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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers, warmer in the southern portion.

A BOOMERANG TARIFF.

There is every sign out that the present revision of the federal tariff is to be a schedule no better, and a bit worse, than the Dingley code, as far as the people of the land are concerned. It is very evident the range of treatment affecting the essential staples is not to be altered, except it be by increasing their cost to the millions of the ordinary people, and those same people all over the country are living up to the conviction rapidly and the press is echoing this conclusion invariably and everywhere. The Congress has had its warning; from sources that were worth its while to heed, but there is a fear of the interests that supercede what of fear may be felt for the wrath of a people outdone and denied.

We firmly believe that unless there is a sharp reduction in the duties on the commoner staples, all of them, there will be a revolution against the dominant power that will not be placated for long years to come, and its first and hardest manifestation will come in 1912; we further believe that not even the challenge and pledge of a Roosevelt can save the party from complete defeat and prolonged retirement, especially if the Democrats shall come up to the scratch with this outrage for a slogan and a basic platform plea.

The cheapening of the non-essentials, such as lead and iron and the ores thereof, will have no palliating effect, a mile from the national capitol; the people know what they want, what they have begged for these 10 long years, what they have ordered through their representatives; and the turning down of their demand, and the extra burdens raised against them, will be met with a reaction that will be stunning and permanent. Never was there a moment more propitious for a demonstration that the Republican party is of and for the people; and if the opportunity is cast aside the Republicans must reckon profoundly for the blunder.

COAL STRIKE IMPROBABLE.

It is reported that we will not have a coal strike after all. The various conferences between the operators on the one hand and the miners on the other have resulted, according to the published statements, in the complete rejection of each and every one of the miners' demands. The labor organization began the controversy with a number of proposed agreements. Each conference resulted in the surrendering of one or more until finally the situation resulted in one solitary demand—the recognition of the union. The operators steadfastly held to their original proposition, which was to continue the agreement arranged by the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission. It is claimed, and not without reason, that this wage scale, determined during a period of national prosperity, really means an increase of wages when maintained during a financial depression such as the country has experienced since the latter part of 1907. There is little doubt that the coal miners have been fortunate in the matter of high wages, and their efforts to create a labor agitation at this time has not been viewed with sympathy by the general public—American Industries.

ROAD-BUILDING SCHEME.

Governor Gillett, of California, is advocating an ambitious good roads project. He wants the state to build two great highways from north to south, one down the coast and the other through the central valleys, especially the San Joaquin.

wide, and the various counties would soon provide intersecting roads running east and west.

Members of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce have recently paid a visit to the valley, and they report that the project is meeting with high favor everywhere. The people seemed ready and willing to bear their share of the taxation for state highways.

PERSONAL MENTION

The many friends of Charles M. Fowler will be glad to hear of his promotion to the post of traveling freight and passenger agent for the "North Bank" road.

R. E. Carruthers was a homing passenger on the night express yesterday from the metropolis.

B. Lindenberg returned to his city on last night's train, from a business trip to the Sound. Mr. Lindenberg was in the Tacoma railway wreck yesterday morning.

Mrs. Ole Settem and Miss Settem arrived down on the 9:50 express last night from Portland.

Fred Johnson was among the Astorians alighting from the late train last night.

Miss Reba Hobson of this city returned home on last night's train.

Mrs. Murphy of this city returned from a trip to the metropolis on last night's express.

Guy M. Talbot came down on last evening's express for a business visit to Astoria.

Mrs. C. H. Blanchard, with her little grandson, depart this morning for Seattle, where they will make their future home. Both have many friends in Astoria who will wish them well in their new home on the Sound.

H. J. Miller, representing the chamber of commerce at Portland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

IMPRISONED AMID ICE OUT ON ATLANTIC

STRANGE AND PECULIAR EXPERIENCE OF A LINER IN MID OCEAN.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The British steamer Volturno which arrived here yesterday, had a remarkable experience with icebergs in mid-Atlantic. At 3 a. m. on Sunday May 9, Captain James Harrison found that his vessel, which carried 200 passengers and a large consignment of freight from England, was completely surrounded by icebergs and ice floes. The engines were slowed down and at daylight the Volturno was so completely hemmed in that the engines were stopped and all of Sunday the vessel drifted as a prisoner with the ice.

