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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Generally fair. Washington—Showers.

ARE GETTING BUSY.

There are appreciable signs everywhere that the officers of the law in this city and county are getting busy with the first and most essential of their duties, the enforcement of the laws, municipal and statutory; and the people are taking sharp notice of it.

It is a simple matter for the officer to establish; once he is known as a man who cannot be tampered with nor deflected from the rigid course prescribed by the laws and ordinances that record clings to him like a garment and does him credit every time it is quoted; while, on the other hand every time he serves a private interest in derogation of the mandate he should enforce, he weakens his standing with the people and cuts the ground from beneath his own feet.

THE INCOME TAX.

For the sake of the poor man of this country we agree heartily to the income tax, graduated to meet the ratios of income as a direct tax should, and we believe the ordinary run of poor men will consent to it freely and gladly if it may be used to spare them the harder and harsher indirect tax upon their substance, wrought by an inspired tariff.

greater force on one man than the other. At all events, it is worth trying out, if only for the sake of tempering with a nation that is waking rapidly to the foul injustices of the federal tariff and getting into the exact and baneful humor to resent and resist it.

THE PUBLIC PLAY-GROUND.

Mayor Smith's proposals for the establishment of public play-ground for the children of Astoria is a step in the direction of safety, economy and moral salvation, that should meet with spontaneous and generous aid and sanction in the Council and out of it.

And it is not alone in this direction that the grounds given over to the children effect decisive advantages; the moral and physical health are safeguarded in the freedom of the spot devoted to them, in the games, the clean exercises and engagements that keep them from the grosser allurements about them, and make for finer and more dependable results and people, when the inevitable burdens and privileges of real citizenship overtake them.

It were well to take large interest in this scheme and do all within our power to foster and perfect it, and we can begin none too soon upon the wise and wholesome program.

"Before this week ends, the deadlock on the senatorship will be broken," says one of Illinois' solons. But there is no indication that Hopkins is taking any interest in the proceedings.

Burglars have forced an entrance into the Alton Pesthouse and carried away the infested bedclothing. That the old spirit of heroism still survives in Alton has had many high proofs, but none higher than this.

The rise of temperance sentiment in this country can be best estimated from the fact that it was a Kentucky colonel who brought over the Jordan River water which has just been emptied into the New York sewers.

In blocking the wheels of government the popular branch of the Porto Rican Legislature is not profiting by its American coaching. American citizenship and territorial government are not to be won in that direction.

Experience is a dear school, but all fools will not learn even in that one. In spite of many warnings, another American heiress has married another European title, and it remains to be seen whether her experience will make her wise or not.

Five hundred pianos were found in the sultan's palace when the army of the Young Turks invaded it. Music had not the charm to soothe a savage breast or the revolution might never have revolved. It may have been a good thing for the fame of Poderevski that he had cancelled all his American dates before this happened.

The downward turn in wheat prices registers the favorable weather which is reported from the great producing states. It also gives objective expression to the fact that the spring wheat acreage promises to be much larger than that of 1908 or any preceding year. The latter fact will hit the gamblers on the Chicago Board of Trade harder than any curb which could be adopted by the lawmaking bodies at Washington or Springfield.

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.

DONE TO DEATH ON HIGH SEAS BY INSECTS

TERRIBLE STORY TOLD BY WEST INDIAN FRUIT PACKET CREW

NEW YORK, May 18.—A story of death and hardship due to mosquitoes was told by Captain Frederick Weeks navigator of the Vereston, a small British steamship now in port from Kingston. The vessel was brought to New York by a crew of negroes because nearly all of the regular crew are dead or recuperating from malaria fever due to the insect bites.

Two firemen were so emaciated when they got to Kingston that their homeward trip started March 25 as the Vereston went down the river. The day before Kingston was reached another man died and the next night a fireman died just as the ship was making port.

PERSONAL MENTION

Neil Campbell, one of the best known and most popular messengers of the Western Union staff, departed last evening for Portland, where he will take up other work, and rejoin his own family now resident there.

Captain John Reed came in from his ranch yesterday and will take over the Wallula once more, after a pleasant week with his family.

Dr. B. Owens-Adair was in the city yesterday on business. She departed this evening for Portland, after attending the wedding of Mr. Scriber and Miss Elmore. The doctor will be gone for the better part of three weeks, and will take in the annual gathering of the Oregon Pioneers.

G. W. Roberts, of the O. R. & N. Co., spent the day in Portland yesterday.

Mrs. A. B. Coe, mother of Artist E. A. Coe, who has been wintering at Waucoma, Iowa, will return to this city in the course of a few days to rejoin her son.

Mrs. O. W. Whitman has returned to her home in this city after a visit of several months with friends in California, which she enjoyed to the utmost.

W. S. Hamilton, of Altoona, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Alfred Forsythe, of St. Louis, spent the day in this city yesterday and was registered at the Occident.

R. W. Peterson, of Portland, was among the visiting hundreds in Astoria yesterday.

W. Nelson, of the metropolis, was a business visitor here yesterday.

O. Hill will leave for Finland on a summer tour tomorrow morning.

Howard Leighton and Alec Duncan, municipal legislators for the City of Seaside, were business visitors in the city yesterday.

Senator and Mrs. J. G. Megler arrived here last evening from Brookfield, and will be guests at the Elmore-Scriber wedding here today.

Thomas Irving, of Cathlamet, came down on the Lurline last evening, on a business quest.

L. Buck, of the Portland Flouring Mills, arrived in this city last evening on a business trip.

Dan Moore, of Seaside, passed through the city last evening, en route to the metropolis.

Fred Enquist leaves on this morning's express for St. Martin's Hot Springs where he intends to sojourn for two weeks for the benefit of his health.

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.

The Puzzler

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WHERE'S "MAJOR OZONE?"

CHICAGO... May... 17.—Sickness among postoffice clerks in the Chicago Federal Building is said to have been more prevalent in the last two or three months than at any time since its erection and the responsibility is charged by the Chicago Post-office Clerks Association to poor ventilation. Poor effects of \$100,000 ventilating system, it was said, had caused its disuse with result that there were no ventilation at all. President F. McCormick of the association has been instructed to appoint a committee to confer with Postmaster Campbell to obtain relief.

The Most Common Sense of Suffering. Rheumatism causes more pain and suffering than any other disease, for the reason that it is the most common of all ills, and it is certainly gratifying to sufferers to know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm will afford relief, and make rest and sleep possible. In many cases the relief from pain, which is at first temporary, has become permanent, while in old people subject to chronic rheumatism, often brought on by dampness or changes in the weather, a permanent cure cannot be expected; the relief from pain which this liniment affords is alone worth many times its cost. 25 and 50-cent sizes for sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

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