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THE WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair.

ARE WE READY FOR IT?

The records of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce tell us that there are practically two millions of money ready for investment in and about Astoria. The correspondence of the Chamber, in answer to its voluminous advertising all over this country, and Europe, contains the declared ability and purpose, of a given number of people, from everywhere, to come here with various sums, from \$100 to \$100,000, and invest it in homes and businesses, if they can be assured of the chances for livelihood and profit and work. This places the whole thing right up to us. Are we ready for it? If Mr. Smith, of Topeka, Kansas, arrives here at noon today, with \$25,000 in cash to invest and asks for a chance to live and do business here as a factor, say of trunks, and wants someone to encourage him to the extent of a couple of downtown lots free of cost, on which to build his plant, are we ready to give it to him? And this is but illustrative of hundreds of other demands in the progress of such a development as we are looking for. It is up to us to say what we will do, not only for Smith, but for the small man, with paltry hundreds, who won't be swindled and must be kept here to prosper with us. Are we in possession of the right idea and spirit, and are we going to broaden to the situation, making the most of our own chances by sharing them with these others, for the common good and the certain expansion of Astoria and Clatsop? We'd better sound ourselves a bit, and see just where we stand; for if we are not receptive, and ready, and able to meet these seekers and spenders and investors, as they expect to be met, they will know it sooner than we, and act on the impression and leave with conviction. Open up! Get on the market! Set rational prices! Show your Faith and begin to do Business!

BURY THE DEAD!

Will the Portland Oregonian please bury its dead friend, the Port of Columbia law? The thing is getting really offensive, and the ineffectual prodding of the remains, while it may afford the big daily a lot of lugubrious comfort, is becoming noxious down at this end of the line. It is as dead as it ever will be, and however hard it is to give it up, the time is ripe (as well as the corpse), for shunting it where it wont bother even its grieving friend and disgruntled author, Ed. Wright.

Of course, Astoria is mainly responsible for its demise, and our anxiety for the obsequies may appear a bit fervid; but, honestly, we are weary of it, and we believe the people of the two valleys are, also. It has been talked and written of till there is not a shred of argument left to offer, for, or against, it; and the Oregonian's post-mortem wailing and gruesome fingering of the carcass is childishly pitiful. We know all about the chagrin and bitter denial from which its author and a small group of sponsors up there are suffering, and try as we will we cannot summon a single atom of genuine sympathy.

Bury the blamed thing and be done with it. Give us something new.

Things are developing just now, that once in force, will make for more real, state-wide good than a dozen such futile measures as the Port of Columbia could even suggest; and it is time for the Oregonian to get in and sense the situation, be honest with itself and the lower Columbia people, and take the lead in a campaign for the salvation of the shipping interests of Oregon. Whatever is

done in this line must be done by Portland mainly, and it is time to abandon the old, for the newer, and healthier, commercial, destiny of the state.
"Let the Dead past bury its dead!"

MAN, AND HIS MASTER!

In the course of his Keokuk speech the other day, President Roosevelt gave voice to a sentiment that should sink into every young soul in the land. Said he: "A man must be master of himself, or someone else will be his master." There is a world of sound sense in such doctrine and a lesson for infinite value in it to every youngster on life's threshold. To attain to the crux of such a position requires not only caution, and courage, but down-right honesty of purpose, as basic principles upon which to build that self-mastery that shall forever and always preclude the dominance of the other man.

Most young men, just starting out in life, possess these attributes in large measure; they are the qualities that belong, inherently, to the young unspoiled by contact with the wide and rough world; and self-analysis will soon tell him whether he has them. Once assured of his predicate, it becomes the duty of him who thus knows himself, to cherish these fundamentals and engraft them on every act and thought and relation of life. To be careful, cautious, conservative; to be courageous, morally and physically and mentally; to be simply, yet wisely, honest, are not peculiarly hard virtues to come by; if one really wants to make them of use; they must be in, and with, a man, instinctively, of course; only to the young they are not realizable, nor admissible. He believes, modestly, he has them all and hopes it from the bottom of his heart; but this wont do the trick; he must know they are his elemental characteristics, claim them and swear by them and live up to them; and thus they will invest him with their own vital strength until he no longer doubts his possession, and glories in the conviction. There never was an era in American life when they were so marvelously essential as right now, for we need masterly men to do the nation's best work!

RECORD TO QUEESTOWN.

Great Steamship Greeted by Big Crowd at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 4.—The new Cunard steamship Lusitana arrived here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. She was greeted by a large crowd. It is officially announced that she had made the trip to Daunt's Rock, which she reached at 3:56 a. m., in five days, four hours and nineteen minutes, at an average run of 22.6 knots an hour. Her day's runs were:

Sunday, 369 knots; Monday, 524 knots; Tuesday, 525 knots; Wednesday, 531 knots; Thursday, 523 knots, and Friday, 336 knots. During the last three days of the trip there was heavy weather.

The Lusitania left Sandy Hook at 6:41 p. m. on Saturday, the 21st. The report from Liverpool shows that she has established a new record for the eastward passage from Sandy Hook lightship to Queenstown. The best prior record was made by the Lucania of the same line 13 years ago, on September 14, 1894, when she crossed from New York to Queenstown in 5 days, 8 hours and 38 minutes. The Lusitania therefore beat the record by 4 hours and 19 minutes. The average speed of the Lucania on her record trip was 21.84 knots an hour.

At a glance the table of her daily runs shows that she steadily gained time until Thursday, when her speed began to fall off to a slight extent, and Friday, when the distance she had to go was not so great. The heavy weather of the last three days accounts for her slow progress. At the outset she was handicapped by a dense bank of fog, which delayed her several hours.

