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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair with light frost in early morning.

JUDGE T. A. McBRIDE.

The distinguished honor conferred upon Hon. T. A. McBride by Governor Benson, in appointing him to the supreme bench of the State of Oregon, is a deserving recognition of the services of one of the most distinguished jurists in the state. When it was announced that the appointment had been made, it met with the universal approval of not only the bar of Oregon, but of its citizenship. No man stands higher in the estimation of the public than the veteran jurist. No man who has been on the circuit bench for nearly 20 years, has given so general statisfaction, both to attorneys and litigants. On the bench his decisions were given with distinctness and fairness, irrespective of personal feeling toward his friends. It was a universal comment among attorneys that Judge McBride was seldom reversed by the higher courts, indicating his fairness and knowledge of law.

In his mingling among men, off the bench, he was affable, kind hearted, courteous and possessed a peculiar faculty of making friends. On the bench he was dignified, impartial in his decisions, conscientious and just in his administration of justice, tempering mercy with justice, and this characteristic won him many friends among the people. His appointment to the important place on the supreme bench will be of incalculable assistance to his associates, and his legal acumen and capabilities will tend to make the highest tribunal in the state one of the safest in the rendition of important decisions submitted to it.

In the appointment of Judge McBride, Astoria has lost a valued, tried and true friend. The state has gained an eminent jurist whom all respect and honor. While the honor conferred was a recognition of his valuable services, it was a deserving compliment to one of the pioneers of Oregon, and when in future years the history of the state is written, Judge Thomas A. McBride will hold a high and exalted position in its annals, and will ever be remedied for the good he has done to mankind.

FISHING SITUATION.

The failure of the last legislature to pass adequate laws for the protection of the salmon industry of the State of Oregon, indicates imbecility in the first degree. While the last session will go down in history as one of the most pernicious, the failure of affording adequate protection to one of the largest industries of the state cannot but meet with universal condemnation. To intimate that errors were committed in framing the fishing laws, is but to throw the mantle of charity around the members of the law-making body of this commonwealth. If the truth were known, it is evident that the framers of the present law were actuated more by a disposition to grant special privileges to a certain section, against the largest section, irrespective of its ultimate results.

As the matter now stands, instead of protecting the great industry, it has been prostituted to the avaricious incentive of the Willamette river fishermen, who have always been a disturbing factor in securing adequate laws. Instead of protecting the industry and allowing the spring salmon, the Royal Chinook, to ascend to the natural spawning grounds, the legislature threw down the barriers in the interests of a handful of irresponsible fishermen, who have no interest in the protection of the industry, their only object being to take advantage of the ignorance of the legislature on the important subject for their personal and private interests and gain.

It is now conceded, that the only possible chance of protecting this great industry, is to place it in the hands of the general government, and not delegate it to the machinations of those who have no interest, aside of a selfish one. In the hands of the general government, the industry will be protected. In the hands of nondescripts who controlled the recent legislature, if continued along present lines, will ultimately result in its extinction, and when this has been accomplished no future remedial legislation will restore it. The industry belongs to the people, irrespective of locality, and the duty devolves upon the law making power to throw around it every possible protection, not only for the present, but for posterity.

The baseball stories are welcome substitutes for tales of Balkan uprisings, Turkish rebellions, and Central American revolutions, and are much more strenuous.

And, furthermore, the house, speaking from experience, holds that the senate will not be so cock-sure regarding the tariff after another week.

San Francisco is clearly entitled to the medal France presents; if she can shake off her gang of grafters she will deserve another.

And, again, those tornadoes in Kansas remind us that Oregon has a mighty good climate.

If you do not read the advertisements in The Astorian, you overlook some valuable opportunities.

The annual blossoming of the New Mexico statehood bill is further evidence that spring is here.

The Butte pool sellers are making a hard fight, but their game was always a strong one.

Whether you play ball or not you should help the local team now organized and boost it along.

Turkey is being served this week with hot dressing.

Many an artist's model wouldn't make a model wife.

The man who figures in an explosion usually begins at the bottom and goes up.

When a man has his picture taken in an automobile it's a pretty safe bet that he doesn't own it.

