

The onerous fire insurance tax is a heavy burden on an Astoria business man. He is taxed to support an efficient fire department, and pays that tax cheerfully, for he realizes that it is as it should be, but the additional insurance tax imposed by the greed and cupidity of the insurance managers is a different thing!

And in their way of doing business they have the best of it: they have the drop on one. There is no use in going to an insurance agent in Astoria and kicking. He will say, and truly, "Well, well; what can I do? I can't help it," and he can't. It is "the compact," that mysterious intangible insurance trust with neither body to beat, nor soul to damn, that one has to deal with.

Astoria insurance agents send away over \$5,000 every month.

This is no supposition: it is a fact. Here is over \$50,000 a year sent from here, of which, at least 50 per cent, is a gouge.

If we had no fire department at all the insurance rates could be no higher; for, to put them any higher than at present would be like making a saloon keeper's license \$10,000 a year—it would be prohibition.

Insurance against fire is a necessary part of a prudent business management; it is a precautionary measure, and those who do the insuring should be protected, and should charge sufficient premium to pay all necessary expenses, a reasonable profit, and sufficient to accrue requisite reserve fund.

But this octopus that envelops us in the shape of an insurance trust transcends all precedent and demands more than precedent or experience show is necessary or proper.

They may sit like swollen spiders in the dark corners of their webs, fat with the juice of their victims, but if they advance into the light must expect to be smashed.

No man or set of men is to be denied the right to make money, and as fast and as much as possible, with due regard to commercial canons.

But there is a limit to greed, and the itch that unscrupulous men have for money's sake.

This limit the fire insurance companies on this coast have passed, and in self-preservation the people of this city should make substantial objection.

THE ASTORIAN'S plan is briefly this: Organize a fire insurance company here, with a capital of \$100,000, of which not more than \$50,000 need be put up. There are surely 100 men in Astoria who can put \$500 apiece in a paying enterprise of this kind. Then divide and scatter all heavy risks: place them in eastern companies who will be glad to get them at far less rates than we are at present paying.

In this way we can keep at home tens of thousands of dollars now sent away. To forestall adverse criticism THE ASTORIAN concedes that this plan is not perfect: perfection is an attribute denied the work of plain ordinary mortals; it is an attribute possessed solely by the compilers of the Coast Review, and by the general managers of fire insurance companies in San Francisco; but it will give us reliable insurance and free us from the bondage of the San Francisco pirates, who at present conduct this important branch of business and levy tribute on this commercial community; a tribute that resembles plunder as closely as the mist resembles the rain.

The engines of the Northwestern railway company run a mile and three-quarters every second, or 104 miles every minute, and in effect they put a girder round the earth once in every four hours throughout the year; yet such is the perfection of mechanism attained in the present day that the engines were able to run a distance equal to twice round the world for every single case which occurred of a hot axle, the loss of split pin or cotter, or anything tending to throw an engine out of gear.

SWITZERLAND wants a naval flag. As the country has no seaboard such an ensign would, at first sight, seem rather useless, but it is needed to protect Swiss property abroad or in the colonies. The federal council is now considering the subject.

A Sound Legal Opinion. E. Babinbridge Mundry Esq., County Atty. Clay Co., Texas says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., adds a like testimony, saying: "He positively believes he would have died had it not been for Electric Bitters. This great remedy will ward off, as well as cure all Malaria Diseases, and for all Kidney, Liver and Stomach Disorders stands unequalled. Price 50 cents and \$1, at Jno C. Dement's."

Coffee and cake, ten cents, at the Central Restaurant.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

TELEGRAPHIC.

Specials to The Astorian.

PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—To-day Geo. H. Durham, John J. Meston and Nate S. Dygert filed articles in the county clerk's office incorporating the Meston and Dygert book manufacturing company, with a capital of \$20,000.

At police headquarters to-day a telegram was received from detective Harry Griffin, announcing that he has Geo. Anderson, the forger in custody, and arrived here late in the afternoon.

This morning H. Y. Thompson, counsel for Sandy Olds presented an engrossed bill of exceptions to Judge Stearns for his signature. The bill is a voluminous document and the three classes under which exceptions are made are these: "Manner of obtaining the jury," "Instructions of the court to the jury," and " rulings of the court in introduction of the testimony." The supreme court will no doubt take immediate action in sustaining or revising the judgment of the lower court.

