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A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE.

When John D. and Mr. Subpoena get really acquainted with each other.

WEATHER.

Western Washington—Fair, except showers in extreme northwest.
Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho—Probably fair.

ANOTHER PORTLAND ERROR.

The press of Portland seems to entertain a contemptuous indifference about what it reports of, and from Astoria, on the general principle, perhaps, that anything raw or wrong it can say of us will react favorably...

The conclusion is absurd on the face of it, both as to the ministerial people and the men in charge of the other end of the controversy. No such compromise was ever agreed upon...

It is hoped the papers at Portland, being advised of their blunder will be as prompt to correct it as they were to make it; unless the effort shall deprive them of too much, and too good, an opportunity to lambaste the town they are notoriously willing to disparage upon every conceivable pretext.

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

"Astoria is the Seaport of Oregon. Nature Has so Ordered it that this State Can Have No Other Great Seaport!"

Will Mr. Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Portland Daily Oregonian, personally dictate an editorial in the columns of his great paper, explaining what he meant when he said these words in the course of his speech delivered in this city on the 13th day of October, 1894?

It had a meaning then, or Mr. Scott would never have given voice to it; and we would like to know, from the same responsible source, what moved him to such a pregnant conclusion. We have repeatedly invited an explanation of this straightaway and cogent declaration, but it has been studiously denied us, by those who are doing editorial work on those columns; and we quote it, this time, detached from its equally significant collateral arguments...

We insist upon this, because it is relevant and timely; because such an argument is vital and available now, and we desire to use it for the end we believe Mr. Scott had in view when he uttered it; because if it is not applicable now, we should have the benefit of his reversed opinion to justify us in abandoning so weighty an item of proof as we have always deemed it; because, in the light of what the Oregonian is now contending for, such a plea must be disproved or explained in justice to its own course; so long as this declaration stands the doctrine behind it is as plausible as it ever was, and believing it to be so, we desire to be told, with the same authority, why it is not!

We have plenty of other, equally potent quotations from the same trustworthy source, upon this same subject, but if Mr. Scott will kindly answer this particular inquiry, with his customary,

honest ability, we shall be disposed to let up on the rest of them. So far, there has been no sort of attention paid to our presentation of the matter for which this foremost editor and citizen is wholly answerable, and this may be ignored, as well, but we hope not.

THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND.

It were well that our representatives in the state and federal governments begin to realize that the people now have a fairly clear understanding of the trust situation and are prepared to exact certain specific legislation in the early future that shall cure the evils thrust upon them in the past and head off any access of imposition of the sort. The knowledge will do them good when they go up to the legislatures and to congress, and the fact that the popular eye is practically wide open may have a tendency to check the reckless practices by which corporate domination has been so easily acquired.

The press of the country has been freed from all obligation to the knaves of the "protected interest" class, by the universal disclosures that have been made during the past two years, and it will do its duty all the better for the wide and extraordinary publicity that has been given to those things that might have been hidden, in part, and there will be no necessity for duplicity nor the submergence of news in this relation; and the paper that does not give that news will be a marked sheet in its community.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Secretary Metcal going to Hawaii! How many battleships will he promise?

Fastidious Mr. Schmitz does not mind the lockstep so much, but plague take that Rogue's March.

Bill Ward says: "Whatever else a man wants, he doesn't want his wife to tell others what he says in his sleep."

Two of the new battleships lack the requisite number of men. The government can not recruit sailors while harvest hands are getting \$3 a day.

The admission by the Filipinos that they prefer American to Japanese supervision will at least serve the purpose of showing that Uncle Sam is an indulgent relative.

RAILROAD SURVEY ALMOST DONE.

Parties From Seaside End and Elsie Within Two Miles of One Another.

Superintendent of Construction Davis of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company's new road, known as the Lytle Road was in town Tuesday. Mr. Davis was at the Court House looking up titles and other matters pertaining to the right-of-way required by the road. The survey parties from either end are now almost within two miles of one another.

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