At times there was a great danger of the giant icebergs crushing the ship between them, but Captain Harrison found himself unable to do anything because the ice completely surrounded him. A wind sprang up early Monday morning, making a channel through the ice and the Volturno quickly sped out of this and liberated herself.

Bad Attack of Dysentery Cured.

"An honored citizen of this town was suffering from a severe attack of dysentery. He told a friend if he could obtain a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, he felt confident of being cured, he having used this remedy in the West. He was told that I kept it in stock and lost no time in obtaining it, and was promptly cured," says M. J. Leach, druggist, of Wolcott, Vt. For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

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GAMBLERS HIE OVER TO EASY CANADA

BOOKMAKERS AND SPORTS FLOCK TO MONTREAL AND TORONTO.

NEW YORK, May 17.—As soon as racing opens at Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor and Fort Erie, many of the leading bookmakers who have been features of the New York tracks of years will take up their occupation there. Announcement made at their club last night indicated that they did not believe in their ability to make a living at the New York tracks this summer, because of the restrictions on betting and the limited number of racing dates. It is believed that the invasion of the Canadian tracks by New York bookmakers will drive the home bookmakers out of the field and will result in livelier times on those tracks. After canvassing the results of two days experience on the Belmont track last week the bookmakers last night seemed to be of the opinion that there was no money for them this year in New York. Under the "oral betting" permitted by recent court decisions, the bookmakers are able to accept bets only from persons whom they know personally and whom they can trust for a later settlement of their accounts. It so happens that most of the persons who the bookmakers know are as well versed on the chances of the various horses to win as they are themselves. Therefore their chance to win is very small and from an exceptionally limited field.

PEACE FOUND BY LAZY NEW YORK CRIMINAL

YEARS FOR A LIFE SENTENCE IN GRIM OLD SING SING.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Joseph L. Hudson, who has been taken from Riverhead, L. I. to Sing Sing to begin a term of from two to five years for manslaughter does not agree with the court that jail imprisonment is a punishment. He says he enjoys it.

"Never in my life have I been so happy as during the time I have been in jail," said Hudson in bidding good bye to the Sheriff of the Suffolk County Jail. "I would like to remain here all my life. It is peaceful here and I am happy and contented. I was ill when I came here, now I am strong. I have had years added to my life and if Sing Sing is as peaceful a place, I hope my sentence never will expire."

Hudson was arrested on the charge of killing Mrs. Henrietta Eleanor, his housekeeper. He pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the second degree on Friday and was sentenced to prison.

Hudson smiled on receiving the sentence. He did not have any fears and thought he would find more enjoyment within prison walls than without.

GOING AT IT RIGHT.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The New York and New Jersey livestock exchange has announced it will undertake the promotion of livestock cultivation in the Atlantic Coast states on extensive scale for food purposes. The exchange will appeal to owners of extensive farms with literature on the advantage of livestock-raising and will ask the Legislators for appropriations to foster the industry. It is proposed to utilize vast tracts of land in the East which have been unsuitable for agriculture, for the raising of livestock.

INSANE CHINK.

NEW YORK, May 17.—St. Patrick's Cathedral was invaded Sunday by a supposedly insane Chinese who attempted to seize vases on the high altar, to the consternation of several hundred worshippers and visitors. He was captured and handcuffed after a chase in Fifth Avenue.

Rev. I. W. Williamson's Letter. Rev. I. W. Williamson, Huntington, W. Va., writes: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that it will do all that you claim for it." Foley's Kidney Remedy has restored health and strength to thousands of weak, run down people. Contains no harmful drugs and is pleasant to take. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

ROOT'S CLEVER TALK ON ARMAMENTS

REVELATION OF PEACE CONFERENCE AND THE ATTITUDE OF AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—As is well-known, preliminary to the second peace conference at The Hague, the American Government gave notice to Russia that it reserved the liberty to propose for consideration the reduction or limitation of armaments in the hope that, as expressed by Secretary Root, "if nothing further can be accomplished, some slight advance may be made toward the realization of the lofty conception which actuated the Emperor of Russia in calling the first conference."

In giving this notice to Russia Secretary Root had the following interesting observation to make touching the feelings of Americans on freedom of apprehension from attack as is disclosed in the Diplomatic Corps of the State Department during the year 1906, just made public.

