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WEASHER.
Western Oregon, Western Washington—Fair, Warmer, Except near coast.

IMPRIMIS: THE BAR!
The Morning Astorian, speaking for the state and its city, is infinitely glad the Portland Oregonian has, at last, frankly and honestly gone on record, in absolutely unqualified terms, in the matter of the primary and imperative necessity of improving the Columbia river bar. Its editorial utterance of yesterday on this subject was the cause of profound and pleasant surprise in this city; and it came at a time when the most potent voice in the state was needed. We have waited with infinite patience for this expression knowing it must come and this but emphasizes its value now that the open and unequivocal declaration is in cold type before the people of the states interested. It is a lead all men will be glad to follow because it is vitally true.

ASTORIA WANTS THE BAR CLEARED TO A DEPTH THAT WILL ADMIT ANY AND ALL TONNAGE FROM THE WORLD AT LARGE, AND IT WANTS IT BECAUSE IT WILL BE THE BASIS OF SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS THAT WILL OPEN THE COLUMBIA TO ITS VERY LAST MILE OF COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS GREAT TRIBUTARIES; BECAUSE FOUR SPLENDID STATES WILL BE IMMENSELY BENEFITED BY THE PROJECT IF IT SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY THE CORRELATIVE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SNAKE, THE WILLAMETTE, AND OTHER IMPORTANT STREAMS, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE FACT THAT THEIR MOVING COMMERCE MUST COME TO, AND BY, THE MARKETS OF OREGON; BECAUSE THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY WILL BE AN INCALCULABLE GAINER BY THE ENTERPRISE AND THE METROPOLIS WILL BE AMONG THE MOST FORTUNATE OF ALL COMMUNITIES IN OREGON IN THE DOING OF THESE THINGS; BECAUSE THE TREMENDOUS INCONGRUITY OF A MEAGRE AND IMPOTENT GATEWAY TO AN EMPIRE SUCH AS IT MIGHT SERVE, WILL BE REMOVED AND THE WORLD WILL CEASE TO LAUGH AT THE STUPIDITY, OR WORSE, THAT INSPIRED THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE BLUNDER OF THE YEARS; BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT AND REASONABLE AND WISE AND SERVICEABLE AND THE BEST OF ALL THINGS POSSIBLE, FOR THE NORTHWEST, FOR OREGON, FOR PORTLAND, AND FOR ASTORIA.

OREGON HAS ANSWERED.
It is to be hoped that the government has done all that is necessary in Oregon in the matter of land frauds. Oregon has made full and terrible response to the tremendous accusations of the time, and taken on the ample fold of her reproach and will suffer enough, without the further pressing of the record. It will require time of the amplest sort to live down the stigma, and surely she will do it if only the public shame is diverted and the interest centered in other states equally guilty. Besides, unless the government gets to work elsewhere, the statute of limitations will be operative, and this is an expedient no guilty community should be allowed in view of the unconscionable nature of the prosecutions here. We are hoping for freedom from this miserable incubus and justice requires that the onus be transferred to other culpable quarters.

South Dakota is rejoicing over its plums and apples. The crops this year are record-breakers.

HARDLY DESERVED.
Our friend up the valley, the Salem Statesman, is inclined to hold Astoria responsible in a measure for the perpetration of the miserable tragedy at St. Paul on Tuesday night, by reason of the fact that two of the men who participated in the fight were from this city. The Statesman goes on to wallow us in a cordial fashion on our "wide-openness," and general cussedness, and attributes the murderous incident, largely, to the reckless state of things down here. This is hardly fair, or deserved. Of course, we are a bit freer with our licenses down here than the prim little capital, but we never have anything of that sort happen to us; there are no murders of any kind transpiring here, nor murderous assaults, nor, indeed, any real vicious plays of any kind; there is a relative scope of petty crime going on here all the time, more or less, and it is expected under the present administrative conditions of the city; indeed, it is essential for the maintenance of the public budget, since that is the policy relied upon to furnish revenues, by way of mes and forfeitures and penalties, etc., etc. But as we were saying, our criminal record shows nothing to compare with the incident reported from "old Marion." We are convinced that it is all attributable to the quality of the whiskey up there. Hop-camp liquor must really be at the bottom of the affair. We are not to be blamed for the insane issue of a drunken seance inspired by the stuff usually dealt out at such places, and we insist that Marion county look into the brands of whiskey current in her rural districts, and bring them to the mild and mirthful standards observed down here; then visitors from this section may go there with some assurance of retaining their normal moral balance and keeping free from the deadly complications incident to her abominable bottled lighting. We are standing a good deal and are responsible for something more, but we repudiate the wholesale liability, imputed, or direct, for all the desperate doings about the country in which some misguided, mild-mannered man from Astoria has the misfortune to be mixed up.