This morning was the time fixed for the hearing of the petition of Miss Rosetta Jones and F. T. Dick, alleged heirs of the estate of the late Jas. B. Stephens for the removal of C. A. Gove as administrator. They filed a reply denying all allegations made in the affidavits of the administrator, W. Scott Beebe and Mrs. Elizabeth McCollin, daughter of the deceased, but the petitioners were not prepared to proceed with the hearing of the case, and asked time till Monday next to file an amended pleading which was granted by Judge Catlin.

THE IOWA TRIBE. GUTHRIE, I. T., Oct. 4.—Two hundred thousand acres of some of the best land in Indian territory is certain to be thrown open to settlement within a very short time. This land lies eight miles east of Guthrie, and is contiguous with Oklahoma along its border. It is now occupied by the Iowa Indians, of whom there are now only thirty-three heads of families. Their chief, To-Hie, interpreter of the tribe, after a long conference with Mr. William P. Thompson, editor of the Guthrie Daily News, yesterday signified their willingness to take their lands in severalty, each adult to receive 100 acres and the minors forty acres each, and to sell the balance, over 180,000 acres, to the government at \$1.25 an acre.

Mr. Thompson, who has great influence with the Indians, is making their agent. The Indian commission will reassemble in Guthrie about the middle of October, and the preliminary hearing has been arranged. The land will doubtless be opened by November. This land is equal to the best of Oklahoma, and a great rush is anticipated.

The Iowa tribe has been camped close to Guthrie for several days, and the members have been industriously spending the \$15,000 which the government paid them this week. A great number of the Otoes and Missouris who are much dissatisfied with a poor reservation set apart for them in the Cherokee Strip have left it and are also about Guthrie. They say that the best lands in their reservation have been taken away from them and given up to the cattle barons, and now they intend to join the Iowa tribe. With the town full of Indians and boomers coming to settle on claims, together with smuggled whiskey, the nights are hideous here now.

THE CHINESE. QUITAQUEL, Ecuador, Oct. 4.—In the forthcoming message to congress the president will recommend the immediate enactment of a law forbidding further Chinese immigration. The entire press has been urging the measure.

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY. Remarks of Governor Gordon, of Georgia, at the Chattanooga Reunion.

"To you, General Rosecrans, and the soldiers of the Army of the Cumberland, I come with a soldier's greeting on my lips and a soldier's sympathy in my heart. Speaking for those whom I am called to represent, I pledge their earnest cooperation in the sacred mission which convenes you, and in all things which pertain to the peace, welfare and unity of the American people. In their name I proclaim their eternal fealty to the American constitution, which is their protecting shield; to the American republic, which is the joint work of the father's hands; to the American union of states, from which they withdrew for their safety, but which, now that the causes of disunion are gone, they will loyally and bravely defend for their future protection."

"They rest in the assurance that the Union, though restored by arms, is to be preserved and made stronger and perpetual by mutual amity and impartial laws. With love for this whole country which no power can destroy, with a title to its freedom, which none will dispute, with ancestral traditions which are dearer than life, we are here to unite with you in final and eternal separation of sectional hostility. The causes which produced alienation were long since engulfed in the vortex of revolution beyond the power of resurrection. Let us, therefore, bury the passions which these causes evoke in a still deeper grave."

"Let us bury the foul spirit of discord so deep that no blast of the partisan political trumpet, however wide sounding and penetrating, can ever wake it to service again. Gainings if who will, since slavery is abolished and the Chinese wall along the line of 36-30 is broken down, there is absolutely no legitimate barrier of separation—no cause for strife, and why may not the wide waves of sympathetic continental patriotism roll from sea to sea and from Maine to Texas without break or ripple or single obstruction? God speed the day when this truth shall command recognition throughout the republic. God speed the day when unworthy doubts shall give place to universal trust; when unstinted faith in the unimpeachable honor and patriotism of the whole American people shall become the essential passport to public station; when he who fights least for party and most for country shall be proclaimed by the press and the people as the wisest statesman and truest friend of liberty."

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ADVICE TO MOTHERS. Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

FORCING THEIR WAY.