"This Government is not unmindful of the fact that the people of the United States dwell in comparative security, partly by reason of their isolation and partly because they have never become involved in the numerous questions to which many centuries of close neighborhood have given rise in turn. They are therefore free from apprehensions of attack which are to so great an extent the cause of great armaments and it would ill-become them to be insistent or forward in a matter so much more vital to the nations of Europe than to them. It sometimes happens that the very absence of a special interest in a subject enables a nation to make suggestions and urge considerations which the more deeply interested nation might hesitate to present."

Lived 152 Years.

Wm. Parr—England's oldest man—married the third time at 120, worked in the fields till 132 and lived 20 years longer. People should be youthful at 80. James Wright, of Spurlock, Ky., shows how to remain young. "I feel just like a 16-year-old boy," he writes, "after taking six bottles of Electric Bitters. For 30 years kidney trouble made life a burden, but the first bottle of this wonderful medicine convinced me I had found the greatest cure on earth." They're a Godsend to weak, sickly run-down or old people. Try them. 50c at Chas. Rogers & Son, druggists.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF

The Spring Garden Insurance Co., Phila.,

Of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the 31st day of December, 1908, made to the insurance commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up in cash.....	\$ 400,000.00
Income.	
Premiums received during the year in cash.....	\$2,005,774.00
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	89,399.00
Income from other sources received during the year.....	18,685.00
Total income.....	\$2,113,858.00

Disbursements.	
Losses paid during the year.....	\$ 993,349.00
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock.....	24,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	573,471.00
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....	47,717.00
Amount of all other expenditures.....	88,222.00
Total expenditures.....	\$1,726,759.00

Assets.	
Value of real estate owned.....	\$ 46,865.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned.....	2,214,700.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	100,627.50
Cash in banks and on hand.....	99,959.42
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission.....	388,567.41
Total admitted assets.....	\$2,850,719.33

Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$ 337,404.27
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....	1,722,816.46
All other liabilities.....	30,000.00
Total liabilities.....	\$2,090,220.73
Total insurance in force December 31, 1908.....	\$237,347,388.60

Business in Oregon For The Year.

Total risks written during the year.....	\$1,930,963.63
Gross premiums received during the year.....	42,314.43
Premiums returned during the year.....	8,986.93
Losses paid during the year.....	8,404.49
Losses incurred during the year.....	12,365.02

THE SPRING GARDEN INSURANCE CO., Phila.,

By BURGARD & STROUT, General Agents. Statutory resident general agent and attorney in fact:

JOHN H. BURGARD. Note—Special deposits not held for the protection of all the policyholders of the company cannot be admitted as an asset and included in the published statement, except the deposit with the State Treasurer for the protection of Oregon policyholders only. JOHN H. BURGARD & CO., Agents.



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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE

Caledonian Insurance Company

Of Edinburgh, Scotland, in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on the 31st day of December, 1908, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up in cash, statutory deposits.....	\$ 200,000.00
Income.	
Premiums received during the year in cash.....	\$1,390,756.57
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	87,967.25
Income from other sources received during the year.....	11,569.42
Total income.....	\$1,490,293.24

Disbursements.	
Losses paid during the year.....	\$ 759,647.26
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock.....	1,116,070.81
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	423,843.94
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....	36,054.52
Amount of all other expenditures.....	267,634.84
Total expenditures.....	\$1,487,180.56

Assets.	
Value of real estate owned.....	\$ 525,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned.....	1,116,070.81
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	2,805.63
Cash in banks and on hand.....	161,586.03
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission.....	143,769.06
Total admitted assets.....	\$1,949,231.53

Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$ 134,349.27
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....	1,236,001.55
Due for commission and brokerage.....	613,880.71
All other liabilities.....	1,984,231.53
Total insurance in force December 31, 1908.....	\$213,259,146.00

Business in Oregon For The Year.

Total risks written during the year.....	\$2,143,050.00
Gross premiums received during the year.....	37,485.93
Premiums returned during the year.....	9,667.66
Losses paid during the year.....	10,865.07
Losses incurred during the year.....	10,865.07
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1908.....	2,410,151.00

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE COMPANY

By CHAS. H. POST, U. S. Manager. Statutory resident general agent and attorney in fact: HENRY HEWETT, Portland. Pacific Coast Department. No. 430 California St., San Francisco, Cal. CONROY & GRIM, Managers.

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