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WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, Dec. 8.—Western Oregon, Western Washington: Saturday, fair. Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon: Fair and moderately cold.

REGULAR REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- FOR MAYOR: J. W. Suprenant.
FOR AUDITOR AND POLICE JUDGE: A. B. Dalgity.
FOR TREASURER: John Nordstrom.
FOR POLICE COMMISSIONERS: John W. Babbidge, six year term. W. C. Laws, two year term.
FOR SURVEYOR: Alfred S. Tee.
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS: James F. Kearney.
FOR COUNCILMAN—FIRST WARD: Karl Knoblock.
FOR COUNCILMEN—SECOND WARD: James J. Robinson. R. M. Leathers.
FOR COUNCILMAN—THIRD WARD: C. A. Leinenweber.
THAT \$18,000.

For sometime there has been a dubious feeling akin to dread, throughout the city, by men of all parties, who are bearing the larger local burdens of taxation, in regard to the city's actual financial status, and the situation has not been helped any by City Attorney A. M. Smith's recent communication to the council on the matter of the forthcoming levy, wherein he is forced to declare "the expenditures of each department for the coming year must be limited to the tax and appropriation made, AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE CITY TO INCREASE ITS INDEBTEDNESS."

The fact is the city is over \$7000 beyond her charter debt limit now and every dollar added to that excess will but discredit her more and more. One single inquiry from any monetary concern holding the bonds or other public debts of the city, will precipitate a discount of her current warrants and disparage the value of every voluminous obligation she is under. It is idle to deplore the loss of "that \$18,000." That is unavailable any longer; Astoria has other sources of revenue beside that gathered from the purlieus of vice and immorality within her borders: And if she has not, then she can do as other cities have done, in this very state, cut down her departments, and lower the payrolls of the city, curb her expenditures for a few years and carefully manage her income and outgo, just as a business house does when it is up against reverses. The fact that it costs \$55,000 per annum to run this city should have been a warning long

ago to those entrusted with the administration; it is too much by \$20,000. Too much reliance has been placed upon the "fines, forfeitures and licenses," levied upon, and collected from, the gross depravity and shameless scope of the "underworld." The day of reckoning is at hand. The democrats are at their wits end to know how to save the situation and at the same time placate the gamblers, dance-hall men and other stalwart backers of their "wide open" policy. They are between the "devil and the deep sea"; they must "open up" the city again with all that means for her dishonor, or they must reduce municipal forces and put every man on a nominal salary and cut out every useless expense. The former is infinitely more to their taste of course, hence their assurances to "open up" given to the swaggering bosses of slumdom. Of course, until July, (should an ungenerous fate give them the victory on Wednesday next) they can cut and curb and curtail until they have duplicated their success, at the June polls: After that—the Deluge! Mr. Smith, as the paid legal adviser of the administration, is wholly to blame for permitting this encroachment upon the debt margins of the city. He has not, until this last hour of opportunity given warning nor advice, to his colleagues of the financial predicament to which Astoria was being steadily driven by the maintenance of a useless set of well-paid and comparatively idle employees. Mr. Smith's anxiety is as well justified as it is late in announcement. It is evident that the early virtue and credit that inured to the Citizens' movement at its inception, is about played out; it is assuming the phase that attaches to political combines that have more of "private greed" than public profit, as an inherent motive and the voters of Astoria will do a bit of thinking as well as voting on December 13th. By the way Mr. Smith's "\$18,000" is disputed by Judge Anderson's records, which puts it at but \$11,150.50.

JOHN H. MITCHELL DEAD.

For two score of years, out of the three score and ten allotted to him, John H. Mitchell devoted his energies and best attributes to the good of the State of Oregon.

It would indeed be strange, if, during so long, varied and active a career as his, then, were not some elements of reproach to mimize the value of his great record. The generous expedient of forgetting the darker phases of this great service is always at hand, and, in grateful remembrance of the potent good he accomplished for this commonwealth, we gladly lay aside the unhappy portions of the history and thankfully exult in the splendid abundance of his achievement. Time was when every hand and voice throughout the state gave him voluntary acclaim as a faithful and successful servant. We desire now to remember him, wholly to his honor and something to our own, as a man who performed the great bulk of his official duty with undoubted skill and heavy per centage of success. Let those who were his political betters sit in judgment upon his short-comings. Vale! Mitchell!

PAY BIG PRICE FOR YEARLING.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from San Francisco says: Twenty-four yearlings from the property of Burns & Waterhouse, were sold last night at an average price of \$615. The principal buyer was Thomas H. Williams, president of the California Jockey Club. He is getting together a stable for an Eastern campaign and secured seven youngsters. He paid \$3000 for Altanero, a chestnut colt by Altamax-Picnic; \$2000 for Rialto, a chestnut colt by Altamax-Miss Rowena, and \$1500 each for the Galveston-Prejudice colt and the Altamax-Ray of Gold colt.

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THREATEN TO STRIKE

Tunnel Laborers Want 8 Hours for a Day's Work.

New York, Dec. 8.—All the workers in the tunnels under the East and North rivers threaten a strike against the employing contractors. The members of the various unions employed in the work of excavation met last night and agreed that if their demands were not granted to strike Monday.

The men demand an 8-hour day, union wages, and the employment of none but union workers.

It was stated in the meeting that communication had been had with the officers of the Pennsylvania railroad for months without satisfaction

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