The hotel clerk knows nearly all that is worth knowing, but he doesn't know why a woman persists in asking what time the 6:20 train leaes.

Anyway, if a man is in debt it proves that he once had credit.

Women distrust men too much in general and not enough in particular.

New York Letter

NEW YORK, April 17.—Every large and populous city has to contend with certain difficulties which arise from the very cause of its size and population. All large cities, no matter where and how they are located, have some troubles, but New York seems to have more than any other city. The magnitude and multiplicity of New York's troubles and difficulties is primarily due to the peculiar location of the city and the unavoidable distribution of the population over one peninsula and a number of islands. Bridges and ferries, and even tunnels are, in a way, good enough means of connecting bodies of land separated from each other by rivers or arms of the sea, but all these connections become as mere trails for a marching army when they are expected to offer means for conveying millions of men, women and children from one part of the city to another within a space of about two hours.

The traffic problem is undoubtedly New York's greatest bugbear. For fully half a century New York has had to contend with this problem and although some relief was obtained from time to time by the extension and development of the various means of interurban passenger-traffic, the difficulties continued to grow in proportion to the increase of the business and the population of the city.

The building of additional subway lines would undoubtedly give much relief, but, unfortunately a peculiar combination of conditions makes the construction of additional lines practically impossible. Under the law subways cannot be built by private capital and the City is unable to build subways because it has no money and cannot even borrow enough, having almost reached the limit of its permissible indebtedness. Efforts are in progress to so change the laws that subways may be built by private capital or that the city may disregard the debt-limit law in borrowing money for subway purposes.

Two interesting celebrations were held here the other day. One was a champagne dinner in honor of a woman who had been servant in the same family for fifty years, without ever asking for a day off or for an increase in pay; the other was a banquet with liquid refreshments and speechesin honor of the 213th birthday of "Lady Jennie" who is said to be the oldest elephant in captivity in this country. The authenticity of the fifty years devotion of the loyal servant is beyond dispute, but there is some suspicion as to the exactness of the date of "Lady Jennie's birth.

The ice-trust has been busy all winter in preparing for the coming summer season and is now in a position to raise the price of the useful commodity it controls to any amount it may chose to exact. The harvest of natural ice has been reduced to a minimum and, to add to the paucity of the ice supply, most of the ice factories were kept closed during the winter. The result is an absolutely inadequate supply of ice, which has already given an excuse to the trust of raising the ice prices 100 per cent. Further raises will be made from time to time, as the trust sees fit. A fine prospect for the poor consumers.

A certain Justice of the Peace in Belleville, N. J., who makes a specialty of performing marriages, is a firm believer in the effectiveness of advertising. Finding business in his particular line somewhat dull lately, he decided to advertise. Among the inducements held out by him in his advertisements are a present to the Bride, an air of solemnity at the ceremony, ushering the prospective bride and bridegroom into his parlors to the strains of a wedding march, his daughter and granddaughter both being good musicians, and a large floral bell under which the ceremony is performed. That surely should be enough to "fetch them."

In this era of political grafting and official corruption it is quite refreshing to read of some town where such official crookedness is at low tide. Judging from a story that made its way into the papers the other day, Stamcord, Con., must be such a model town. A member of the Common Council, who had been elected on the reform ticket, was orrested for stealing milk i nfront of stores. How refreshing that sounds. Official grafting must indeed be an unknown offense in that fortunate town, if members of the Common Council have to resort to stealing bottles of milk. Just imagine a New York alderman doing such a thing.

The Professional Chauffeurs club of America, which has its headquarters in New York City, has gone on record as favoring any movement that will put chauffeurs, arrested for violating the speed ordinance, permanently out of business. They hold that men who allow themselves to be caught while speeding their automobiles are incompetent and there seems good judgement in that opinion. Good chauffeurs would not allow themselves to be caught. They would rather run over a dozen persons than give the bicycle policeman a chance to arrest them.

