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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Fair with light frost in early morning. Idaho—Fair.

THE KNOCKERS' CLUB.

The Morning Astorian, in justice to itself and the city it represents, feels called upon to make a plain and direct statement of its attitude toward the new civic association in process of formation here, for the alleged good of the city, the "Businessmen's Protective Union," or the "Knockers' Club," or whatever it is to be called, provided it is ever named at all. Primarily, we believe its sole and signal purpose to be the "opening up" of Astoria to the old license in gambling, dance-halls and other elemental evils, that prevailed here three years ago, and more or less, (mostly more) through all the history of the city. We believe it, because the inception of this movement was had in secret; its first meeting was held in surreptitious fashion; everything, even its authors and guests and arguments, were smothered in a veil of silence and mystery and only a chosen few, known to be wholly committed to "open town" policies invited; the absence of all spontaneity, publicity, and candor that herald straight and genuine movements of the sort, was conclusive of some ulterior idea, and the known predilections of the men who were there, gave color to this assumption. With this justifiable conception of the plan the Astorian proceeded to say what it thought; and one of the consequences of its frankness was that at the second meeting, on Wednesday evening last, an attempt was made to gloss over the original propaganda, and set speeches were made tending to show that this "club" has only the high and holy good of Astoria at heart; save in three instances when the more candid speakers turned their minds inside out and told exactly what they thought and wanted.

Secondarily: If it had been started under proper auspices, with the real safety and success of the city as its vital keynote of existence and action, it would have been called openly and honestly and all citizens made welcome in the name of the community's good; and there would have been hundreds present instead of the dozen, the score, that have so far been lured to the sessions. This paper has the courage of its convictions and promptly marked the extraordinary character of the assemblage as a move, and bid, for the "lifting of the lid," and did it for the good of the place and people it stands for. If this be "knocking," then the knockers' Club may make the most of it.

The tone of the speeches made by Messrs. Bergman, Verschuren and Kaboth, on Wednesday night last were apt expressions of the real issues upon which this "club" is seeking to organize and they deserve credit for their candor and honesty. It pays to be straightforward and do things in the open; the people do not like to be deceived and invariably resent it.

With hundreds of business men in this city, the Morning Astorian is yet unsatisfied with the quality of the inspiration behind this organization and proposes to say what it thinks about it, if all the rest of Astoria keeps silent. There is no need for any such movement in Astoria. It is a deliberate effort to paralyze the Chamber of Commerce, which might have been used by these men, if they had the warrant and nerve to carry their schemes into that agency and urge them there. This they were told in plain terms at the last meeting, by a newspaper man.

As to the estimates held in the Club as to the Morning Astorian, this paper can but say it wants the good will of every man acting with the "Knockers," but it does not propose to abandon its fixed principles of civic advantage, to secure it; that an order-

hopeless desire of a group of men who would stultify her progress by leveling every barrier she has raised against the curse that has kept her down for generations.

When we are convinced that we are wrong in this premise, we will gladly get behind it and do what we may to make good for our misconceptions (if they are proven).

LEASE THE GOVERNMENT.

On the eve of the extra session of the Congress, and in view of the hopelessness of the United States to prevail in law and fact against the greater powers of the Standard Oil trust, we beg to suggest that a resolution providing for a constitutional amendment be framed, presented and passed, chartering the national government to this concern, and turning the people over, bag and baggage, to the octopus. Lease the offices, departments, rights and possessions of the public, direct to the impregnable, invincible, autocratic combine and cease these idle and costly contentions with a power that is greater than any known in the land.

We feel that we are wasting the substance of the people in this long-drawn conflict with the Standard and making the government ridiculous in its repeated knock-outs at the bidding of the big business concern that outranks it in court and out of it, and whose money and mandates overshadow every organic phase of national life. The demonstration is complete; we are the lesser thing; the Standard is the whole thing, and that is all there is to it; so, to avoid something infinitely worse than voluntary slavery to this gigantic, elemental power, we desire to see this step taken. Of course we may not give it everything; it must be done on the principle of a lease, say for a thousand years, or so; it can be done, alright; any lawyer in the service of the master corporation will tell us how to do it; any judge in the same service will confirm it instantly, and the Standard will do what it can to use the concession as it uses everything else, to its own ends.

There is a chance that the company may refuse to accept the responsibility and the expense incident to it; but we can do no more than try it out, just to see where we stand in the estimation of this supreme agency in human affairs. Its contempt for such minor things as government is so pronounced that it may resent, and refuse, the act of abrogation on our part; but at least we can show our real disposition to be completely servile and our perfect realization of the power that transcends our own in the United States of America and our utter subjection to its least behest.

