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WEATHER.

- ◆ Western Oregon—Fair; slightly warmer north portion except near coast.
- ◆ Western Washington—Fair; warmer except near coast.

VIA ASTORIA!

The day is not far distant when most people, and the vast bulk of marketable merchandise, will come and go via Astoria, not only from home sources to continental destinations, but to and from the farthest ends of the commercial world. She is already the seaboard terminus of one trans-continental railway and the gate-port of one trans-Pacific steamship line, and when the great City of Portland shall come to her senses and do her sea-commerce from this perfect harbor, this port will stand without a rival on the western coast. Among the logical developments inherent in the northwestern situation, this consummation stands conspicuous and irrefutable and simply awaits the belated conception of the people most nearly affected by the program.

The commercial marvel of the hour is Portland's dogged blindness to the immense leverage lying at her hand in this proposition; an obtuseness measurable and proveable only by the incalculable access she must take on once she grasps the opportunity and applies her enormous wealth and prestige to its expansion.

She does not need the ships at her own docks to command the maritime situation on this upper coast. It is well within her province to take supreme, permanent control of this vast trade, dominating it from this place, holding the machinery within her own municipal lines, and using this as depot and entrepot. Nor does it follow that the Columbia should be abandoned between Portland and Astoria in such an event. Light draft vessels would steadily ply the river for minor cargoes coastwise from the metropolis, but the great ships and steamers could be held at the port of instant despatch and meet their cargoes within ten short miles of the ocean, in every way expediting the traffic and minimizing the cost of handling.

The plans of James J. Hill are the problems of the hour, as to his real use of the mouth of the Columbia, in the near future, but it is not beyond the Portland influence to align the interests of the city and state with those plans if she will but go about it. As an expansionist Mr. Hill is famous for the readiness with which he meets and absorbs the practical and clever whosoever it hails from and Portland is rich enough and strong enough commercially to engage the keenest attention of this builder of empires and join him heartily and honestly in the launching of a new commercial domain, with Portland as its capital and Astoria as its port-in-chief, for all time to come.

VIA ASTORIA is the slogan here; and we care not who shall direct the world's traffic in and out our doors, so long as it comes and goes this way; so long as our channels and docks are utilized as nature and common-sense dictate; we will lose nothing by Portland's supremacy in the financing of the great project to hold the commerce of the northwest on Oregon rails and in Oregon channels; Astoria will take and make her own growth from the impetus inherent in the sole advantage of being the gate through which shall pass, both ways, the stupendous traffic of the future, with the Orient.

THE CONVENTION PRINCIPLE.

No people on the wide earth are so

as we Americans, and no people are so well educated in the generalities of life as we are. The idea of meeting and discussing the great matters and problems of business, trade and professional life, is strong with us and we make the most of it and the press of the country does the rest. We have a right to be proud of our intimate touch with all the great questions of the day and our ready knowledge of people and things primarily foreign to us but made available and interesting by reason of the inevitable convention and the up-to-date paper at our elbows no matter where we are. No big issue is raised that is not sensed by the whole nation within 24 hours and if it shall have national significance, there is a composite national opinion to be had for the asking, within forty-eight hours. Politicians, lawyers, physicians, the clergy, the educators, the financiers, the craftsmen and tradesmen and all the given hosts of specialists, resort to the convention principle, and the reading American knows just what is thought and done and said and has a working knowledge of the latest and latest questions and determinations submitted and declared, no matter where. It is a vital means of education and worth the candid attention of any man or woman; it helps to settle the mind and relieve our doubts, as well as yielding us fixed opinions and definite understanding of things it is good to know whether they are personally applicable or not. The keynote of it all is our unexamined freedom, the boon we are not quite as conscious of as we ought to be. The unquestioned right to public assemblage and a press as free as air make us the envious of all peoples and we should think appreciably of the blessings once in a while.

THAT MARINE PARALLELOGRAM.

The other morning the Astorian ventured a suggestion to municipalize the territory covered by this city and the suburban townships of Warrenton, Hammond and Flavel, making a parallelogram five miles deep by ten miles long, the same to be, or become, the marine metropolis of the upper coast. There has been much friendly comment on the plan, and some objection to it, all of which, for and against, we should like to see in cold type, in order that the public pulse may be determined with a nicety that shall leave no doubts as to the feasibility of the proposition which means so much to all the districts mentioned. We shall be glad to hear from any of the interested citizens in this important relation and will gladly publish all matter that may be submitted. The only way to evoke public opinion is to agitate the issues amenable to its weight and decision.

How to Choose and Use a Revolver.

It is not likely that, under the ordinary circumstances of life, a deadly weapon will ever be seriously needed by the ordinary man, but occasionally such need does arise, and then it is grave and immediate. This statement leads a very excellent article on the use of the revolver, from the pen of Emmett Campbell Hall in the July Technical World Magazine. "That this fact is recognized by the public," says the writer "is indicated by the annual sale of hundreds of thousands of revolvers—not to persons who intend to carry or use them as weapons of offense, but to law-abiding citizens who desire them for defensive purposes—to protect themselves and their property.

