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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair and warmer except near coast.

SNIDE SPORTSMEN.

The story of the Marathon race as sent out from London yesterday puts the Englishman on the defensive as a delinquent sportsman; one that is not game in defeat, nor instinctively true to rules, results and winners.

We Americans can attribute all possible honors to the plucky Italian, Dorando, but we would not have sacrificed him to a dirty prejudice by proclaiming him a winner when the rules forbade it, even in the face of his noble strife to capture the great race.

America turns, with cordial unanimity, to the Liptonian code of sport at a moment such as has been thrust upon them by the incident under review. He is of the sort to uphold the sporting integrity of a nation, and in the largest sense, he represented Great Britain in all the races he has run for the crowning sport of the ocean and its honors, and had he won, England must have claimed the victory and the pennant and gloried in the achievement even as we gloried. But the man's superb carriage, in defeat after defeat proclaimed him the true gentleman and true sportsman and furnished forth an example that is wonderfully and happily accentuated in the present instance.

It will be many a long day before England shall have back the prestige destroyed by the Marathon incident, for men will look askance upon her representatives in all the great games of the future especially when they shall be pulled off on English soil. That she has conspired to deny Americans the credit and pride of their victories at the Olympian games has been suspected ever since they opened, and now she stands convicted of shabby, shameless and coarse connivance to this end, bust just who with has not yet developed. It will all come out in due course; but primarily she is responsible and guilty in that the raw laches were permitted upon her soil.

FLAT DISCRIMINATION.

The local members of the Eagles fraternity are sorely incensed against the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company and the Northern Pacific Company, because of their refusal to make a round-trip rate out of Astoria and return, for the Seattle convention of the order beginning this week. The N. P. people have offered a special rate out of Portland in this behalf, but have refused to do anything whatever out of this city. And the discrimination is bitterly resented, and will likely be further demonstrated in the local freight dealings as between the merchants in the order here and the lines in question.

The A. & C. people, as usual, hark back to the fact that the rate between Astoria and Portland is already, and standardly, fixed at one-third less than the statutory rate of three cents per miles, and that this should count, primarily, for all anticipated reductions of the passenger tariff. And in a way the claim is a just one; but the mere fact that it is the only road in the Northwest with an established tariff based on two-cent mileage, does not interfere with its recognition of the big fraternities here when they desire to patronize it heavily by sending out parties of 50 or 100, and granting them even better concessions.

It is directly in line, however, with the present policy of the A. & C. since its mergence with the N. P. system. The management has made it very plain that Astoria is nothing but a way-station between Portland and Seaside and that no other status

is possible for a long while to come. And this from a railroad built with Astoria money and enterprise, does not set well on the public sense of justice and emphasizes every such denial as has developed in the case of the Eagles, and no one marvels at their strictures in the case nor questions the justice of them.

EDITORIAL SMALL-CHANGE.

We have lots of friendly sympathy for old Vancouver town in her big losses of Friday, and hope she will rally rapidly and re-build her mills and homes that were destroyed and scorched.

Indianapolis has a creditable fad in the cultivation of an era of good feeling on the vice-presidency. It is an important office, and the Hoosiers are smart to keep the nominations in their state capital.

Governor Hughes, of New York, would not say he wanted the Presidency, but calmly remarks that if his people want him for Governor again they can have it that way. We are beginning to think this good, but icy, politician of "little old New York" is pretty shrewd when it comes to carving out his own destiny. He knows the route to Washington, it seems, and has his eye cast that way.

No one is to be allowed to give more than \$10,000 to the Democratic campaign fund. Mr. Bryan's idea of small change has expanded since he started in to exploit the Democratic party 12 years ago.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company, without admitting the equity of the new lumber schedules set by the I. C. C., has tentatively adopted them for the sake of business for its "empties" east-bound. Perhaps it will get so busy hauling lumber in that direction, it will forget to wage the further fight.

Mr. Bryan shows plainly that he is not only willing but anxious for fusion with Hearst. It will not be Bryan's fault if old-fashioned Democrats are not trolled into this fresh alliance.

Our friends, the Pacific States Telephone people, are now assured that Astoria means business, and will meet her fairly and squarely, by setting up the service so long promised. There will be no more dawdling allowed, and the people are on the qui vive for real signs of the real thing.

It would be instructive if the people of the United States could know how many business enterprises are postponed "until Bryan is defeated again."

The fashion of killing one's sweetheart is getting to be altogether too pronounced in the Northwest; the girls may be pardoned if they refuse to pose as targets hereafter; love on such terms is an extravagant luxury; the compensations are too meagre and remote to be distinguishable; it is a gamble, anyway one takes it, but a woman likes to get as far as the orange-blossoms and the honeymoon trip, whatever ensues after that.

Why have farmers money for campaign or other purposes? Because they turned down a demagogue and his inflation fairy stories in 1896 and 1900.

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It is a painful disappointment to Bryan that Hearst is unwilling to accept a partnership on the ground

STATE RESOURCES

Cooperation With National Commission a Success

GOVERNORS' PROMPT ACTION

Encourages the National Conservation Commission and the Co-operation Now Seems to be an Assured Success Between the Two Bodies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—

State co-operation with the National Conservation Commission seems to be an assured success, if the action of the governors thus far can be taken as an example of what is to follow. Both the Commission and the White House are greatly encouraged at the responses of the governors who attended the White House Conference. Several governors have already appointed State Conservation Commissions. Many others have written the President declaring their intention to do so at an early date, while still others promise to recommend vigorously in their forthcoming messages to their respective Legislatures the appointment of State Commissions and active cooperation with the national body.

Within less than thirty days after the appointment of the National Conservation Commission, four governors had advised the President of similar state action by themselves. Governor Folk, of Missouri, who announced at the White House Conference his intention of naming a commission to deal with the natural resources of his State, has carried out his intention and Missouri's commission is expected soon to be at work.

Governor Warner, of Michigan, has explained to the President that Michigan already has a Forestry Commission and a Commission of Inquiry into related phases of natural resources which between them will be able to look after the national resources of the "Wolverine" State.

Montana and Oregon were among the first of the states in the field with Conservation Commissions. Under date of June 15, Governor Edwin L. Norris, of Montana, wrote the President that he had appointed a commission "to suggest to our next Legislative Assembly proper ways and means to conserve and protect the forests of Montana, and I anticipate that the commission so appointed by me will make valuable recommendations."

On June 19, Governor George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, notified the President that he had already appointed a committee on plans and program for the movement of the conservation of resources, and that this commission is to be enlarged and will act in co-operation with the National Commission.

Governor J. Frank Hanly, of Indiana, writes that it is his purpose "in the near future to appoint a state commission."

Governor C. S. Deneen, of Illinois, says he will be pleased to appoint a commission for Illinois and will forward the names of the appointees.

Governor M. F. Ansel, of South Carolina, has promised to take up the matter of appointing a state commission very soon.

Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, writing on June 11, assures the President that everything necessary to enable the North Carolina Geological Survey to compensate with the National Conservation Commission so as to preserve our resources "will be laid before the next Legislature by me in my last message to that body." Governor Glenn added, "Let me say, Mr. President, in this connection, that I think the calling together of the governors was one of the biggest things that has been done by any President during my recollection, and is bound to result in great good to the nation, and I believe if the Governors will heartily cooperate with you, and your successor, along this line, and there will be great strides made toward the preservation of our resources."

Governor E. F. Noel, of Mississippi,

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Governor George Curry, of New Mexico, has written the President that he will endeavor to appoint a strong and representative territorial commission, "which may work in conjunction with the National Board on these vital issues."

Cooperation with the National Conservation Commission has been speci-

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