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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair.

THE COAST OF OREGON.

Among the interesting districts of the Pacific slope at this particular time, is the Oregon coast country, along the line of which some of the newest and biggest realities in the way of transportation and manufacturing development are about to fructify, under the forceful touch of such men as James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman.

No one at all familiar with the possibilities of this section doubts any longer that immense things are to be done hereabout in the very near future, and the attendant rush of the wise and experienced into this neighborhood causes no surprise whatever. It is all the more significant on account of the long-drawn, lethargic conditions that have prevailed here for years past, and which are now being cast aside and the activities of all men engaged in close alignment with the rational expansion that is due under new and positive conditions. It receives added emphasis from the patent knowledge of all men, intimate with coast matters, of the abounding resources susceptible of treatment and large returns, swarming all along this neglected territory, and the situation, though primarily vague as to the course and quality of the unfoldment, is morally sure to offer extraordinary and immensely valuable opportunities for investment and gratifying compensation along hundreds of avenues that have been blocked and lost sight of through inattention.

There was never an hour when more of real patience and circumspect dealing were demanded in and about Astoria than the present. If the people of this city county shall proceed wisely and guardedly and place their properties in available shape upon equities that shall yield something to the investor as well as to the seller, and forego the feverish and reactionary policies that beset other fortunate neighborhoods, the day for splendid realization is at hand for the whole country-side, and the commercial pre-eminence of the port and county assured beyond all failure and disappointment.

NO WEAKLING TOLERATED.

Theodore Roosevelt has made it utterly impossible for this country to tolerate a weakling in his place. We may not get this man back in the White House, but it is absolutely certain that whoever we elect will have the tang and tone of strength and knowledge and courage, and will be at least worthy of the name and office. The coming of Roosevelt upon the very antithesis precedent to his investiture, has lent added quality to the status of the present chief magistrate, and was wholly opportune since he came in on the breath and impetus of war itself, and has given no evidence of abatement since.

For years and years the country has needed a strong, self-reliant man at Washington. The people thought they had something of the sort when Mr. Cleveland was doing his big and stout stunts during his first term, and it was not until, on this very hypothesis, they had re-elected him, they found just how much a weakling he was. This

is not likely to be the case with the present man, for Roosevelt has set up a record that he dare not mock nor mimic and will have no cause to depreciate. The nation is not standing still; it is growing vastly, expanding and taking on newer and greater access in a million ways every day and hour, and the old limitations of power and authority are expanding with it. It really takes a greater man now than it did in the '80s; and, by the mid-century, the vast mechanism may require the oversight and direction of more than one great man, and the government devolve upon a group of trustees culled from the best and most potent of all her human resources.

In the meantime, it is well to know that the day of favorites and prominent nobodies has passed. The president of the United States from this time forward will be of calibre and standing commensurate with the country that sets him up, and the people will become prouder and more exacting as the years go by; hence, we believe that the Roosevelt regimen will have to be followed, and bettered, and built upon, to the honor of the servants and the glory of the electorate.

THAT TIRED FEELING.

Ever since the deliberate murder of the late Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, and the rounding up of Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone as suspects in the case, the country has been deluged with pleas and protests and programs, each and all having for their texts, the utter innocence of these men, all hailing from the same source, the Western Federation of Miners. All men who have anything to do, even in the remotest fashion, with their incarceration and trial, have been subjected to the long-drawn vicious and blatant attacks of the labor press, anent the organized purpose of the authorities to railroad these men to the gallows; and the country is getting mortally sick of it all.

Primarily, the miners, themselves, have interposed, prevented, delayed, and denied these men the right of trial; by every known expedient of the practice of law they have kept the three from the bar of justice; the law and the courts have been ready, time and again, to try out the cases, and only the tactics of their friends have prevented the weighing of the issues at bar.

Just now their friends are working might and main to show that President Roosevelt is using his great prerogative to steer these men to an unmerited fate, and the country is ringing with the charges and challenges of their over-zealous backers, to create the impression that Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone are absolute victims of hatred and a determined revenge.

If they are as innocent as claimed, why in the name of Heaven have they not been tried and proven so long ago? It strikes us that, taking the declarations of their intimates for the truth, there should be no time lost in demonstrating their freedom from the terrible charge lying against them! No man in this country wants them to suffer. They are either innocent or guilty. Send them to the court, try them at the hands of their peers and give them the freedom they deserve. And do it without delay, else the people will begin to think the friends who are doing the most of this strident howling are far too sure of their guilt to permit them to come within the purview of a court with any safety at all.

Go to trial, or quit palavering!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Several hundred motor cabs will shortly be put in service in New York, each equipped with an automatic machine to record the distance traveled and the legal fare. But hackmen have never yet failed to demonstrate, in their own fashion, the triumph of mind over matter and space.

A balloonist off for the pole should drop a record of some kind every few seconds. The first adventurer in an airtight ship has never been heard from because he gave little attention to his line of communication.

The late Silent Smith was worth \$1,000,000 when informed that he had inherited \$50,000,000 more. He continued to say nothing, and his biographers are unable to discover that he sawed any wood.

Little would be lost if the census bureau omitted its off-year estimates of population. Applying the average growth of the last decade to all cities alike is not as good as intelligent guessing.

The latest canal proposed is one in Alabama to connect the Tennessee river with the Black Warrior and Mobile. St. Louis is in line to reach the sea by that route also.

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The strike of the Oregon, N. J. hat-ters because they were not allowed to drink all the beer they wanted during working hours shows how labor is persecuted at times.

The man who steered the comet away from this planet should be engaged to engineer the country through the impending crisis of a railroad strike.

Governor Hughes of New York, is trying to make the Republican machine look like an automobile that has been arrested for violating the speed law.

The full story of the watering of the Alton railroad will make thrilling literature. Facts already developed raise the gooseflesh in some quarters.

The government's figures on the winter wheat crop are a little better than at the same date last year, and that's good news to read about.

Senator Penrose doesn't deny the dinner, mark you, nor that the wine was good, but he does deny that it affected him that way.

After it's all over you'll probably find Theodore holding four aces no two of them alike.

John Doe, Albany: They'er off at Washington. Harriman leads by one interview.

The "undesirable citizen" ariseth in his wrath, and repels the classification.

Mrs. Von Claussen isn't such a bad letter writer, either.

The simple spellers are interesting talkers.

The Presidential campaign got a good start.

SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.

LIVER TROUBLE.

A dull, sluggish liver always brings a dull, sluggish feeling to the entire body. When the liver works properly the blood courses through the body a bright red stream. When the liver is inactive the blood becomes dull and muddy, and it is full of poisonous matter.

A great many people try to get a fine, clear, pink and white complexion by rubbing things on their faces. They might rub a life time and the same yellow complexion would remain—for the liver causes it. Only bright, red blood brings fine complexions. Blood loaded with impurities from the liver sends the impurities out through the pores of the skin and turns the skin a brownish yellow.

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