommend it as one of the best catarrh medicines on the market. As a tonic it has no equal. Peruna is all that is claimed for it." Catarrh of Stomach. Mr. Henry Neely, First Lieutenant, Co. "F," 80th Regiment, O. V. I., Box 625, Trenton, Mo., writes: "I suffered for years with catarrh of the stomach. Seeing an advertisement of Peruna, I bought a bottle and every dose made me feel better. Seven bottles completely cured me."

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