A girl in Williamsburg became violently insane the other day and had to be taken to the Mings County Hospital, after she had attacked several members of her family. The girl had studied music ofr several years and was extremely ambitious to become a great pianist. Whether too close attention to her musical studies made her insane or whether her abnormal ambition was the result of an unbalanced mind, is not definitely known. Music hath its charms, no doubt, but it also seems to have a disturbing effect upon the mental equilibrium of too ardent devotes. There are hundreds, perhaps thousands of young men and women in this city who are laboring under the delusion of being musicians, but unfortunately, only a few of them ever become violent like the girl in Williamsburg.

The residents of the negro quarter in East Harlem suffered agonies the other day during a fire on the river front. Not that their property was endangered by the flames, or their lives threatened. Far worse. They were compelled to be eye witnesses to the complete destruction by fire of about 1000 fine chickens which were kept in an enclosure in the fire-swept district and could not be saved.

THE PAYNE TARIFF BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—The Senate debates over the Payne tariff bill promise to monopolize the Washington news for the week.

Secretary of War Dickinson will sail from Charleston Tuesday for Colon to make a personal inspection of the progress of work on the Panama canal.

The new torpedo boat destroper Smith, designed to have a greater speed and a wider steaming radius than any other vessel of her type in the United States Navy, will be launched Tuesday at Philadelphia.

Financiers and speculators are awaiting with interest the report to be presented to Governor Hughes early in the week by the investigating committee appointed to look into the methods of the various evchanges in New York city.

The steamship Admiral with Roosevelt expedition aboard, is due to reach Mombasa, the scaport town of British East Africa, about the middle of the week. From Mombasa the expedition will proceed into the interior by way of the Uganda Railway.

A special election wil be held in Cleveland Tuesday for the selection of a successor to Congressman Theodore E. Burton, recently elevated to the Senate. The Republicans' are confident of the election of their candidate, James H. Cassidy, who was formerly secretary to Congressman Burton.

Arguments upon the appeal taken from the decision of Judge Wright, adjudging Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell in contempt ofr their alleged violation of the injunction granted against them upon the Petition of the Buck's Stove and Range Company, will begin Monday before the District ourt of Appeals in Washington.

Three noted cases are on the criminal calender for trial in various sections of the country. At Flushing, L.I., the trial of Capt. Peter C. Hains Jr., for the murder of William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August is scheduled to begin. In Boston, Chester Jordan, brother-in-law of Jesse Livermore, the New York cotton speculator, will be put on trial for the murder of his wife. In Kentucky the second trial of the notorious Beach Hargis for the murder of his father is to take place.

Of interest to the commercial world will be a national conference at Detroit to discuss the subject of reciprocity with Canada.

LATIN-AMERICAN DEAD.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Senor Don Miguel Juarez Cellman, president of the Argentine Republic from 1883 until 1890, where he resigned after a revolution died in Buenos Ayres yesterday according to a cable dispatch to the Herald. He will be buried with all the honors that could have been bestowed upon him, were he still in that capacity.

ACCIDENT, OR MURDER.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Death came to jar the home of Bartholomew Flynn, a former member of the police department yesterday on the steamer Starrucca, which is moored near the river mouth.

Flynn was employed by a private detective agency and was assigned to guard the steamer from attacks by striking sailors. While taking with Captain John Clark he fell into a hatchway and broke his neck, according to the police.

ESQUIMAUX BOY ILL.

Sole Survivor Of Those Brought South By Lieutenant Peary.

COBLESKILL, N. Y., April 17.—Mene, the Esquimaux boy and sole survivor of the band brought South by Commander Peary, is here in Cobleskill with Mrs. C. W. Carker, fore whom he has a great attachment because of her kindness to him when his afther died. It has been reported from New York that Mene was on his way to the Arctic regions again, but he apparently has no definite plans for such a trip. He is in poor health and Mrs. Carker says that he can remain at her home until he recovers or decides to go elsewhere. The strange lad probably will not hesume his studies in Manhattan College.

DINED ON ELKS.

BILLINGS, Mont., April 17.—Three hundred members of the G. A. R. and friends who attended the state encampment here were treated to an unusual feast when they were served with Elk steak, Elks roast and stew at an elaborate banquet last night. Two large Elk donated from the famous herd of Paul McCormick were prepared for the occasion.