The final estimate of dollars necessary to complete the Panama Canal has been fixed at 260,000,000, which shows that all of the scoring was done in the first two innings. After that the opposing team seems to have settled down.

Peace hath its victories no less renowned than war. The illustration of this fact at Hampton Roads, amid the music of bands, the boom of cannon and cheering of multitudes, was one of the most remarkable in the history of nations.

Pennsylvania pays a tribute to the memory of a hen that laid 3650 eggs. As that is an egg every day for ten consecutive years, it will be inquired if the man who kept tally had been a bookkeeper in furnishing the Harrisburg Capitol.

The head of the government Weather Bureau declares in a lecture that the great variety of atmospheric changes in this country is invigorating and accounts for the backbone of the American people. This is good news if true, for the supply is inexhaustible.

Next summer Mr. Taft expects to visit Alaska. There

president can look for novel enjoyments of travel. Mem. for the tariff revisers: Alaska in August is a pleasanter region than Washington.

The adoption of the electric furnace in large steel operations is expected to meet the demand for a steel rail tough enough to bear the strain of high speed in the largest freight engines. Great possibilities are still hidden in all forms of applied electricity.

CHEAP SWINDLE

A Los Angeles Fool And His Coin Very Easily Separated.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 11.—The police of this city have arrested two men known as J. D. Ward and Bud Clayborn, and they say they will charge them with working a fake horse race game on W. G. Mitchell, a cattle raiser of Sprague, Wash., by which Mitchell is said to be out of pocket about \$10,000.

The alleged fake horse race took place yesterday on a vacant lot between Arcadia and Monrovia and it was so cleverly worked detectives allege that Mitchell believed even after his money was gone, that he had been the victim of chance rather than of a bunco game and refused to give information that would lead to the arrest of the men until after he had himself been arrested and sweated by the police.

The men represented to Mitchell that he was betting on a sure thing, and got his money before the race came off. The money has not been recovered but the police say they have the men who have it under surveillance.

PAID IN KIND.

CINCINNATI, March 11.—An interesting story is related here in connection with the announcement of the appointment of Attorney John W. Warrington as the late Judge J. K. Richards' successor in the United States Circuit Bench. According to this story when General Harrison was chosen president he offered Warrington a place on the federal bench. Warrington declined the honor and asked President Harrison why he did not appoint "Will" Taft. President Harrison did so and from the date of that appointment Taft has been in the government service. Warrington received a telegram from President Taft yesterday informing him of his appointment as Judge Richards' successor.

NEWS AND NOTES IN THE

SPORTING FRATERNITY

Hugh Duffy is erecting a new steel grandstand at his Providence plant. Umpire Rigler of the National League is the presiding official at all the ball games in Hot Springs.

The National Commission has awarded Forest More, the crack Springfield, Ill., pitcher, to the St. Louis Nationals.

Patsy Kline, the Newark featherweight, is making quite a reputation for himself as a knocker-out.

Memphis is to have a negro professional baseball team this summer. Games with colored teams in the North are now being arranged.

All that is needed is a few playing and scoring rules and baseball will make skat look like a game of "parcheesy."

Pitcher Pete Hunting, who used to curve 'em for the majors, will sling a few for the Pond du Lac team the coming summer.

The grave of George Dixon in Mt. Hope Cemetery will be marked next month by a headstone that is now being cut by a Quincy, Mass, firm.

In case a few more major teams are purchased by politicians will the minor leaguers be able to get under the big top without a pull?

An anti-smoke crusade has been started in Connecticut. Several Connecticut League magnates declare that no Cubans will play in their organization in future.

Stomach trouble is given as the cause of Johnny Evers' failure to join the Chicago champions. Johnny says his heart is with the Cubs but he has to keep his stomach at home until June 1.

Jimmy Johnson, manager of Jem Driscoll, and Al Lippe, who looks after Abe Attel, are engaged in a typewriter quarrel. Jimmy says that if bull-con was music Al would be leader of the band.

PLANNING FOR A PEACE CONGRESS

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE IS-CHICAGO FOR A NOTABLE SESSION.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Plans for a national Peace Congress in Chicago May 3-5 have been launched by the Chicago Association of Commerce. This conference will be known as the Second National Congress, the first having been held in New York in April, 1907.

The attendance at the sessions was 40,000 and fully that number are expected here. Sentiment for international arbitration and universal peace will be fostered and subjects to be submitted at the third Hague conference in 1915, the year of the expected opening of the Panama canal will be considered.