Despite all that may be said to the contrary, the revolver is a most valuable adjunct to civilization, and, in proper hands, can do more than any other single agent to preserve the law and order of a community. That the general practice of carrying concealed weapons cannot be tolerated is another incontestable assertion, and, as far as possible, revolvers should be kept out of the hands of irresponsible persons. Police regulations, however, generally cover these points, and it is not the object of this article to discuss any ethical questions, but simply to offer some suggestions which may aid a citizen in choosing and properly using a revolver, if he desires to own one. There is a remarkable general lack of knowledge upon the subject.

How to choose and use a revolver properly is discussed at length with many a wise pointer for the uninitiated.

A White Man With a Negro Woman.

In the June American Magazine Ray Stannard Baker tells more stories of race difficulties in the South. He went to the police court in Atlanta and sat on the bench with the judge—so that he might look into the faces of the prisoners and hear all that was said. Here is one of Mr. Baker's police court stories:

"An old white man, much agitated and very pale, was brought before the judge. With him came a much younger, comely-appearing woman. Both were well dressed and looked respectable. As they stood in front of the judge's

the woman looked up with such an expression, tearless and tragic, as I hope I shall not have to see again.

"What's the charge?" asked the judge.

"Adultery," said the officer. The woman looked up; neither said a word.

"The judge glanced from one to the other in surprise.

"Why don't you get married?" he asked.

"The woman," said the officer, "is a nigger."

"She was as white as I am, probably an octroon; I could not have distinguished her from a white person, and she deceived even the experienced eye of the judge.

"Is that so?" asked the judge.

The man continued to hang his head, the woman looked up; either said a word. If then came out that they had lived together as man and wife for many years and that they had children nearly grown. Some neighbors had complained and the man and woman were arrested.

"Is this all true?" asked the judge.

"Neither said a word.

"You can't marry under the Georgia Law," said the judge; "I'll have to bind you over for trial in the county court."

"They were led back to the prisoners' rooms. A few minutes later the bailiff came out quickly and said to the judge:

"The old man has fallen in a faint."

"Not long afterward they half led, half carried him out across the court room."

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

Presbyterian.

In the absence of the pastor Rev. C. A. Houzel, pastor of the M. E. Church at Seaside, will preach at the morning service at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening service. All other services as usual.

Christian Science.

Services will be held at 634 Grand avenue, Sunday at 10 a. m. Subject, "Sacrament." All are invited.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

The Norwegian and Danish M. E. Church, corner of Thirty-seventh and Duane streets. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The chorus will assist at the evening service. Thursday night prayer meeting. E. Gjerding, pastor.

First Lutheran.

Morning service as usual at 10:30; evening service in English at 8 o'clock; themes for sermons as follows: At the morning service, "On the Mountain of Transfiguration"; evening service, "In the Valley Below."

Grace Episcopal.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Morning and evening services, with sermon, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Officiating minister, Rev. John Rolf.

Holy Innocents Chapel.

Celebration of holy communion, 9 a. m. Sunday school, 10 a. m.

St. Mary's.

Masses will be offered up at 7:30 and 10 o'clock a. m.

First Methodist.

Services as follows: Class meeting at 10:15 a. m.; sermon at 11 a. m., "The Sinner's Justification." Sunday school at 12:15 p. m.; Epworth League at 7 p. m., sermon at 8, "The Law of Self-Condemnation." The theme at the mid-week service Wednesday at 8 o'clock p. m. will be "Jesus and the Father." You are cordially invited to be present at all services. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

German Lutheran.

No service in the afternoon at the German Lutheran church owing to the death of the late Mr. Ollin.

Congregational.

Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject, "Well-springs of Joy;" evening service at 8 o'clock, "The Simplicity of the Teaching of Jesus." This will be a sermon with an object lesson. Sunday school at 12:15, Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Midweek meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. All the parents of the Sunday school children are specially invited to attend the service on Sunday night. All residents in the city not attending other churches are cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. Strangers and visitors in the city will find a hearty welcome and will always hear a helpful message. Come with us, we will try to do you good. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

Lutheran Synod.

At the Lutheran Synod Church, corner Twenty-ninth and Grand avenue, confirmation service, at 10:30. The following are to be confirmed: Arne Abrahamson, Carl Grasse, Thor Henningsen, Christian Jager, Lewis Nass, Andred Olson, Jennie Benson, Sarah Huske, Christine Henningsen, Mel

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Vetleson.
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Baptist.
The subject for the morning sermon will be "The Christian." At 8 p. m. the subject will be "The Tragedy of the Ten Talented Men." This will be the second of a series of Sunday evening sermons on Old Testament characters. The attendance last Sunday evening indicates that a good interest will be taken in these Sunday evening addresses. Sunday school at 10 a. m., conducted by S. K. Diebel. Young People's Meeting at 7 p. m., led by Miss Pearl Estes. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

Constipation.
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RATTLERS TOO THICK.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 13.—Ranchers and those having occasion to go into the woods, report rattlesnakes as very much in evidence in Hood River Valley this year, and a number have been killed in places they have not been known heretofore to frequent. A good-sized one was put to death almost in the city limit yesterday, and Mount Hood people tell of a rattlesnake at least four feet long and a thick as a man's arm, that has been terrifying those who have occasion to use the road going from Dee to Mount Hood. It is said by residents of that district that the big snake has been making his headquarters along the road for two or three years, and that all attempts to kill him have been futile.

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