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SQUARELY IN THE FIELD.

Portland might as well make up her mind that before another 12 months roll round Astoria will be squarely in the field for a share of the maritime commerce of Oregon and the Northwest. Indeed, she has made up her mind to this long ago, and gave sharp testimony of her conviction when the Port of Columbia bill was framed up, sneaked through the legislature, and fell to pieces before the inquisitorial handling of the supreme court.

None know better than the business men of the metropolis that this port is infinitely the best on the upper coast and that sooner, or later, it must be utilized, for all it is worth, in the cheapening of marine freights, hence, and hither. It has been the one living dread of Portlanders, for years and years, and the approaching realization but accentuates the alarm. The wonder is, she does not do, of her own volition, and at her own cost, what she threatened to do by means of the law alluded to: Buy a fleet of tugs, train a new group of bar pilots, deepen the 112 miles of two rivers between her and the sea, and make her last stand for the business.

Whether she does this, or not, she will always command the situation and the commerce, here; because, she is the principle depot for Oregon in all such matters, and among the greatest in the Northwest, and cannot be dislodged. It is right and proper that she should have and hold this position as long as there is no other city or port to challenge her supremacy. We have always conceded this as stoutly as we have maintained our right to be the sea-port of the Columbia Basin. But the inevitable laws of economy, despatch, and safety will prevail, in the end, to make Astoria the chief sea-gate and distributing-point for the coming and going cargoes of the whole territory.

The Oregonian's futile efforts to mislead its readers by misquoting this paper, and by quoting such mere words and sentences as can be distorted to its purposes, has no bearing on the real issue; the day for keeping Astoria in the background has passed, and we must be reckoned with, for all time to come, on this big, and fundamental, lay-out. Things are coming our way and we are wholly alive to the situation and will contest every inch of ground over which the engagement is carried. We are not fighting the battle altogether alone, and the sooner Portland admits this, and takes her proper place in the new alignment, the better for all concerned.

SPEED, AND GREED.

The most superficial analysis of conditions in America, today, leaves the thinker with the conviction that, as a whole, this people is profoundly addicted to two peculiar ambitions, speed, and greed. The latter is admittedly the main cause of the former. The get-rick-quick theory is not the distinctive characteristic of the faker and fraud; it is almost national in its type and expression and grows more intense with each succeeding day.

All the elements of caution, safety, and success are bent and blended in the doctrine of haste; no other argument is permitted to interfere with it. The man who can do a thing the fastest is the man of the hour, be he mechanic, or builder, or projector, or what-not; time is of the essence, not only of contracts, but of every phase and engagement of human activity; and the swifter the motion of thought and action and

achievement, the swifter comes the profit; and this is enhanced, of course, by the time saved in its realization.

The policy may be alright, but we believe it is killing the race, abridging its usefulness and crippling its thoroughness, as well as tampering with its standards and lowering the universal tone of individual ambition. The pace does not permit the play of the finer instincts of the artisan whose genius becomes the rival of the machine; a rivalry that robs the master-mind of its best conceptions on the poor pretext that it cannot be wrought out "in time"; and the rule governs all along the course of prescribed human endeavor. Money is the sole stimulus and it must be made rapidly and in great volume, if the operator wants to stay in the van of action and success.

Time, and money; seep, and greed; this is the combination that is driving us relentlessly on the road of life, either to the snubbing-post of old-time common sense; or to the brink and fall of brain and body exhaustion.

CAPITAL POLITICS

Representatives Are Congregating Washington.

BRYAN OUT OF THE RUNNING

Political Gossip Has It That A Great Amount of Scheming And Planning Has Already Commenced For The Campaign In 1908.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—With the coming of Senator's and Representatives who make their real homes in Washington, on account of having children or grandchildren in our schools, and there are a good many of them, the Presidential campaign may be said to have opened, as it is well known that the wires are laid in this city which control the nominations and platforms of both parties, and he is blind, indeed, who cannot see that they are being industriously laid at this time.

Up until now the supporters of Mr. Bryan have been disposed to take things very easy, believing that all he had to do was to reach out and take the democratic nomination, but they are now sitting up and taking notice. The immediate cause of this is the activity and aggressiveness of those who are booming Lieut. Gov. Chandler, of New York, for the nomination. The Chandler boom is distinctly anti-Bryan, and some remarkable claims are being made for it. One of them is that at the proper time Mr. Hearst will throw the entire strength and influence of the Independence League to Chandler, if he develops sufficient support to justify it. The Chandler men are also using President Roosevelt to knock Bryan, saying that if Bryan is nominated Roosevelt will run again, making his defeat certain. They also say that Bryan cannot possibly carry New York, and that no democrat can win without it. One curious feature of the Chandler boom is the attitude of southern democrats toward it. Though the claim is made that the demand for his nomination originated in the south, southern democrats who come to Washington are almost to a man non-committal, contenting themselves with saying, "We'll support any man nominated."

