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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain or snow; colder in south portion.

SPEAKERSHIP OF THE HOUSE.

Waiving all political significance involved in the question save that of having a thorough-going Republican in the chair, we are honestly and earnestly disposed toward Hon. Frank Davey for the House speakership. He is one of the best equipped men in the state for the office. His intimate knowledge of men and measures and the legislative history of the commonwealth; his wide acquaintance among those who, directly and indirectly, influence the trend of public business; his intimate information on the crying needs of Oregon; his exceptional training for the dispatch of affairs, and his fine methodical handling of business wherever he touches it; his loyalty to the party, its leaders, traditions and aspirations; all are trenchant reasons why he should have the honor and the responsibility. This, without disparagement of those who are seeking it beside Mr. Davey and solely in the real interest of the state at large. The man's claim for recognition is paramount, since he has given years of intelligent and devoted zeal to Oregon, and her people, and such a concession to his worth and service will not fall amiss.

HEARST, DOWN AND OUT.

William R. Hearst has sent forth the word that he is out of politics, so far as his own candidacy for anything is concerned. This is easily accounted for, of course. But it does not follow that he is out of politics. As the head and front of half a dozen great newspapers he may reasonably be expected to exert quite an influence for years to come upon the larger issues as they shall present themselves; and since he has no partisan affiliations, it is presumed he will do some effective work along independent lines. He is in a position to do a great deal, and the hope is that he will use his papers for the common good. Every soul in the nation is hungry for the championship of the masses against the outrageous impositions of the combines and it is the bounden duty of such men, with such forces at their command, to take up the cry of reform and fight valiantly. We are not much in love with the Hearst regimen as it has developed in the past, but there is room always for amendment, and unless he, and others like him, shall make it certain that the people have some friends left, there is going to be a literal hell in the land. This may sound something like the wail of the anarchist, but it is a statement made from the view-point of a man close to the level of the commonality, and with the consciousness of impending evil predated upon a reasonably intimate knowledge of the existing temper of those who have the most to complain of. There is a call for profound and righteous thought and wise action in this behalf.

NOW BUILD IT!

So far as is known at this writing there is no special feeling nor movement against the levy and contract for the new court house for this county. And it is hoped the matter will be allowed to go forward to final completion, and lay, once, and forever, the troublesome item of public consideration in Clatsop. All things considered, the bid for the doing of the work is fairly reasonable in the light of the high values appertaining to the markets for materials and labor; and the millage imposed is far less a burden than was supposed possible in the matter. Therefore, every dictate of expediency urges the consummation of the work, and it is hoped the court will go ahead, promptly, carefully, and thoroughly with the task it has set itself.

There is considerable comment in and about this city concerning the employment of young boys in the messenger services; and it is becoming plain that there is ground for adverse talk. There are nearly a score of lads, twelve and fourteen years of age, being sent hourly into all manner of dives and questionable resorts and thrust into contact with the lowest possible elements of humanity. This is against the law of the land and the dictates of common decency, and steps are on foot for abating it. Some of these boys are doing this work in behalf of families that need every cent of the compensation, but even this will not justify the exposure of these children to the vicious influences that beset them every day of their lives. It is time to "butt in" and luckily, the agency next and nearest to the matter, is already at work.

WHAT OF THE BOYS?

Foreigners no longer need kow tow before the tablet of Confucius. An Imperial Chinese decree has raised the philosopher to the rank of Heaven and Earth, which the emperor alone worships. The step is said to have been taken to oblige Americans and other foreigners who object to the senseless custom hitherto imposed on all when passing a Confucian tablet. Truly, the Chinese are the most obliging people. They alter their religion to suit the taste of the times. As for Confucius, probably his self-esteem will suffer little. Some have profited by deeper research into his maxims, and as for stooping, the world renders that homage every day to lost collar buttons.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The dispatches bring the sad news that the Rajah of Goa is dead, but as he will not have to be buried under the auspices of the big funeral combine, his afflicted friends in this vicinity will not be so grievously touched.

In Texas, where the primary elections resulted in a victory for Senator Bailey, the insatiable reformers insist that primary elections do not express public sentiment and propose that Bailey should be defeated anyway.

