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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 13.—Western Oregon and Washington—Rain. Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Partly cloudy with probable occasional rain or snow.

DISGRACED, DISHONORED.

The strange story of Mrs. Chadwick and the magnificent disregard she wrought in the minds of bankers and brokers for all known rules of business, is ending in dishonor for two men, and possibly, for more than two.

The story of Mrs. Chadwick is, indeed, strange. With a record anything but commendable, she procured and lavished millions, dealt with capitalists of the highest grade, hobbled with financial magnates and flashed notes purporting to be signed by no less a personage than Andrew Carnegie.

The principal showing of the strange story is that, without fidelity to duty, not all the safeguards thrown around the national banking system can hope to guard the public against the wiles of the adventurer or of the adventuress.

There will continue to be adventurers and adventuresses and complaisant, or foolish, directors. The best that can be done in the line of punishment will not destroy the breed while the spirit of frenzied finance and of wide speculation is abroad in the land.

COAL OIL TANKS.

George C. Flanders, representing the Standard Oil Company, appeared before the common council Monday night in the interests of his company. He made certain statements that the Astorian proposes to refute. In his statement, he said, that oil tanks did not jeopardize surrounding property.

As to the first proposition relative to insurance being higher on cannery property than on the Standard Oil tanks, the Astorian takes issue. Several insurance agents were interviewed yesterday and the following rates, established by the underwriters and which are as follows: On canneries, 2.50; on Standard Oil tanks, 3.50.

The East Portland fire is familiar to every member of the council, or ought to be. At the time of the fire on the east side, the Standard Oil tanks were in close proximity to the fire.

gration, several streams were played on the tanks, and for this reason and this reason only were the oil tanks saved, and many thousands of dollars saved.

Mr. Flanders further states that he consulted city officials and was informed that the property owned by them and that which they wished to acquire was outside of the fire limits of the city, and therefore they were at liberty to construct as many fire traps as they wished.

There is not a city in the United States where oil tanks are allowed to be constructed within the limits of the city. In Multnomah county, all of the coal oil tanks, powder houses and other dangerous combustibles are stored outside of the business and residence portion of the city.

If the common council will not protect the interests of the community from aggressions on the Standard Oil Company, who have no interest in the city, aside from enormous profits, then the property owners will take the matter in hand, and the courts will be appealed to for protection to lives and property.

A POLITICAL JOB.

The efforts of the hired San Francisco attorney in the land fraud cases to compel the attendance of Senator Mitchell and Congressman Herman to come to Portland to testify in the land fraud cases savors of a political job. It is a well-known fact that their evidence is immaterial and would not benefit the prosecution.

School Report.

School Clerk E. Z. Ferguson yesterday submitted his annual report to the board of directors of school district No. 1, which will be acted upon by the directors at the annual meeting Thursday night. The report shows the receipts for the year to have been \$22,543.53, while the disbursements were \$28,270.04.

COUNTY POOR FARM

The Necessity of Acquiring One in Clatsop County Apparent.

MUCH NEEDED INSTITUTION

A County Poor Farm Can Be Made Self-Sustaining, While With the Present System the Cost is Enormous.

That a county poor farm is an absolute necessity for Clatsop county is now generally conceded. The expense of maintaining the county poor has reached such proportions that retrenchment is a matter that is being considered by the county court.

Pierce county, Washington, has a population five times as large as that of Clatsop county, yet, the number of paupers are no more. This is attributed to the fact that Pierce county has a poor farm, owned and managed by the county, and it is a well-known fact that poor farms decrease the number of paupers.

Two miles beyond the limits of the little town of Sumner is located the Pierce county poor farm. Established 15 years ago, it has grown to be an institution of great value and usefulness, and today is one of the best conducted eleemosynary refuges in the state of Washington.

In the face of cold facts sympathy and sentiment crowd out and protest in a discussion of what brought these people to the door of poverty and made them knock at the door of charity as paupers.

That there can be happiness and contentment under such conditions will be admitted after a visit to the Pierce county poor farm. The home is commodious, the rules and regulations governing the conduct of the inmates are not severe, the food is wholesome and there is plenty to eat at the proper time.

After supper the inmates retired to the sitting rooms, where a pleasant hour was spent. The daily papers and several monthly magazines were on file and other diversions were indulged in besides reading.

American-born people have just cause for pride in the statistics of the Pierce county poor farm. Fully 95 per cent of those who have been sent there are foreigners by birth.

The Pierce county poor farm is quite an imposing structure. It resembles the home of a wealthy rancher rather than an eleemosynary institution.

Advertisement for P. A. Stokes, Home of Swell Togs. Features an illustration of a man in a top hat and a long coat, and the text 'TIME you were seeing us about your Winter Suit or Overcoat... We Fit Anyone'.

Advertisement for J. N. Griffin, Indian Leather Novelties. Text: 'INDIAN LEATHER NOVELTIES Burned ASTORIA Calenders, Banners, Pipe Racks, and Novelties of all sorts... J. N. GRIFFIN'.

Advertisement for Eilers Piano House. Text: 'Eilers Piano House Largest School. New York, Dec. 13.—One of the largest public schools in the world has been opened at East Houston, Lewis and East Third streets, this city.'

Advertisement for S. A. Gimre, Shoes. Text: 'Next Time You need a pair of Men's, Women's or Children's SHOES Honest, Durable Shoes For less money than you have been paying try S. A. GIMRE 543-545 Bond St.'