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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon—Rain, and warmer northern portion.
Western Washington—Rain.
Eastern Oregon—Rain.
Eastern Washington and Idaho—Snow, turning to rain, and warmer.

OLD FASHIONED IDEAS.

In this age, when men live up to the last exaction of every waking moment and halt at the task of money-getting, only because outraged nature compels him to rest, one has but little time to review the past and compare the prevalent tones and conditions of the two eras. Even a cursory, retrospective glance, by a man with knowledgeable estimates of both periods, shocks the thinker with the simple revelation that human honesty, instinctive, spontaneous, cultivated, the condition of real honesty, is practically extinct. Civilization is stifling the old virtues; and the homely old standard of personal, characteristic, prideful honesty, in the ordinary commerce of life, has been the first and most conspicuous, in the sacrifices of time. It will not do to say there is no honesty left; but it is of a different sort from the old quality; it is time-serving, wavering, barren of the better impulse, and exercised as an expedient, in fear, dread of reprisal; donned and doffed, as a convenient, serviceable thing. Today, the word of an honest man is bolstered and made unbreakable by the immutable attributes of bond, endorsement, avouchal, all couched in rigorous, written terms that impose crushing forfeitures for the slightest variation of time, act and circumstance in the engagement; nothing is left, in the business world, to the innate virtue of anyone and only a net of interminable and unescapable barriers preserve the amenities of business, trade and commerce. The "pound of flesh" goes in the accounting and the "blood" with it; graft, legalized robbery, secret advantage, hypothetical premise, artful fabrication; adroit, bold and cold lying; these are the major elements of human dealing, today, and they are responsible for the safe-guards that have been set up to disparage, discourage and disrupt the old time codes of human trust and faith as between man and man. It is more than pitiful, it is threatening.

POWER OF RUMOR.

Admitting, for argument's sake, that there is not a word of truth in the reported sale of the Astoria & Columbia River Railway to Mr. Hill, or to anyone else, the admission does but lend accent to the extraordinary power of idle rumor. For, if the property be not sold, then the hazard of such an intimation has wrought something like half a million of dollars of investment in the past sixty days on this peninsula, in the bonding and negotiating of realty; a fact that speaks volumes for what might transpire, if the final word of affirmative authority were but spoken openly. It all goes to show that the faculties and resources of a community are not nearly so dead as appearances sometimes indicate; and yet, again, it tends to prove these same sources of perception and power for development are not employed for the quickening of the community, at all, but only for

the especial, private advantage of the individual! in other words, that what is known as "public spirit" does not exist in the measure it is supposed to. This is a fact well worth waking up to; for, if a city like this, with all its superb, natural advantages, to which might be deflected the expanding agencies of the outside world, consents to lie dormant, inert and spiritless, until some morsel is dropped under its supine nose for it to make a snap at, the gist of the revelation is that it is buried in "moss" and not deserving of the good things that might be wrought its way with a little initial help from itself. The conclusion is not a pleasant one, and if it is not true, then there never was a day in Astoria's whole history more propitious for a counter-demonstration than the present. Prove it; and we'll eat every syllable of this screed!

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES.

It will pay any American, interested in his birth-right, to ponder a moment on the startling figures just put out by the federal immigration bureau, showing that at New York city, alone, twenty-eight steamship lines entering there from Europe, landed 940,831 immigrants at that port during the year 1906, and in the course of 1,097 trips of their several fleets.

These figures have a tremendous bearing on American labor and American citizenship if they are to be approximated steadily through the years; the ratio is likely to verge rapidly toward submergence of the native, counting the natural development of the alien by birth, as well. Allowing the increase to swell itself to 1,500,000 per annum for the next ten or fifteen years, it may well startle one with the uncomfortable conviction that the American predicament will be jarred loose from its organic hold, and the unfit stranger planting his alien foot in one, or both, the native shoes. The time has come for restriction and such qualification of the immigrants as will mimize the threatening usurpation.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Admiral Davis knows more than he did about Jamaica ginger.

In Jamaica the first aid to the injured is to send your card by mail.

It is something for the cause of waterways that Chairman Burton has faith in all of them except the largest, the Mississippi river.

A convention to discuss dry farming will be held in Denver this week. The owners of bottom lands along the big rivers would like a few hints for immediate use.

Senator Carter might have added to his essay on Secretary Hitchcock the truthful assertion that most of the famous land frauds of history could never have been accomplished without the complicity of government officials in open disregard of the provisions of the land laws.

The zealous prohibitionist who has a notion that he is correctly informed with respect to the ravages from Jamaica rum must be surprised at the excitement caused by a mere Jamaica earthquake.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)
"Don't trifle with a cold" is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safe-guards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what money is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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GRILLS HITCHCOCK

Senator Declares He Has Defamed Settlers Without Cause.

FEW ENTIRES FRANDULENT

Stinging Speech of Senator Carter of Montana, Based on Recent Order of the Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Besides fixing February 20 as the date for a vote on the declaration that Senator Smoot is not entitled to his seat; passing the bill appropriating two million dollars to confine the Colorado river to its banks, and another, placing the management of the Panama Railway under the Isthmian Canal Commission, the Senate listened to an extended speech by Senator Carter, in criticism of the Secretary of the Interior, and another, by Senator Heyburn, to the same end. The recent order made by the secretary, preventing the issuance of patents to public lands until after examination by a special agent, was the subject of criticism and many senators from the western states, by casual interruptions, showed their approval of the sentiments expressed.

