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WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, Dec. 9.—Western Oregon, Western Washington: Sunday, fair.
Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington: Fair and continued cold.

BABBIDGE AND LAWS.

These two names are very significant of much that is needed in this city just now. They mean something to the voter. As police commissioners they will mean far more. They are straight and clean and know the duty that lies before them, and have the sense and courage to do it under the law. To date the police commission of Astoria has been something of a farce; a political huddle tossed from one side to the other till it has lost prestige and recognition that is its due; a condition that would never mend, but grow worse under the dominance of such a man as T. F. Laurin and his helpless colleague, J. H. Hansen, but which under the plain, straightforward, logical and impartial conduct of Babbidge and Laws, ably seconded by Martin Foard, would promptly result in the restoration of the board to its place as a potent factor in the municipal melange, a force for real good and for the efficacy with which the law invested it. Its functions again in full and decent play, directed

by incorruptible men, means a new chief and a new police system, one that will do things and account for their doing, or failing, will account for the failure.

ASTORIA'S NEXT COUNCIL.

If the Republicans of this city do their whole duty on Wednesday next, the new Common Council will be essentially Republican, as it should be. It will be strange, indeed, if with Karl Knobloch, R. M. Leathers and C. A. Leinenweber, (not to mention James J. Robinson who will certainly be returned) in the new semi-circle, there is not an access of business acumen and ability that will soon make itself manifest in the plans and purposes and finances of the city. They are each and all deliberate, thoughtful, successful men of affair and will be of material assistance in straightening out the financial tangle now confronting the city, by some better and wiser expedients than the Democrats propose, notably, that of "opening her wide" to the dominance of the depraved elements that have been her curse in the long past. These men, are severally, men of affairs and judgment and wholesome methods, and her moral and monetary salvation will be safe with their aid and unbiased discrimination; and this backed by the practical, trained and devoted service of such men as J. W. Suprenant, A. B. Dalgity, John Nordstrom, A. S. Tee, J. F. Kearney, in the official and departmental lines, will leave nothing to be desired in the way sensible, effective, economical and successful administration.

SHOULD HELP OREGON.

The chief engineer of the army has asked Congress to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the continuation of work upon the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. It is claimed that unless the appropriation is made and the work continued, the money expended on this work in the past will be wasted.

While there is some reason to question whether the expenditures in the past on this work have been of very great value in results accomplished, there is a prospect that the engineers may be correct, and that when the full work is completed there will be a substantial and a permanent deepening of the deadly bar on the Columbia. The congressional delegation from Washington, in view of the fact that Oregon's delegation is practically incapacitated for the performance of any public duties, should take this matter in hand and do all possible to secure the needed appropriation. The Columbia is as much a Washington as an Oregon stream.

There is little prospect that any general river and harbor bill will pass at the present session of Congress. Even when there is no general bill of the

character, it is the practice to take care of continuing improvements to which the government is committed, especially when it is made to appear that appropriations are imperative to prevent deterioration of work already done. This is the case with the Columbia river bar, and with the backing of the war department the Washington delegation should be able, by united action, to secure the appropriation which means so much to Oregon and particularly to Portland. We may need help ourselves some time.—Seattle P. I.

An interesting case has been decided by the board of general appraisers relative to the value of wearing apparel that a citizen may purchase in a foreign country and bring in exempt from duty. A Mr. Linz and his wife of Dallas, Texas, were traveling in Canada. He presented her with \$190 worth of new furs. Of other raiment they bought none, but Mr. Linz felt a proprietary interest in the garments, the lady being his wife, and he declared his interest at \$95 and his wife's at a similar figure. The matter of fact appraiser, while recognizing the oneness of the couple by their marital vow, and the nominal interest of the husband in their collective and separate wardrobes, held that these furs were distinctly for feminine use and that the husband had no intention of alternating with his wife in their use on gold days in Texas—which, incidentally, are few and far between. Therefore, the appraiser recognized Mrs. Linz as an individual citizen, for the purpose of the appraisal, and let only one hundred dollars' worth of the fur pass duty free. The general board upholds the assessment. And there is a point for other business-like husbands who go traveling abroad.

MURDERESS SUES ON POLICIES

Wants to Collect Insurance on Husband She Killed.

Lincoln, Neb. Dec. 10.—The docket for the district court of Butler county disclosed that Mrs. Lena M. Lillie, who is a life prisoner in the Nebraska penitentiary, has not abandoned all efforts to recover upon the insurance policies of the life of her husband, for murder of whom she was convicted.

Mrs. Lillie has transferred the claim sued Yashrudu mfwyp mfwyp mfwyp to her attorney, Matt Miller, who has sued the Modern Woodmen of America and the Tribe of Ben Hur Fraternal insurance societies for \$2000 each. Both societies have resisted payment on the ground that the conviction of Mrs. Lillie on the charge of murder voided the policies.

Good advice to women. If you want a beautiful complexion, clear skin bright eyes, red lips, god health, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. There is nothing like it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Sold by Frank Hart.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1st, 1901."

Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved his life, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

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 Knobloch.
 - FOR COUNCILMEN—SECOND WARD
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