The funny thing about enterprise is that nobody organizes a company with five or ten millions of capital stock to manufacture freight cars on the stock exchange in recognition of the universal car shortage.

In the chaste language of George Ade's unfortunate victims, the water wagon is on the bum, instead of the bum being on the water wagon when the New Year is inaugurated with zero weather.

Only five months more for the baseball magnates to talk over the subject of organizing a new northwestern baseball league for the season of 1907.

Mr. Rockefeller's increased donations to Chicago University show that even the cost of higher education is getting higher.

In turning over the new leaf it will be convenient to use a bookmark for a few days in order readily to find the place.

In some of the mining fields of Nevada, water is quoted all the way from ten cents a share to ten dollars a barrel.

ALL THE WORLD

is a stage and Ballard's Snow Linctment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it, and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Linctment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Hart's drug store.

Have you indigestion, constipation, headache, backache, kidney trouble? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well. If it fails, get your money back. That's fair. Tea or Tablets form. 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

CREATE CRANE BOOM

Massachusetts Senator a Presidential Possibility in 1908.

HIS NAME STARTLES LEADERS

Quiet Forceful Man, Who Never Makes Speeches—His Home a Great Social Center—Will Be Re-elected to Federal Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Washington is much interested in the presidential boom which has been launched up in Massachusetts for Senator Winthrop Murray Crane. It is true the boom has not yet assumed large proportions, nor was much noise made at the launching; but the suggestion is so novel and contains so many interesting possibilities that it is being eagerly discussed. The prediction is being freely made that much more will be heard of the Crane boom as the days go on. To the adherents of the recognized aspirants for the Republican nomination, the mention of Senator Crane's name came as a distinct shock. For some reason or another there has been a prevailing opinion that the entry list for the presidential handicap has been closed and that there would be no added starters. If Senator Crane can be entered, why, there is no reason why any number of other possibilities may not be in the running by the summer of 1908.

It is understood that at an early day Massachusetts friends of Senator Crane will begin such an acclaim in his behalf that the country will have to take notice. It is universally conceded that Mr. Crane has attained a standing of unusual excellence and influence in the Senate and the counsels of his party in his brief experience as a national legislator, but it is argued that he is not yet sufficiently well known to the country at large to be available as Presidential timber two years hence.

In department, Senator Crane is one of the quietest and most unostentatious men in public life. He has never made a speech in the Senate, and although he has been one of the leaders of his party in Massachusetts for many years, it is said that he has never made a stump speech in that State. As a candidate, however, for governor, he was invincible as long as he consented to run for the office, and when a vacancy was created in the Senate by

the death of George Frisbie Hoar, scarcely any other name than that of Mr. Crane was mentioned. The legislature soon to assemble at Boston will re-elect him with the full vote of the Republicans, and it is expected that at the same time his Presidential boom will be formally launched in such a manner as to attract national attention. Soon after the close of the last session of Congress Senator Crane, who was then a widower, married Miss Boardman, one of the leaders of Washington society. Their residence here is now among the most exclusive social centers in the Capital.

AN ASTORIA CASE.

Many More Like It in Astoria.

The following case is but one of many similar occurring daily in Astoria. It is an easy matter to verify its correctness. Surely you cannot ask for better proof than such conclusive evidence.

D. E. Duncan, who is employed with his brother at the Astoria Soda works, 426 Duane street, and who resides at the corner of Duane and Ninth streets, says: "I suffered from a weakness of the back and kidneys for a number of years. There was a constant, dull, aching pain in the loins and as far up as the shoulders. Not only did my back ache, but there was a weakness from the kidney secretions which was very annoying and disturbed my rest. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills and one day I stepped into Charles Rogers' drug store and got a box. I found them to be a great benefit. After the first few doses felt better. I know of others who have used them with the same results."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

HARBOR STRIKE FIRM.

BUENOS AYRES, Argentina, Jan. 4.—There is no change in the harbor strike here. The strikers refuse to return to work until their demands are granted.

THE ORIGINAL.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar, many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. T. P. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

FISHERMEN, ATTENTION!