The eastward trip was made in slower time than she made in her passage to this city, when her average speed was 23.01 knots an hour. She then broke the Lucania's record and set up a new mark for the distance of 5 days and 54 minutes.

But although the Lusitania showed herself a faster boat than the Lucania eastward, she did not surpass the best single day's run of the little liner. That was 533 knots. The best single day's run of the Lusitana on Wednesday last is reported from Liverpool as 530 knots.

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OPEN UP BIG TRACT

Uncle Sam to Provide Land for Thousands.

ABOUT FIVE MILLION ACRES

Within Next Twelve Months Government Will Open Land For Settlement in Idaho, Washington, Montana and South Dakota Reserves.

SPOKANE, Oct. 4.—Homes for 25,000 families will be provided by Uncle Sam in the Northwest during the next 12 months, when, it is given out, the government will open to settlement 4,912,000 acres of timber, agricultural and mineral lands in Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington, Western Montana and South Dakota. The occupation of these lands, situated in eight Indian reservations, will mark the most important period of development since the first railroad invaded the forests, valleys and sagebrush deserts west of the Rocky mountains, and means the obliteration of the frontier with its picturesque cowboys and the vivid adventures, heroic days, which will never again have a counterpart in this country. The lottery system has been decided upon in the disposition of these reservation lands, which are located as follows:

Colville, Eastern Washington, 1,000,000 acres; Yakima, Central Washington, 1,145,000 acres; Coeur d'Alene, Northern Idaho, 310,000 acres; Lemhi, Central Eastern Idaho, 500,000 acres; Blackfoot, Southern Idaho, 500,000 acres; Flathead, Western Montana, 1,000,000 acres, Rosebud and Lower Brule, South Dakota, 891,560 acres.

The Lower Brule reservation, comprising 56,560 acres, will be the first to be opened. The land has been appraised and the regulations issued for its disposal. Homeseekers have until October 7 to file applications for lottery tickets in the drawing, which will take at Pierre the following week.

Each applicant must go to the Pierre land district and make oath on his ticket that he is entitled to take public lands under the homestead laws. If successful in drawing a homestead, he must pay the government the appraised value of the land in annual installments. The value of the land is placed at from \$1.25 to \$4.00 an acre.

In the Coeur d'Alene reservation land can be taken under the homestead or mineral laws. The survey is being made, and when completed the government will issue to the Indians their share and then classify and appraise the surplus, amounting to 10,000 acres, and order the lottery. Settlers will not be able to work their farms until the spring of 1909, as it will require a year to appraise the lands.

The most important tract to be opened is in the Yakima country, where 1,145,000 acres of land will be disposed of in various ways. The government is constructing an irrigation plant to cover 100,000 acres of land. The irrigated tract will be divided into 40-acre plots. The settlers will be required to pay in 10 yearly installments the amount of money the government put into the project. This will make the land cost the settlers \$30 an acre. It will be used chiefly for sugar beet and alfalfa culture. The timber land on the Yakima reservation will be sold under the sealed bids. All other land except mineral will be awarded under the homestead act. The allotment and schedule of reserved lands have been approved and the land commissioner is ready to open the reservation just as soon as the reclamation project is completed. This will be in time for cultivation of crops next year.

Surveyors in the employ of the government are at work in the Colville reserve. In addition to dividing 1,000,000 acres of land into 40 and 160 acre tracts, they will survey several townships. Part of the land is to be under irrigation and in this district the farms will be limited to 40 acres, others being 160 acres. All the lands will be classified and appraised as irrigable, grazing, timber, mineral or arid. It will require fully a year for the government to have this reservation ready for settlement.

Work is progressing so rapidly on the Lemhi reservation that it is announced the lands probably will be opened for settlement this fall. The Indians on this reservation have been removed to Port Hall and all that remains to be done is the appraisement of the improvements. The appraisers will be appointed within a few weeks. The old homestead law will govern the opening of these lands and settlers will not have to pay more than from \$1.25 to \$2.50 an acre for tracts.

Surveyors are also at work on the Blackfoot reservation. The first work is to set aside allotments for the Indians and then survey the surplus, 500,000 acres, together with government townships. The government has the right to withdraw part of this land for

an irrigation project, but so far there is no disposition to do so.

The work of making the allotments to the Indians will begin this fall, and officials say the opening may be delayed until the spring of 1909.

Most of the Indians on the Flathead reserve have been allotted their land and the Indian commissioner soon will appoint appraisers to fix the value of the 1,000,000 acres of surplus land. It is the intention to classify this land into first and second-class agricultural, timber, mineral and grazing land. The survey is practically completed and it is expected to open next year to enable the settlers to put in a crop. However, the opening may be delayed until fall if the work is not completed this winter.

Nine months more will be required to complete the allotment of the Rosebud land to the Indian children, but as soon as the work is completed the 835,000 acres of surplus land can be opened to settlement. Several townships are to be located by the government on this reservation.

COUGAR KILLS CATTLE.

Destroy Eleven Head for Newkah River Rancher.

ABERDEEN, Oct. 4.—G. M. Powell, who owns a ranch on the Newkah river, south of the city, says that a cougar in his vicinity has been making terrible inroads upon his stock of cattle. During the last three months the animal has killed 11 head of stock on the ranch. From the tracks, which are very large, it is supposed that the cougar is an extra large one. Mr. Powell states that the remains of one of the animals killed by the cougar indicates that at least 150 pounds of meat was devoured by the rapacious feline at one sitting. That is certainly "moving with some rapidity," even for a hungry cat. Efforts are now being made to organize a large hunting party for the near future and with a number of hunters, and several days, the country tributary to Mr. Powell's ranch will be thoroughly covered with a view of exterminating the ferocious animal before the entire herd shall have been exterminated.

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