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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair; increasing cloudiness showers north coast.

INVITING LOCAL OPTION.

If the common council of this city had looked around for some expedient to urge, and even force, the doctrine of local option on this community, it could not have found a better leverage than it used on Monday night last, in the killing of the anti-private-box ordinance.

When the officers of this city learn that to regulate a town by the exact application of reasonable and sensible restriction, is infinitely better than the imposition of prohibitive from the very house-tops that the saloons, gambling houses, dance-halls, and other sources, were imperatively necessary for the maintenance of a working municipal income wherewith to carry on the corporate obligations; and yet, one by one, these elements of revenue are being set out and rendered useless from an income standpoint.

GRAIN FOLLOWS THE RATE.

We are tired of the constant reiteration of the argument that it is useless to demand the extension of the common-point on grain, to Astoria, until Astoria has transcontinental connection direct, and terminal facilities, that will warrant it.

We will never get it unless we go after it. The community that sits around and waits for things of this sort to fall into its lap, is a backnumber. Once the common-point is extended here, by order of the Commission, it will put a remarkable new face on this situation, and we are entitled to it under every consideration usually employed in its application.

"FIVE DOLLAR COAL"

One of the pleasant sounds emanating from the recent meeting of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, was that of "five dollar coal" for Astoria. It came from

a citizen of this place, who is well-informed on the status of the new coal mines at Castle Rock, in Washington, the quality, volume and other agencies in connection with this mine. This gentleman avers that per ton, it is worth "two cords of fir wood" in Astoria, and if this is so, then it is well worth the closest inquiry and patronage.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The bears and bulls are alike in one respect. Both predict a panic when they bet wrong on the market.

Railroad rate legislation is just a year younger than its brother, government ownership.

The bulls and bears who predict a panic will have to turn their telescopes away from Wall Street to get a correct observation.

In view of what the English language opens to those who study it, the study of Esperanto looks like a foolish waste of time.

Gen. Coxe's industrial army could accomplish more good by hiking to the Northern harvest fields than by marching to Washington.

Summer will follow the passage of the American warships around the Horn. With plenty of ice and light suits the American crews will enjoy their year without a winter.

If the progress at Panama is faster than expected the people have no objection to paying larger monthly installments. The work will come no higher for quick performance.

A new mushroom as large as a big cabbage has been discovered in Indiana. Before accepting this as a portent the Hoosier literary army should make sure that it is not a toadstool.

The Maritans are much older than the inhabitants of the earth, which may account for the fact that the system of water transportation seems to be the biggest thing on our neighboring planet.

Now that the House of Lords has agreed to pass the bill permitting marriage with a deceased wife's sister, the world will be prepared to hear that the honorable body's next move will be to adjourn sine die.

Black rain fell in a section of West Virginia last week. Showers of black are frequent in manufacturing towns, but they are of the dry variety. Perhaps the West Virginia visitation drifted across from Pittsburgh.

THE VOICE OF THE POOR.

O Thou who wert born in a cave! Child of sorrow and poverty— Thou Christ! who died all men to save, List to our souls that cry to Thee Out of the world's Gethsemane, Filling with dole the nights and morns— Ah, deep our anguish as the sea: For all the poor are crowned with thorns Look down on us who toll and toll Immured in mine and gloomy town; Whoplow the wave and on the soil Bitterly break the furrows brown. Ah, pity us who bear Fate's frown, Who know the very scorn of scorns— Yea, from Thy heaven, Christ look down; thorns!

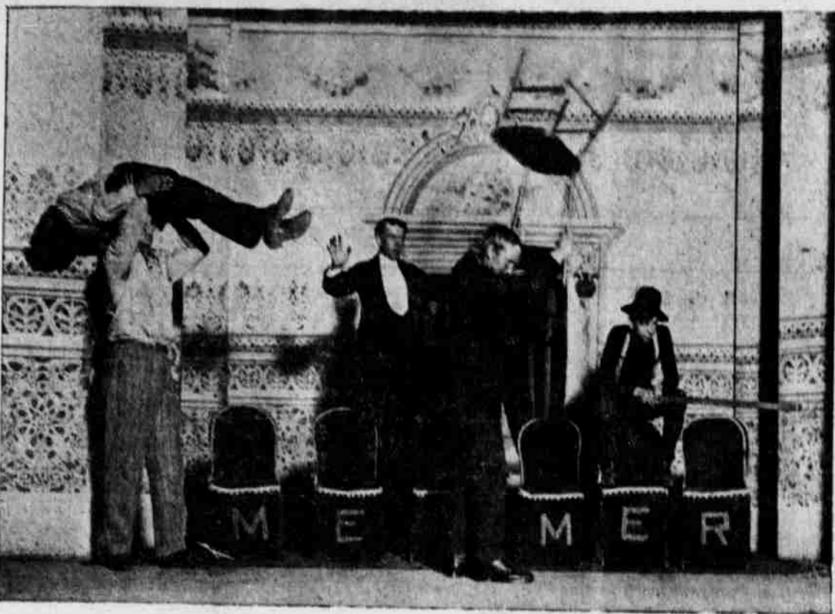
The rich are happy in their halls, Ceresus waxes with the years, To us save sorrow naught befalls— This and our portion of hot tears Saved our children stretched on biers, Shattered and wasted by the Norms— Christ ease our woes and calm our fears;

Pity the Poor all crowned with thorns! —Edward Wilbur Mason in National Magazine for September.

An Insidious Danger

One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley Kidney Cure at the first sign of trouble as it corrects irregularities and prevents Bright's Disease and diabetes. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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OFFICIAL SAFEGUARD.

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The new charter certainly has an inviting appearance, especially from the viewpoint of theory, yet it remains for the citizens of Des Moines to demonstrate that its provisions are as practical in operation as they are beautiful in theory. Des Moines, a city of one hundred thousand, offers a good field in which to try the plan; she is entering upon a most interesting and instructive experiment in government reform, and the eyes of the American municipalities are upon her, hoping that the "Des Moines Plan" will prove a practical system, under which the public affairs of our cities can be wisely and economically administered.—National Magazine.

Had Tetter For Thirty Years.

I have suffered with tetter for thirty years and have tried almost countless remedies with little, if any, relief. Three boxes of Chamberlain's Salve cured me. It was a torture. It breaks out a little sometimes, but nothing to what it used to do.—D. H. Breach, Midland City, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by Frank Hart and leading Druggists.

Cured Hay Fever and Summer Cold

A. J. Nusbaum, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed to only aggravate my case. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package, and it quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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