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First Class in Every Respect. Free Coach to the House. Bar and Billiard Room.

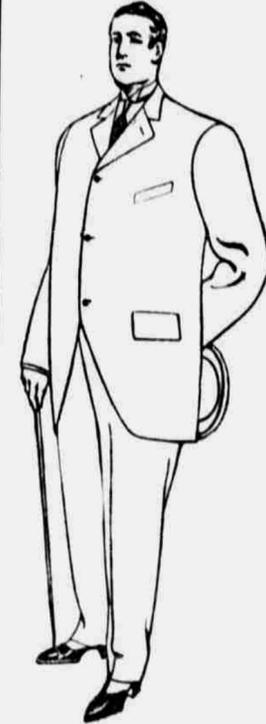
Good Check Restaurant.



Good Sample Rooms on Ground Floor for Commercial Men.

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP

It's house-cleaning time! The Annual January roundup of the endments and oddments of the stock is on—with a vengeance! Every good house-keeper cleans house at least twice a year, thoroly, without omitting a nook, corner, or closet. Just so does each good store keeper—And Store-cleaning time is here.



We've rummaged thru the stocks and not skipped a table, counter or shelf; in some cases we've found lots out of balance—too many there—too few here, and we now offer our patrons some marvelous values—things of worth at prices so shriveled and shrunken in size they'll delight the thrifty buyer who waits for January to make his saving—to stretch his dollar to twice its buying size.

Everything in the Store Stands Reduced Thru January

excepting contract goods—such as Hawes Hats, Overalls, Rubber Goods, Oiled Clothing, Etc. The appended mentions are merely representative of hundreds of others that go unprinted. A visit to the store at this time is imperative in order to realize the extent of the values to be found among the

House-Cleaning Sale's Extra Specials!

- Boys' Kersey Storm Coats, ages 6 to 12 years, regular price \$5.00, Special at \$2.70
- Child's Covert Box Coats, 6 to 10, regular price \$5.50, Special at \$2.85
- Child's Blue Reefers, regular price \$3.00, Special at \$1.90
- Boys' Overcoats Broken Line, 4 to 8, regular price \$4.00 to \$7.50, Special at \$2.35
- Child's Russian Blouse Suits, Knickerbocker Pants 3 to 8, worth \$4.00, Special at \$2.70
- Boys Jacket and Pants Suits, odds and ends, 65 suits in this lot, ages 6 to 16, values \$4.00 to \$6.50, Special at \$2.85
- Boys Jacket and Pants Suits of Cheviot materials, 6 to 12 years, \$2.50 to \$4.00 values at \$1.45
- 95 Mens Suits in broken lines, 1, 2, and 3 suits of a kind, Cheviots and Worsteds, \$9.50 to \$11 values at \$6.45
- Mens Fancy Worsteds Suits, good values, late models, \$15.00 to \$16.50 values, Special at \$10.85
- Mens Blue Kersey Overcoats in broken lines, \$8.50 and \$10. values, Special at \$7.20
- Mens 46 in Heavy Cheviot Overcoats, \$13.50 to \$16.50 values, Special at \$11.45
- Mens Rain Coats, Mackintoshes, Cravenettes, etc, odd lots, one and two of a size, \$10. to \$15.00 values, Special at \$8.35
- Golf Shirts, sizes 14 1/2, 16, 16 1/2 and 17, 65c and 75c values for 40c
- Underwear, Overshirts, Neckwear, Hats, Gloves, Sweaters, etc., all at reduced prices.
- Trunks, Suit Cases, Bags, etc, all reduced.

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The Store That Never Dissappoints!
ASTORIA'S FOREMOST CLOTHIERS.

APPEARANCES

Often a person is sized up by his appearance; by the tone that surrounds him. And more often a business house is sized up by the stationary it uses. A cheap letter head or a poor bill head gives a mighty poor first impression and makes business harder to transact. Good printing costs no more than poor printing. The first impression is half the battle in business. You wouldn't employ a "sloppy" salesman; why put up with "sloppy" stationery, that gives a wrong impression of the importance of your business. Let us do your printing and help you to make that ten strike.

The J. S. Dellinger Co.

ASTORIA, OREGON