DISCIPLINING BABY REPUBLIC.
The infant class of Republics, of which Cuba is a member, is always amenable to blunders and failures and contretemps of various and irksome sorts, and only time, and discipline, may relieve them and put them on the highway to peace and practical accomplishment. The "Pearl of the Antilles" is just now getting herself in line for a sound "spanking" from her foster parent, and her Uncle Samuel is noted for the thoroughness of his disciplinary methods. Of course, so long as there is a drop of the old genuine Spanish blood left on the island, there will be more of less "jacking-up" necessary in the putting down of incipient revolution there, but it is likely that one or two applications of American corrective courses will miffify the aspirations and qualify the bumptious methods, of the restless Latins. But it will take years and years to purge the brood of the revolutionary habit.

A NEIGHBORLY HAMMER.
The tragedy at St. Paul in this county, on Tuesday night, from one of the saddest of records. The young marshal who lost his life was an excellent young man, fearless and ready to do his duty, which was the cause of his death. The other who was wounded, was one of the characters, who started the fighting which resulted in the tragedy, and as he was pursuing a riotous course, his fate was to have been expected.

It is said the toughs who started the trouble came from Astoria, and a gentleman from that city who was in Salem yesterday, said he was not at all surprised. He said that as a result of the vetoing of the Astoria charter two years ago by the governor, the political forces in control of that city are running a wide-open town, the most open of any city on the coast, the natural product of which is crime and criminals. He also complained that when a desperate criminal character, such as Paddy Lynch, is secured, prosecuted, convicted and sentenced, the governor's pardoning power steps in and turns him loose, thus giving further encouragement to the tough element to proceed with their wildest orgies.

Thus it appears that things with only an apparently remote interest to Marion county have worked around to become of grim local importance, and aside from the grief and horror of the occurrence among the residents of St. Paul, the taxpayers of Marion county will have a heavy bill of costs in the resultant legal investigation.—Salem Statesman.

EDITORIAL SALAD.
Luther Burbank, the California plant expert, has listed five new creations in this line of flower and foliage. He has just issued a new catalogue that will be put on the market soon.

About 200 railroad ties is the average yield of forest per acre, and to replace worn-out ties and lay new track for one year means the stripping of 500,000 acres of American forest.

CLEVER SWINDLERS.

Five Expert Forgers Arrested in Chicago—Secured Thousands.
CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—The Chronicle today says: Five members of a mysterious gang of forgers were arrested last night by city detectives and were locked up at the Harrison street station. The utmost secrecy was maintained by the police regarding the arrests. It is said that thousands of dollars were secured by the swindlers and many prominent banks are losers.

In the last month complaints have been received by Chief of Police Collins against the forgers. They are said to be the cleverest men ever operating in this city. "It is said that the passing of the forged paper became so easy that the swindlers became reckless and this led to their arrest. All were stylishly dressed. They would drive up to a bank in a large touring car and one of their number would enter. He would present a check to the teller and so perfect was the signature that the money was quickly forthcoming. In several cases when the swindler was questioned, one of his companions would identify him.

At one bank the forgers secured \$500. No trouble was experienced and other banking firms were swindled in a similar manner. The men are said to have spent money lavishly and in their set were looked upon as millionaires. It is probable that the sums secured by the forgers will amount to \$10,000, and may go even higher.

"IN MISSOURI"

Another Crowded House Greeted Presentation of "In Missouri" at the Star.

"In Missouri" is proving to be a large drawing card for the Brandon Players. It is one of the best plays ever given in the Star theater, and the present company are all equal to, if not better than any organization that has ever played a stock engagement in Astoria. "In Missouri" will be repeated to-night and tomorrow afternoon and night. This afternoon "Heart of Kentucky" will be the attraction. Starting Monday the beautiful military drama, "The Deserter" will be given. "The Power of the Cross" and "David Harum" are in preparation.

WILL LOSE INDIANA.