Severe criticism of Secretary Hitchcock was made in the senate today by Senator Carter, of Montana. The criticism was based on the order of the secretary in December which prohibits the issuance of a patent to land under any of the land laws until after examination on the ground by a special agent. Senator Carter some time ago presented a resolution which denies the right of any executive officer to prevent the granting of a patent when the law under which it is claimed has been carried out.

Mr. Carter began by asserting that the order referred to expressed the final estimate of the secretary as to the truth and veracity, the honor and integrity and the good faith of all settlers on the public domain in the United States. "It likewise arraigns," he added, "all other persons seeking title to public land under existing law.

The order is without precedent in the history of the government. It is without parallel in the history of any government save as applied to provinces, classes or individuals suspected of treasonable designs. It is the culmination of a policy unwarranted in fact and founded only on baseless supposition. The pure records demonstrate that the orders are not only needless, but harsh, cruel and oppressive.

"For the last six years sensational reports of evil doings in the public lands states have been emanating from the Interior Department from day to day, so sweeping in their scope as to create the impression in other sections that the entire western population is and has been engaged in a veritable saturnalia of criminal conspiracy, fraud and perjury over the whole broad surface of the public domain. Since 1901 insidious interviews and bolsterous proclamations have passed from the Interior Department to the public press, reflecting on all those seeking title to public lands. The words, "Grifters," "Land grabbers," "Conspirators," "Looters of the public domain," and like terms have become a part of the vernacular of the Secretary's office in referring to public land entrymen of all kinds.

"The fact that every fraudulent transaction complained of was instituted and consummated under the administration of the present secretary was not given publicity. Few have stopped to consider the slender basis of the charges made indiscriminately against fifteen millions of people inhabiting fourteen states and three territories.

Notwithstanding the expenditure of an excessive amount of money by the Secretary, the truth remains to be told, that the percentage of fraudulent public land entries for the last eight years disclosed by investigation bears about the same annual proportion to the whole number of entries as obtained during each of the preceding forty years. It remains to be shown by the records that the Secretary has been efficient during his term in challenging erroneous, improper or fraudulent land entries than were his four predecessors in office; while numbered abuses under the so-called timber and stone law, which the Secretary might have stopped any day, are shown by the records to have been shamefully exaggerated.

"It will appear from a critical analysis of the figures and facts that not to

exceed one half of one per cent of the final homestead entries, less than one-half of one per cent of the final desert land entries, less than one-half of one per cent of the final timber and stone entries, and less than one-half of the final coal entries are found to be fraudulent, and the percentage of mineral entries tainted with fraud is small indeed. Taking the whole aggregate of percentage together and figuring out from these percentages the average, we will find that less than one final entry of public land out of every hundred has been found in all the years to be subject to cancellation on account of fraud, default or delinquency of any kind. As to the homestead settlers, there is but one delinquent substantially in every 300 final entrymen.

"Suspected at every turn in the road of evil design, harassed by special agents and exasperating requirements of the Interior Department, it is not surprising that two honest homeseekers left the United States to locate in Canada during the year 1905 to one that fled a homestead entry on the public domain of the United States."

EVEN FROM THE MOUNTAINS

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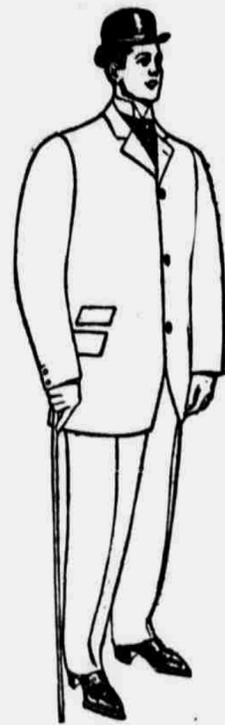
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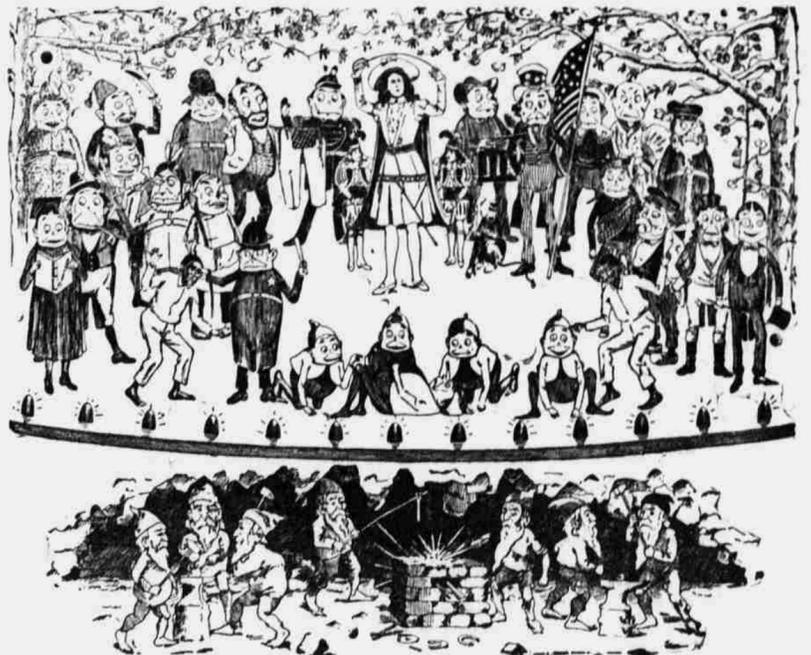
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