As sentiment is almost wholly unnatural followed the statement that W. R. Hearst wished to go to the Senate, because his father was a Senator. This statement was made by a man known to have close personal relations with Mr. Hearst, or it would have received scant attention. The scheme, as outlined by those who profess to know, is for Hearst and the Independence League to support Chandler for the Presidential nomination, and then for the combination to support Hearst for the Senate, if control of the New York legislature can be secured, as successor to Tom Platt. Inasmuch as President Roosevelt is understood to have his eye on that same seat in the Senate, this indicates the hottest kind of a fight for control of the legislature. Mr. Hearst would not find the surroundings very congenial in the Senate, if he succeeded in getting there. A well known Senator, speaking of him, said: "Whatever else Hearst may be, his career as a member of the House—during which I am sure he never occupied his seat 20 days in all—proved that he was not a legislator. Legislation, like any other game, must be learned before it can be creditably played, and the only way it can be learned is by

attending and studying the sessions of a legislative body."

If President Small, of the Telegraphers' Union has his way, and he thinks he will, combined organized labor of the country will take up the question of the government ownership of telegraph lines and try to bring pressure enough on Congress to compel some legislation on the subject at the coming session. If they can't get the thing all the way through, they will try for something that will pave the way for government ownership. In private conversation Mr. Small has said that Samuel Gompers, head of the A. F. L., was with him on this question, but Sam has not publicly committed himself or his organization.

Although most of the blame attached to Secretary Loeb for happenings connected with or concerning President Roosevelt is known by him, and by everybody else, to be humorous, or at least intended to be, he has grown sensitive about it, so his intimates say. Whether this is because he lacks the sense of humor deponent saith not, but anyway that is said to be the principal reason why he will not accompany the President on the Louisiana bear-hunt. He left Washington with the Presidential party, but will switch off on the Mississippi and go to Wyoming, where he will spend a month camping out. As one of his friends recently said: "Loeb is all right, but at times his ingrowing importance gets on his nerves and makes him do fool-stunts."

INVITE A TEST.

T. F. Lawrens Asks Catarrh Sufferers To Try Hyomei on Their Guarantee.

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VANDERBILT WEDDING NOV. 4.

Will Marry Astral Nobleman in Hungarian Castle.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 7.—Count Ladislans Sechenyl and Miss Gladys Vanderbilt will be married November 4, according to the present Newport rumors. It is said now the ceremony will not be performed in this country, but at the count's castle in Hungary.

FLEET TO START DECEMBER 15.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Brownson announce that the fleet will be in readiness to start for the Pacific on December 15. Coal contracts will be let next week and the ships will start on time, whether all repairs are finished or not.

NO LIGHT; TRAIN HITS CROWD.

GARY, Ind., Oct. 7.—Three men were killed and two critically injured by an eastbound Michigan Southern train here tonight. Gary is the new town built by the steel trust and so far it is unlighted. A crowd was waiting for a west-bound train, when the east bound train crashed into them. The bodies of two of the dead, said to be named Grigsby and Courtney, were taken to Hammond, Ind.

BOOKER JR. IN A HUFF.

EXETER, N. H., Oct. 7.—Booker T. Washington Jr. has withdrawn from Phillips Exeter academy and left the village because he felt he was being discriminated against on account of his color. J. E. Gomez, a Cuban, who was Washington's roommate, left at the same time, as reported for the same reason. Principal Amen said there was no discrimination, but that young Washington broke some of the rules of the institution and was disciplined. Gomez, he explained, was offended because a professor asked where Washington was.

Why Take the Trouble to Kill and Stuff the Birds?



—Harper's Weekly.

No Danger Whatever. "So the grand jury has indicted your father for violating the anti-rebate law? I hope they won't send him to jail."

"Oh, the beautiful heiress replied, with splendid confidence, 'there isn't any danger of that. Papa is no fool. He has made all arrangements to prove that the rebates were obtained by the office boy while he was suffering with a brain storm.'—Judge.

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