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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair.

A WORD IN TIME.

When the charter commission of Astoria shall have undertaken its big task this coming summer, it is essential that it have under consideration, and provide for the enactment of a charter clause that shall extend the limits of this city far enough east to embrace the Tongue Point Lumbering Company's plant and property. It was all right and just to relieve this concern of the burden of city taxes when it was a struggling industry, but now that it has reached the stage of splendid fruit and is a wonderfully successful enterprise, with a heavy line of business and profit from the local market, and enjoys a number of the municipal advantages such as water and contributory streets (built by city and county, jointly, solely for the convenience of the company), that it be brought within the radius of the tax paying contingent, and be compelled to bear some of the burdens borne by the neighbors and competitors in the field. The company sells millions of feet of lumber here annually; and the least it can do is to take its place in the taxable list of properties of the City of Astoria.

The numerous milling properties of Aberdeen, Washington, are all in the scope of municipal taxation and are glad of it, and contribute cheerfully to the growth and strength of the city they are a part of, and so it should be in the case in point. No plant of this size should be allowed special privileges denied other and competing concerns of the same nature just because they happen to be a few feet beyond the corporate borders. Let them come into the fold and contribute some of the wool.

A BLISTERING CURSE.

The recent exposures in Portland of slavery of white girls to Chinamen, are frightful to contemplate, from the race standpoint; but in this view alone is the evil any worse than the slavery we have had patent knowledge of for untold years. The slavery of white women to the macaqueaux of the cities all over the land, is an old and hideous story, the horror of which has become dulled by our very intimacy with the vile conditions. It is right to cry out against the Chinamen for supervening in this dreadful field, but what becomes of our righteous protest when we review the extraordinary apathy with which we regard the beastly facts of the case as they exist under our eyes every day. We resent the encroachment of the Mongolian and make a very mountain of it, but we revert to our clammy silence after the echo of the racial howl has died down, with smug deceitfulness and criminal indifference to

the same foul crime committed by the white man. It is time the decent manhood of the nation was taking hold of this whole accursed traffic and wiping it off the earth without distinctions of any sort.

THE SEAWALL PROBLEM.

This is the night when all Astoria should gather at the municipal headquarters to give earnest and adequate consideration to the biggest project nurtured within its borders, the building of a seawall along three miles of its waterfront. It is worth the while of every man to know just what is to be done in this premise and he who stays away from this meeting should have some other excuse than indifference. Turn out; and if you do not contribute anything by way of suggestion, you will have accurate knowledge of what the others are doing; and this may be helpful later on.

ARBOR DAY.

There is far too little attention paid to Arbor Day in this country. It is a wholesome and expedient thing to have one day in each year of our lives when we may do something toward the up-building and adorning of our cities, towns and neighborhoods; but the rushing American is leaving the task, the privilege, the opportunity, or whatever each may style it, to the women and children of the country, and such others as have the leisure to observe it. This is not right. Perhaps the significance of the day has not yet made itself broadly apparent to the hustling native, and time, and the tremendous results attained by those who are noting it in a tangible way may impress the negligent one with a proper sense of his obligations on the important anniversary.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Vesuvius is again in eruption. We shall not miss Judge Hamilton now:

It is now proposed by Wellman to make a wireless station of the North Pole. We had an idea it was that already.

You can pretty nearly tell how corrupt a city government is by the loudness of its demands for municipal ownership.

The Rev. Dr. Dowie is finding out that there is a good deal of difference between playing prophet and playing patriarch.

A New Jersey court fined a man heavily for being so rude as to display temper just because a chorus girl winked at him. And they say that the age of chivalry and gallantry is past!

A man has been given seven years in the penitentiary for joking with Doctor Parkhurst. Let this be a warning to the many who have heretofore been disinclined to regard the strenuous reformer as a serious proposition.

Richmond appears to be suffering from "an embarrassment of riches" in the matter of its proposed Carnegie library and its tearfully entreating the donor not to be so generous by half. It is the glimpse down the vista of annual taxes for support that makes some timid taxpayers shy at Carnegie libraries.

MORE QUIET.

An Englishman has decided that common wood "is valuable food, if cut small and eaten" Fancy a breakfast menu that should include chilled quartered oak, shredded birch with cream, followed by a silver of broiled beech, some hashed white pine and black walnut balls, or even some hamburger mahogany. Rath er give us the hemlock!

Vesuvian Eruptions Are Subsiding In Intensity. NAPLES, April 12.—Viewed as a whole, the conditions throughout the area affected by the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius are better this morning, as compared with those of the early hours of yesterday. Frequent detonations are still heard but faintly. The main crater is gradually enlarging. The rain of ashes over the Mediterranean side of the volcano has diminished. The heaviest fall is now over Somma, Santa Anastasia, Ponticelli and other villages in a section opposite and distant from this city. Large contingents of troops have arrived affording a military force suf-

Perfect Woman advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman and text: 'The perfect woman is the woman who has perfect health. Beauty is more than skin deep. Beauty is as deep as pure blood and a perfect digestion. Especially is female beauty dependent on the perfect health of the delicate female organism.'

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar. Mr. Wm. Thos. Lonergan, provincial Constable at Chapleau, Ontario, says: 'I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamp last fall. Hearing of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured.'

Cures Coughs and Colds. Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St. Topeka, Kans., says 'Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste. Sold by Hart's Drug Store.'

CASTORIA advertisement for infants and children, featuring a bottle illustration and text: '900 DROPS CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co. In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA'

STEVENS advertisement for rifles, shotguns, and pistols, featuring an illustration of a rifle and text: 'WHEN YOU SHOOT You want a HIT what you are aiming at—be it bird, beast or target. Make your shots count by shooting the STEVENS. For 41 years STEVENS ARMS have carried off PREMIER HONORS for ACCURACY. Our line: Rifles, Shotguns, Pistols'

DEVERS GOLDEN WEST advertisement for spices, coffee, tea, and baking powder, featuring text: 'SPICES, COFFEE, TEA, BAKING POWDER, FLAVORING EXTRACTS. Absolute Purity, Finest Flavor, Greatest Strength, Reasonable Prices. CLOSET & DEVERS PORTLAND, OREGON.'

Smith Premier typewriter advertisement featuring an illustration of a typewriter and text: 'The Smith Premier is the simplest and strongest of all writing machines. It does better work, does it quicker, lasts longer, and costs less in the long run than any other typewriter machine. It is The World's Best Typewriter'

Political Information section containing election dates and candidate announcements: 'Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at regular intervals for men of all parties. REGISTRATION: Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906. Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 5 p. m. Registration books opened after primary election, April 21. Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m. DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION: County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 2. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 20. Last day for filing petitions for County offices, April 4. DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906. Canvassing votes of primary elections for state offices, May 3. GENERAL ELECTION: Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 12. Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4. Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4. Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 10. GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4. BE SURE AND REGISTER CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS: FOR GOVERNOR: Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th. JAMES WITCOMBE. FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans. F. T. WRIGHTMAN. FOR SHERIFF: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary nominating election. EMSLEY HOUGHTON. FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries. A. M. CRAWFORD. FOR STATE PRINTER: The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for re-nomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20. Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a re-nomination, would be greatly appreciated. J. H. WHITNEY, Albany, Oregon. FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-nomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th. J. H. ACKERMAN.'