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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 13.—Western Oregon—Saturday, rain or snow; cooler in southern portion.

Western Washington—Rain or snow.
Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Heavy snow.

FRIEND OF ASTORIA.

There seems to be an apparent indifference among the people of Astoria, especially noticeable among the property owners. Astoria has had better opportunities than any other city in Oregon. Had it accepted inducements held out to it by men anxious to invest, and not attempt by deceit to stifle improvements there would have been another large saw mill and a hotel here. Mr. Hammond was a true friend to Astoria and is today, but he has been prevented from showing that friendship. The property owners of Astoria never appreciated Mr. Hammond nor the efforts he was making to increase the commercial interests of the city. There was a time when Mr. Hammond wanted to build a saw mill at Astoria. He selected a site at Tongue Point and was ready and willing to put in over a million dollars in the enterprise. The property owners immediately raised the price of their lands out of all proportion, believing that Mr. Hammond was compelled to build a mill on that particular piece of property. But he wasn't and he didn't. Instead of Astoria securing a large modern saw mill, Mr. Hammond went to Eureka and invested nearly five million dollars and has one of the finest plants in the state of California. The people of Eureka were his friends and they treated him accordingly. The result is that property of all kinds advanced 50 per cent at Eureka, employment is given to 1200 men; the city has doubled in population and wealth and has a pay roll that is an important factor in building up that city. It is entirely different in Astoria. By resorting to tactics of intimidation, the property owners drove Mr. Hammond away; they still own their mill site and are paying taxes on a lot of worthless property that produces no revenue and never will.

Notwithstanding this Mr. Hammond is still friendly to Astoria and no doubt stands willing to assist in any improvements. When it is considered that Astoria is made the base of supplies for the Astoria & Columbia river railroad; that it employs a large number of men and distributes over \$50,000 every month in Astoria; that efforts have been made by Portland to induce him to move his offices to that city, which he has refused to do, no better evidence is needed of his friendship for this city. The trouble is the people do not and never have appreciated Mr. Hammond. He is an honest, conscientious, strictly business man, and will not stand for any jobbery. That efforts have been made to job him in Astoria by some of the large property owners admits of no doubt, and as long as this feeling is manifest it is not expected that he will be as willing to lend his assistance and influence for the betterment of the city.

Had the people of Astoria treated Mr. Hammond with the consideration that he was entitled to, not only would there have been a large saw mill built, giving employment to 900 to 1000 men, but a new hotel would have been built and the future prosperity of Astoria would have been insured. It is impossible to build a hotel without Mr. Hammond's assistance. It is impos-

sible to develop our natural resources without his assistance, as the railroad company must be consulted and concessions obtained before outside capital will come here and invest.

The property owners can well afford to give Mr. Hammond land subsidies for building a hotel and saw mill, as the increase in the value of property will more than offset the value of the land contributed. Nothing will be done along these lines until the property owners display a more liberal spirit, and it is doubtful if they are constructed on any liberal plans of public policy.

WIFE BEATERS.

A bill has been introduced in the state legislature providing the whipping post for wife-beaters. It was recommended in Governor Chamberlain's message, and when read by him at the joint convention elicited applause. That the bill will pass and become a law admits of no doubt. As to the merits of the measure there may be some difference of opinion. The whipping post has become obsolete but it was very effective when it was in vogue. It is to be regretted that extreme measures have to be often resorted to cure the ills of society but this seems to be a bill that is needed in the state of Oregon. Governor Chamberlain was at one time prosecuting attorney of Multnomah county. He knows that many complaints have been made to him by wives of brute husbands who have been beaten by a class of men who have no respect for their wives or society.

Any man who will strike a woman is a brute. There is no punishment on the statute books of Oregon for this class of criminals. Complaints have been made by wives against their husbands for assault and battery, and in many cases when the case has come on for trial, these same wives appeal to the judge not to prosecute their husbands, and the cases are dropped, only to be repeated again. Women suffer the tortures of the damned on account of their children. It is not only for the protection of these women, but of society that such a law becomes necessary.

The law is very stringent. It provides that when a man beats his wife he shall be arrested and shall receive 40 lashes on his bare back, or be imprisoned in the penitentiary. One dose of this kind of legal medicine will probably be sufficient for the most brutal husband, and if it will break up the practice of wife-beating the sooner it is enacted into a law the better for the state. Some men claim that a wife should be treated the same as a dog. That they must be whipped occasionally so as to know their places. It is this class of reprobates who the law is intended to reach, and if it is carried out in its full measure it will be efficacious and give the wives of these men some rights that their husbands are bound to respect. If a man cannot live happily with his wife; she whom he has sworn to honor and love, who has shared his sorrows and ministered to his wants, the mother of his children for whom she has denied herself pleasures and even the necessities of life, without cruelly beating her, then he should leave her, provide for her support, or suffer the extreme penalty of the law—the whipping post.

AMERICA'S SYMPATHY.

Prior to the Russo-Japanese war the better part of our news from Russia filtered through London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna channels and was, inevitably, more or less tinged with the prejudice or sympathy characterizing the attitude of those nations toward Russian policies and projects. Conversely, news and views from the United States, as a rule, traversed the same circuitous route. It will be seen that such conditions militated appreciably against a direct or cordial understanding between the two countries, a status not very conducive to the upbuilding of business relations. At the outbreak of hostilities in the orient, Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, the overshadowing influence in the collection and dissemination of news in and to this country, undertook a pilgrimage to St. Petersburg.

He obtained a personal interview with the czar and other supreme governmental officials, and arranged for the withdrawal of restrictions previously placed on the dispatching of war and other news from Russian sources. He did more than this. Assuring Nicholas of the friendliness of the American people, he pointed out the inestimable advantages of a closer acquaintance between the two nations, arguing convincingly that such a consummation could be promoted only through a direct and unbiased interchange of news between this nation and Russia. His earnestness and his candor produced a favorable impression, the fruits of which will probably be even more plainly seen with the elimination of the repressive war influence.

Russian integrity was radically discredited when she coerced Japan out of Port Arthur in 1895 and last February put on the finishing touch in flagrantly repudiating all the treaties she had concluded with the island kingdom. Never once has the czar come out, unequivocally, and committed himself to an open door in China. On the other hand, every step has been a sinuous evasion which, to men of intelligence, declared more positively than the written or spoken word his intention of absolutely monopolizing Manchuria and China for Russian trade and locking the ports to the interests of all other nations.

The mikado's course has been, on the contrary, unmistakable. From first to last he has advocated the open door policy and backed up his assertions with such needs as cause us to credit them. That explains, in a nutshell, the overwhelming Japanese sentiment of this country. As stated previously, we desire Russia's trade but until she gives some more substantial guarantee of "a fair deal for all comers" in the far east than during the past 10 years, the sympathy and moral support of America will be with the victors at Port Arthur.

A BIG RUSH.

A large number of Bargain hunters have already crowded Herman Wise's Clothing Store; fortunately Mr. Wise's stock of fine overcoats and suits for Men and Boys is so large that a great many more smart buyers can get suited without trouble; this is certainly the greatest sale of fine goods in Oregon. Don't wait too long and be sorry later. NOW is the time to get special Bargains at Herman Wise's big Clothing shop. WISE knows how.

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