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### THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, except showers in northwest portion.  
Washington—Showers west.

### AS IT SHOULD BE.

There is no question in the ordinary Astorian mind that this city and the Columbia river will get the first rail and its traffic out of the Tillamook region; that the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, a Hill line and connection, will beat the Harriman system and all its works, in the race down and to the coast of Tillamook. For, as 35 miles are to 70 miles, so is the chance of the A. & C. beyond, and better than, the Lytle chance, to get in there, and here.

At the same time, the Southern Pacific interests are going to be practically supreme in the splendid valley of the Nehalem, by right of traverse and spot-touch with its last product, cultivated and uncultivated; and this is where Astoria must get in her cleverest work; to fix the hauling of the vast produce of that territory directly here, rather than permitting it to go back to the metropolis, for marketing. It is ours by every rule of natural tendency; by contiguity, and by the logic of route, distance, despatch. We must get in and seal it to this port and point of distribution; this, the nearest and best depot that can be found.

It is strictly up to the merchants and business men generally, here, to open up the campaign right now, and keep it swinging, along with every west-bound rail that is laid by the Harriman people. WE want the fruits, the vegetables, the dairy products, the grain, and the lumber of that realm, and we had best file such a bid for it as even the far metropolis will balk at. We can do this if we will; we have everything to plead, and offer and make good upon; and what we shall lose in the outcome, will be lost on our own initiative and primary fault and stupidity. There are certain elements of it that will come to us at any hazard, of course; mainly in the lumber, and heavier material out-put; beyond that, what comes Astoria-ward will be ours by conquest.

### LABOR'S ONE DAY.

It is just, expedient and appropriate that American labor should have one day of its own, devoted to its cause, its people, its hopes, its highest expressions; and that it has the sanction of the law is all the better. There are none, in all the wide realm of differentiations set up, even in this land of presumptive democracy, who can gainsay the equity and ethical propriety of the anniversary and its devoted observance.

It is sure to become an immense factor in the uplift of the portion, and standard, unified labor is to assume in the development of the land and its energies, and all men hope to see it become an anniversary hailed and marked as a distinct accession to the freedom of the people by the virtues and high avouchals it shall perpetuate in the name of the workingman and woman. Progress, improvement, invention, discovery, development, uplift, all are inevitable in the laboring world as in other elements of human existence and intercourse; and the heaven is working steadily and plainly day after day while the world at large notes it and gives it honest recognition and appreciation.

The Mitchells, the Gompers, are the men that are making for the biggest and best attainments of today; and it is only necessary that labor shall see to it that men of that calibre are put to the front and kept there; that the cheap and ignorant "blather-skite" is back-handed into the background of silence and inefficacy; and its greatest ideals put forth by men known to cherish, as well as represent, them. We hope to live to see the day when this anniversary will

be greeted with universal and spontaneous avowment that shall, in time, make it the great and foremost annual day of the American calendar.

### DISTINCT USURPATION.

By what right does an officer of the law abate that law in order to give one man license against it, while he imposes the weight of that law on the neighbor of the favorite? Who gives the officer sanction, immunity, freedom, in this "fast and loose" play with the statutes and ordinances? What is the limit of this usurpation, and who sets it? The people choose a group of trustees of their law, every so often, and, having no time to dispense it themselves, charge, and pay, these trustees or officers, to give up their time and devote it to the honest and just administration of that law; and who among these custodians, and representatives, has the right to ignore, fracture and deny the law?

These questions are being asked quietly and, broadly in Astoria, and all America, today; and the patience of the people is wearing away beneath the pressure and chafe of the insolent silence, or more insolent indifference, of the initial transgressors who make the second, and interminable, transgression of the law possible. The people here and everywhere, are not asking in vain, either! They are going to answer the queries themselves in their own way and time, in obedience to a fast-growing sentiment against the truculency of the situation and the sheer peril of it in days to come. There is always plenty of local contempt for the man who sells, or gives away, his honor in such behalf; and he is a fool who thinks the people do not know of his treachery because the lightning of their just wrath does not fall on the instant.

This is, or should be, enough on this head at this time. If it is not there is plenty more, of even more definite and detailed sort, that can be had when the necessity for it appears.

### PARTY OF PERFORMANCE.

The Republican is a party of action. It rests upon what it has done, and not upon what it possibly may do in the future. It has fostered everything that has tended to make the country great and prosperous. It has moved with the people. It has kept abreast of the times. It has ever stood ready to modify an old policy or to adopt a new one when the business interests of the country have needed the modification or the change. It has protected American industries. It has protected American labor by stringent immigration laws. It protected the credit and business stability of the country by promptly declaring in favor of a gold standard, and writing it in the statutes. When the time came it promptly seized upon the time and the opportunity to begin the speedy construction of the great Isthmian canal. It has never hesitated to assume a responsibility. When the cruelties in Cuba threatened the interests of America the Republican party resolved to put an end to those cruelties. When trusts sprang up it enacted a law to curb and control those trusts. When commerce was at the mercy of the railroads, it provided for a commission to regulate them. When shippers were oppressed by transportation companies it promptly enacted a rate law. It has met every emergency in war or peace, met it in a wise, prudent and statesmanlike manner. It is progressive when progressiveness means upbuilding. It is con-

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servative when conservatism means the maintenance of peace, order and prosperity. It has been prompt without undue haste. Peace and prosperity at home—honor and respect abroad has been, is now, and always will be its motto.