NEED'NT GET SCARED

Little Danger That Earth Will Collide With Anything.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. March 11.—Commenting on the assertion made recently by Dr. Percival Lowell that the earth was in danger of colliding with some large astral body and thus be destroyed, Professor William H. Pickering of the Harvard Astronomical observatory says that the chance of such an event is about "One in one hundred million, raised to the one hundred millionth power."

A more possible danger, he added but nevertheless a highly improbable one, is that the solar system, in its journey through space may come close enough to some such dark body as to cause a disturbance in the orbital motion of planets and perhaps carry some of them, the earth included, into space. The entire danger is so remote, however, that there need be no popular apprehension about it.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY" March 12.

1612—Third patent for Virginia granted.

1640—Newport and Portsmouth, R. I., united.

1684—George Berkeley, Irish prelate and philosopher, born. Died Jan. 14, 1753.

1747—Samuel Ogle became proprietary governor of Maryland.

1817—John L. Worden, who commanded the Monitor in her battle with the Merrimac, born.

1861—Confederate commissioners arrived in Washington.

1877—William M. Everts of New York appointed Secretary of State.

1886—Anti-Chinese convention met in San Francisco.

1894—Lake navigation at Chicago was opened, being the earliest on record.

1902—Governor John P. Altgeld of Illinois died suddenly at Joliet, Ill., in Prussia in 1848.

1908—The American battleship fleet arrived at Magdalena Bay, Mexico.

"THIS IS MY 75th BIRTHDAY"

Hilary A. Herbert, who was Secretary of the Navy in the second administration of President Cleveland, was born March 12, 1834, in Laurens, S. C. His education was received in the Universities of Virginia and Alabama. In the civil war he served as colonel of the Eight Alabama Confederate Volunteers and was disabled at the Battle of the Wilderness. Following the close of the war Mr. Herbert began the practice of law at Greenville, Ala., later removing to Montgomery. In 1877 he was elected a Representative in Congress and continued to serve for sixteen years, until his appointment to a cabinet position by President Cleveland. After his retirement from the cabinet he remained in Washington and engaged in the practice of law. Mr. Herbert is the author of several very successful historical works dealing with the civil war and the period of "Reconstruction" in the South.

MAN OF COINS WEDS

CHICAGO, March 11.—Announcement is made of the marriage on April 22, of Miss Adra Marshall,

one over on Mr. McAleer. They gave Cy Young to Cleveland.

Cy Young needs to win only 22 games this year to bring his total of major victories up to 500. Also he has but to win his first game in Boston to make the Hub fan roar "Another good one sent on his way. I

daughter of Mrs. Thomas Marshall of Jersey City, N. J., and Edward T. Newell of Kenosha, Wis. The couple have been sweethearts since childhood. The bridegroom-to-be, is widely known throughout the country as a student of rare coins. He is secretary of the American Society of Numismatics and a member of the London, Paris and Cairo, Egypt, Society. His personal fortune is estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

LA FOLLETTE SPEAKS

NEW YORK, March 11.—"Direct primary nominations," will be the subject of an address by Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, at a meeting to be held by the Civic Forum at Carnegie Hall tomorrow evening. He will be introduced by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who owes his seat in the Senate to the primary law in that state, having been elected by a Republican Legislature bound by their primary law pledges, although Mr. Chamberlain is himself a Democrat.

DOWN WITH IT

Chicago Fighting The New High Duties On Tea And Coffee.

CHICAGO, March 11.—A protest against the proposed new import tax on tea and coffee has been made by the Chicago branch of the National Coffee and Tea Association. Resolutions adopted will be sent to the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives. The resolution represents 700 members who deal solely in tea and coffee and more than 50000 other merchants who sell these commodities in connection with others.

"The imposition of a tax on coffee and tea would result in an extraordinary hardship upon the vendors and the consumers of these products," says the association in the resolutions. "The fact that the proposed tax will not be the measure of the difference between the present cost and the future cost under the proposed amendment must not be lost sight of. The jobber and retailer would expect to get an extra profit on the higher value and larger investment and the consumer would have to pay for his coffee probably ten cents per pound more than he is charged today."

HIS BODY FOUND

HONOLULU, March 11.—The body of L. R. Radermacher, the Los Angeles man who mysteriously disappeared in April, 1907, was found last night on the slopes of Diamond Head Mountain, near this city. From evidences on the body it was apparent that the man had committed suicide.

GOOD SCHEME

CHICAGO, March 11.—A campaign of publicity and education pertaining to the preparation and sale of all canned goods has been decided by the Western Packers Canned Goods Association. It is the unanimous opinion of the eighty-five members that the public should be educated in the manufacture of canned goods in order that certain prejudices prevailing may be done away with.

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