Competition From Mutual Insurance Co.'s.

It looks now as if an insurance rate war was really under way. In December last P. B. Armstrong, representing various mutual insurance companies, visited this city and made application for admission to the Pacific Insurance Union. The request was refused, on the ground that in a mutual insurance company the policy-holders have a share in the profits, which is practically a very heavy rebate.

In July last Mr. Armstrong again made application. Alfred Stillman, the manager of the union, was then in New Zealand. The union, however, refused Mr. Armstrong's application, but three days later rescinded that action and permitted him to enter the union. Mr. Armstrong appointed as his manager here Mr. Van Slyke. When Mr. Stillman returned from New Zealand Mr. Van Slyke called upon him for a copy of the by-laws, but Stillman was not disposed to recognize him as a member of the compact. Then for several days the wires between here and New York were kept pretty warm by Van Slyke and Armstrong. The upshot of it all was that Van Slyke received orders to begin war by offering to write risks 40 per cent. below union rates, and agreeing to pay 15 per cent. brokerage. Yesterday morning Mr. Van Slyke received the following instructions from Mr. Armstrong:

"Add to your daily advertisements: 'Agents wanted in every city, town and village on the Pacific coast. Liberal contracts given.'"

In a letter to Mr. Armstrong dated September 27th, Mr. Van Slyke says: "My personal idea is that the compact would be very glad now to have us affiliate with them, but they have waited till the last moment expired, thinking we would not dare to antagonize them. I have got on my war paint, and Mr. Beidel is giving me valuable assistance, and shall continue the fight unless instructed to the contrary."—S. F. Alta, I.

HE TOOK THE WRONG MEDICINE.

Robert Stewart, of Petaluma, recently had a queer experience. He writes:

"Carbuncle and boils afflicted my face and neck for weeks. Finally I procured a bottle of one of the leading sarsaparillas. To my surprise it made matters worse. This made me lose faith in sarsaparilla, but seeing a statement that Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla dried up boils and face eruptions instead of forcing more out as the potash sarsaparillas do, I bought a bottle. The effect was astonishing. The carbuncles and boils began to dry up, and in two weeks my face was well and smooth as ever. My brother also took a bottle with the same benefit. ROBERT STEWART, 'Petaluma, Cal.'"

[Explanatory Note—The mineral iodide of potash, which is the basis of nearly all other sarsaparillas, attacks the blood direct, hence forces impurities through the skin, creating more boils and pimples. Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla acts oppositely. Its vegetable alteratives stimulate the various secretory organs and thus eliminate all impurities through the natural channels of the body. Its purgative action is at once. The above testimonial is a case in point.]

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Notice. ALL PARTIES ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the County Court will meet Monday, Oct. 14th, 1890, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of examining and correcting the Assessment Roll for 1889. By order of County Court. Attest: C. J. TRENCHARD, Clerk.

Furnished Rooms to Rent. Apply to Mrs. M. E. Clarendon, One door east of T. O. Trullinger's residence.

For Public Convenience. During the Fair at Portland the Steamer LURLINE will leave Astoria every Saturday night for Portland, every Round Trip Ticket, \$2.50, to be had at the Main Street dock office.

Real Estate Auction SALE.

Valuable and Eligible Lots in Adair's Astoria. Saturday, October 5, at 2 P. M.

At Robb & Parker's Real Estate Office, Where a list of the Property can be seen. Instructed by W. R. Adair, Esq., agent, I will offer at PUBLIC AUCTION, on the above day, the Lots in BLOCK 60, ADAMIC'S ASTORIA, last recently subdivided, replatted, and recorded in the County Clerk's office. This property is admirably located, commands a fine view of the Columbia river bar, is only 2 blocks from high tide water line and 2 only from the street car line now running. It is one block south of the Power's Avenue, which is laid out 135 ft. wide, and is clear and unobstructed, and a majority of them are now under cultivation by Chinese gardeners. Persons desiring to examine the property before the day of the sale will please take the plank road south of Kopp's Brewery. This is a very quiet accessible. A carriage can be driven within one block of the north west corner of Block 60. Terms at sale. Title perfect. Warranty Deeds. E. C. HOOPER, Auctioneer.

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