Same old Bryan. Same old botheration to business. Same old bulletins by and by.

On one issue Mr. Bryan has never changed and that is free trade, a fact sufficient to indicate that he will never be president.

In his speech of acceptance John W. Kern quoted from the Bible and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat—two excellent Republican authorities.

The Democrats favor a law to ascertain the physical value of railroads. An amendment looking to the physical valuation of candidates would hardly suit them at this time.

Mr. Edison argues that sleep is a habit, not a necessity. The Kentucky night riders show that it is a habit that can not be spared.

It is small business for a presidential candidate to try to conciliate a man to the frauds by which he has been cheated out of a nomination.

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## No Substitute In Work World For Sterling Common Sense.

By JOHN A. HOWLAND, Chicago Journalist.

**U**SE your brains—if you have any! Failing in this a few times, recognize the fact that it wasn't intended for you to take the initiative in the world's work. Then it will be time enough for you to line up with the army of the unemployed, working absolutely under direction.

AT A TIME WHEN MORE ADVICE TO THE YOUNG MAN IS PRINTED THAN EVER BEFORE IN HISTORY IT STRIKES ME THAT THIS MODERN YOUNG MAN NEEDS MORE THAN EVER BEFORE TO GET HIS OWN BEARINGS UPON HIMSELF IN RELATION TO HIS PARTICULAR WORK. THE WHOLE EQUATION IS PERSONAL AND SPECIFIC. GENERALITIES COVERING RULES OF CONDUCT ACCORDING TO CONVENTIONAL CATECHISMS MAY BE WORTHLESS. THEY MAY BE EVEN CONFUSING AND MISLEADING.

The situation is that the young man has work before him. With certain modifications, perhaps, he is the man to do it. The employer asks only that the work be done satisfactorily.

I read the other day a catechismic dissertation upon how every young man may succeed in life. It was in effect that, having true courage, this young man would recognize no obstacle in his way as unsurmountable; that, having no fear of failure, he would press on always to the accomplishment of anything he might attempt to do.

Fundamentally I DON'T KNOW OF ANYTHING SILLIER than the promulgating of any such philosophy as this. That young man who gets such a distorted idea into his head, believing it to be of practical, everyday value to him, must find DISAPPOINTMENT AND FAILURE INEVITABLE. There are a million commonplace things in business life that are impossible. Things that were possible yesterday are impossible today, and things possible today will be impracticable tomorrow.

"Learn to obey orders" is one of the old reiterations of the conventional teacher who fancies that an idealized philosophy should apply to every relation in the life of the employee. Yet there are men every day losing positions because of a fool's obedience to the letter of a rule.

Time was when an office boy would have been discharged if he had not untied carefully the twine binding a package and carefully preserved both string and paper. Today the boy who can cut the wrappings from such a package and drop them deepest in a wastebasket in the shortest time proves his efficiency.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE IN THE WORKING WORLD FOR A STERLING COMMON SENSE. THERE IS NO COURAGE TO COMPARE WITH THAT WHICH MAY BE DISPLAYED BY THE YOUNG MAN WHO SAYS TO HIMSELF, "I'LL GIVE THIS UP RIGHT HERE," AND WHO AFTERWARD CAN JUSTIFY HIS MOVE.

## The Nation Is Rich And Growing Richer.

By Judge ELBERT H. GARY, Chairman of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

**F**INANCIAL conditions are improved and improving. THE LEGISLATION RECENTLY ENACTED IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. Next autumn will not witness a repetition of the scenes of October, 1907. There will probably be worked out a financial system which will provide funds for the expansion or contraction of the volume of business and for the immediate wants of particular localities which result from the exigencies of the time and place.

THE NATION IS RICH AND RAPIDLY GROWING RICHER. It compares most favorably with all other nations. Its opportunities in the direction of material growth are greatest of them all. If one glances at the figures relating to the increase in population or additional value of property and amount of money in the treasuries and the banks and in general circulation, one is amazed at the enlargement in resources and financial strength of the country. The wise are even now prepared to reap the benefit which will result from these conditions when the tide of business fully returns.

WE SHALL DO BUSINESS ON A BASIS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT AND VERY MUCH BETTER THAN IT HAS BEEN DONE. WE SHALL BE MORE CAUTIOUS, LOOK FARTHER AHEAD, KEEP MORE CLOSELY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR RESOURCES, BUT WE SHALL HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

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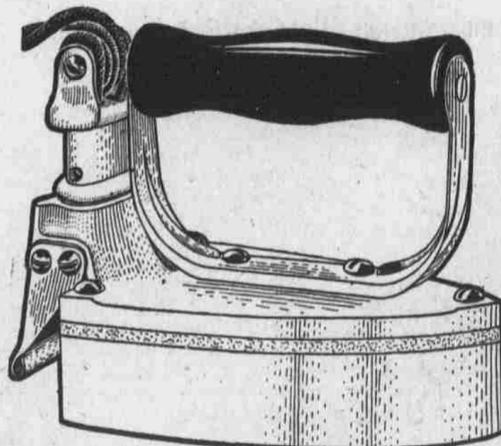
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