U. S. Battleship Indiana Will Not Be Repaired at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 14.—In the changes which are necessary in sending ships to various navy yards for repairs, the Brooklyn navy yard is destined to lose the United States battleship Indiana, which has been regarded in the distribution of ships to the yards as belonging to the yard at Philadelphia, when it is necessary to make periodical repairs or alterations from time to time. The navy department is now at work on the schedule of repairs and will announce shortly the ships which are to be sent to the navy yards for docking, cleaning and such improvements and changes as are recommended. These repairs will not be undertaken until after the ships have finished target practice off the New England coast. As soon as repairs are made the Atlantic fleet will be reorganized, so as to include the new ships which have been commissioned, and which are now on their "shaking down" cruises. The fleet will go next winter to southern waters, as it usually does in that season, and there will be early in the new year the annual target practice on the southern Cuban coast. It has been decided not to have this take place again in home waters in the winter, as the facilities are better in the West Indies. This will be a serious blow to Pensacola business interests, which have always prospered by the presence of the ships.

WELL WORTH TRYING.

W. H. Brown, the popular pension attorney of Pittsfield, Vt., says: "Next to a pension, the best thing to get is Dr. King's New Life Pills." He writes: "They keep my family in splendid health." Quick cure for Headache, Constipation and Biliousness. 25c. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

These are the days when the man who has his own meat, right from the farm, ought to be happy. What does he care about the parker's scandal! And we might all be thus independent, if we would.

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says Sam Kendall of Phillipsburg, Kan., "just cover it over with Bucklen's Arnica Salve and the Salve will do the rest." Quickest cure for Burns, Boils, Sores, Scalds, Wounds, Piles, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Chapped Hands, Sore Feet and Sore Eyes. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers'.

The State Dairy and Food Commissioner of Wisconsin has scored his first conviction under the new state law by having a butcher fined \$75 for selling meat on an animal which "had large lumps growing near the bones."

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Services will be held Sunday morning and evening. The pastor will preach and will be glad to see large congregations. A very cordial invitation is extended to all visitors and strangers in the city to attend all the services of this church. Residents who have no church home will find a welcome here and are invited to come.

Sunday morning subject, "The Source of Inspiration for Service. Evening at 8 o'clock, Subject: "The Christian's Position in the World." Sunday school at 12:20; midweek meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be an important meeting of church and congregation at the Baptist church tomorrow, immediately after the morning service, to consider future arrangement of church services. Let every member and friend of the church be present. Preaching morning and evening and all other regular exercises as usual.

GRACE CHURCH.

The Rev. W. E. Potwine, late of Pendleton, and now in charge of St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, is expected to reach this city today for a visit with his old chum, the rector of Grace church. He will occupy the pulpit at the services on Sunday. Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. Evening prayer at 7:30. The doctor reports the Rev. F. E. Alayne as very little if any improved.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Services tomorrow at 10:45 a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland, Superintendent. At the evening service, which is always in English, the pastor will speak on the subject, "Where are the nine? Were there not ten cleansed?" Midweek service on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The Columbia Center Luther League of young people will hold their semi-annual convention at the First Lutheran church Oct. 15 and 16. A large concourse of young people from all over the state is expected. Later on the full announcement and program will appear.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock; "The White Man's Burden." Sunday school at 12:15. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Evening worship at 8 p. m., "The Opening of School."

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Sermon topics for Sunday, Sept. 16: Morning, "Conditions of Power in the Life." Evening, "The Carcass and the Eagles." If you have not a church home elsewhere, we cordially invite you to attend. Sunday school at 12:15 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m.

STARVING TO DEATH.

Because her stomach was so weakened by useless drugging that she could not eat, Mrs. Mary H. Walters, of St. Clair St., Columbus, O., was literally starving to death. She writes: "My stomach was so weak from useless drugs that I could not sleep; and not before I was given up to die was I induced to try Electric Bitters; with the wonderful result that improvement began at once, and a complete cure followed." Best health tonic on earth. 50c. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Two Irishmen were discussing the "nationality of the American states." Said Pat, "Faith, an' be jabbers, if this grate country ain't overrun wid th' Irish, and yit out av forty-two states in th' union not wan has an Irish name." "Sure, an' yer wrong," replied Mike. "What's th' matter wid O'Regan?"

THE BREATH OF LIFE.

It's a significant fact that the strongest animal of its size, the gorilla, also has the largest lungs. Powerful lungs means powerful creatures. How to keep the breathing organs right should be man's chiefest study. Like thousands of others, Mrs. Ora A. Stephens of Port Williams, O., has learned how to do this. She writes: "Three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery stopped my cough of two years and cured me of what my friends thought consumption. O, it's grand for throat and lung troubles." Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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