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WEATHER TODAY.

Portland, Oct. 18.—Oregon and Washington: Thursday, fair and continued cooler.

NEED OF NORTH JETTY.

There is a disposition on the part of some in this city to minimize the value, and even the necessity of the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. Luckily, most of these efforts emanate from sources of little or no weight and will have but passing effect in discrediting the plan of improvement inaugurated by the government. It is, of course, expedient that the south jetty should be completed in order to determine the actual length and direction of the north spur, yet even this is not absolutely essential, but, that both are requisite and imperative elements of a comprehensive system fully understood and ordained by the government itself, upon whose plans the north arm is incorporated and in whose estimates the same is calculated, is beyond all dispute; and that it is endorsed by men who are no laymen in the premises, sea captains, pilots and ship-owners, and others in frequent contact with the bar and its necessities, and intimately familiar with the sand-shifts and currents at work there, is also beyond any controversy.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce is composed of men whose dictum in an important matter of this sort is backed by every consideration of public utility, and abetted by intelligent research and the absorbing interest of property owners in the port most nearly amenable to the scheme of improvement now afoot at the mouth of the river, and it is not likely they would sanction, nor urge upon the government, a futility of such dimensions.

The plea that the north arm would set up a current so swift that the coastwise steamers could not enter the port against it, is the one superb argument in its favor, for such a current as that projected from the mouth of the Columbia river would almost instantly, speaking comparatively of course, dig, and maintain the long wished for 40 feet of ship-way across that barrier without extraneous aid; and this is the vital reason why the north jetty was included in the plans now under way. Having dug out the channel of its own volition the current would abate with its deepening until the last vestige of tidal resistance had vanished.

COLLEGIATE BLUE-PENCIL.

In appointing a press agent for the Chicago university President Harper intimates that the news of his seat of learning is to be censored, since the new official will give out for publication only "those facts which deserve publicity." Manifestly that is all the public desires;—not the views of President Harper and the public as to what "deserves publicity" may differ widely. For example, the president may not have been pleased with the published statement that one member of the faculty had told his class that he had never been kissed,

nor with that of another that there were no self made men. Doubtless they surprised the president as much as they amused the public. Had his press agent been working when these facts were made known it is extremely probable that the blue pencil would have passed through these interesting bits of news. If the new rule is to do away with these picturesque features of the institution the press agent can never hope for the glad hand from the average city editor nor bask in a wealth of popularity generally. The frank and open manner of which the professors of the institution have startled the public has made Chicago university news worth while; but if this is to disappear it will excite no more attention than the routine affairs of other universities.

SHOWS THE WAY OUT.

The suppression of the infamous and dangerous cigarette a reformation deemed almost hopeless, has received a revivifying impetus at the hands of the chief of the Seattle fire department, who has forbidden their use by men in that service under pain of instant discharge. There is a broad hint in this to every employer in the land. If the employing class will unite in the enforcement of a business ukase of the same tenor and carry it out upon the instant of detected violation, the habit will be put to the bad in a remarkably short space of time. The remedy is thorough, practical and must prove efficacious, since the bread and butter are usually more insistent than even the craving for cigarette indulgence; and, since those who have no need to be employed at wages, are in a class by themselves and at liberty to hasten their own dissolution in the quickest and most preferable way, they may be left out of the calculation and permitted to enjoy the assinine monopoly.

DELAY IS INEXCUSABLE.

Further delay in the matter of projecting the plans for Astoria's new and modern hotel, is inexcusable. The idea will assume shape at the next meeting of the chamber of commerce, and it is expected a goodly concourse of members and citizens will be in attendance to give the preliminaries a limit of sanction and endorsement that will ensure its definite launching. This accomplished, the scheme will take care of itself, for nothing ever languishes in Astoria that is once fairly started under decent auspices backed by honest purpose.

HAPPY RESULTS

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No wonder scores of Astoria citizens grow enthusiastic. It is enough to make anyone happy to find relief after years of suffering. Public statements like the following are but truthful representations of the daily work done in Astoria by Doan's Kidney Pills.

W. R. McIntosh, whose place of residence is at 593 Harrison avenue, says: "For years I suffered very much from lameness and soreness across the small of my back. To turn in bed gave me painful twinges and when I was not working but simply standing around there was a constant aching over my hips. The kidney secretions gave me no end of trouble. I often thought I had gravel so painful were the secretions in passing. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box at Charles Rogers' drug store on Commercial street. On taking them I soon noticed an improvement in my condition and the pain across my back was soon wonderfully relieved. Though I did not take Doan's Kidney Pills as regularly as I should have done they did me a great deal of good."

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That this vast army is under the best discipline can be proved by watching them for only a few moments. The drivers are constantly running up and down giving their orders to the workers, which they do by touching heads for a moment. The individual so touched will stop, turn back, hurry forward or show in some such way that he is following some command. But a better proof of the discipline is found in the fact that when the army meets with an obstacle, such as a log or a large stone, there is a jam of ants on both sides, and they run about in dismay and disorder. Instantly the drivers hurry up, showing the greatest excitement, and run over, around and under the impediment to find the best way out of the difficulty. When they have decided they lead off the line of march in the proper direction. But until they take this step the workers make no attempt to pass the obstacle.

When a selection of a level piece of ground has been made a perpendicular shaft some eight inches in diameter and six or seven feet deep is formed. This is for drainage and ventilation, never for ingress or egress. If the ground slopes the shaft is horizontal, the mouth, of course, being at the bottom of the hill. From the perpendicular shaft, commencing at the bottom, radiate galleries, like the spokes of a wheel set at a slight angle. At the end of each series of galleries' spokes a circular gallery is made, forming, as it were, a set of wheels one above the other. In, or, rather, above, these circular galleries the nests or dwelling places are constructed. These are oval in shape and about a foot long. The narrow end of the oval is downward and opens into the roof of the gallery, and as the spokes always slope slightly toward the shaft no tropical rains, no matter how heavy, can enter the homes and breeding places of the ants.

Rainless Regions.

The rainless regions of the globe owe their aridity to the fact that they are shut off from the influence of moist winds by high mountain chains. The chief of these are upper Egypt, the

Sahara, the desert of Gobi and the coast of Peru. The driest place in the world is probably that part of Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile. Rain has never been known to fall there, and the inhabitants do not believe travelers who tell them the water can fall from the sky. The great trade winds at the starting points of their paths are the cause of drought and barrenness, but where they cross land at the termination of their course they give out hounteous rain supplies. The contrasts thus offered are very striking. Thus some parts of the Moroccan Sahara near the head of the northeastern Atlantic trade wind do not experience a shower for perhaps twenty years at a time, while the same wind when it reaches the coast of South America produces a rainfall representing a depth of twenty feet of water in a year.

Sarcasitic Brute.

"Ugh!" grunted Mr. Newlived. "What is this stuff, anyway?" "Why, what's the matter with it, George?" exclaimed Mrs. Newlived. "I made it out of Mrs. Spouter's cookbook, and"— "Ah, I guess this is a chunk of the blinding I've got here then."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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