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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair.
Washington—Fair except showers in northeast portion.

LOCAL LUMBER SITUATION.

It is held, by some of the more sanguine people of this section, that the lumber situation here is not to be quite so disadvantaged by the removal of the tariff from lumber, as might have been supposed; and by way of substantiating this cheerful aspect, they claim that the doubling of the capacity of the Hammond Lumber Company's splendid plant at Tongue Point, in the face of the threatened tariff action is an indication of an assured and contracted business there, that in part obviates any dubious promise; again it is held by those acquainted with the immediate conditions, that at least three of the biggest logging concerns in this neighborhood are fortified with a string of contracts that will keep their camps and affiliated mills going, straight through; and the Clatsop Milling Company is held to be charged with engagements that will keep its people on the jump all through the long summer; and last, but not least, there is a very general impression that the duty on lumber will not be removed, anyway.

This is the tone of things in the local lumber world and it might be much more lugubrious. Then there are certain foregone improvements that are practically pledged, that will have something to do with keeping the lumber market alive, such as the projected improvements and extensions of the Astoria Electric Company; the building of the new Astoria High School; the construction of one, and perhaps, two new hotels; the construction of the Coast Electric line; and a big access of county road building; all aside from the lively promise of hundreds of new homes in and about the city. So, taking it by and large, we have no reason to anticipate too dull a season in this particular field.

It does not pay to be too eager about the untoward things. Time enough to deplore them when they arrive. Astoria has as much to build upon, and to, as any of the Northwestern cities; and perhaps she has more than she realizes, of a compen-

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sating sort. "He laughs best who laughs last", and it were well to keep our mouths set for loud, long laughs!

HERE'S TO THEM!

There are an even 100 days ahead of the Columbia River fishermen, in the 1909 season, for the taking of the beautiful and compensating game of the sea and stream, and they enter upon their work with the profoundest good will of the landmen everywhere for an enormous catch and a season free from ill-luck and death.

They are entitled to every atom of advantage that may come to them, not alone on account of the skill, the strife, the risks, involved in their hardy calling and its successful prosecution, but for the steady and honest faith they have kept with the States, when the compact was torn to tatters by neighboring fishermen who were not men enough to stand by the big industry upon a square incentive of its advantage and up-building by conforming to that agreement tacitly, but who took advantage of the shallowest of pretexts to swarm upon the two hatchery streams and slaughter deliberately, where every instinct of preservation and promise forbade the raid.

This square deal is never likely to be forgotten, and it will serve its best ends in days to come when the interests of the lower river shall come again before the electorate of the State. It pays to be manly and decent, and we hope the men of this region will begin to reap the harvest of dues with their boats and nets and gear from high noon this day, and that it will continue to the last hour of the season, and then some. Here's to 'em!

A REGATTA HUNCH.

If we are not altogether mistaken the Astoria Regatta conditions are in such shape as to require over-hauling from the very base. The old and capable committee has either formally, or tacitly, resigned, and a new staff must be selected before anything of importance can be done for the 1909 season. Therefore, it is in order to begin casting about for a chairman and committee that shall be willing and competent for the big annual task. There is not much time to lose, either, since the season is on for engaging the people and features that are essential to a fine program; and it must be a fine program, for the Astoria Regatta is a fixed institution and more is expected of it year by year.

Just to start the ball rolling, as it were, and without any intention to get in any good man's way, we respectfully suggest Dr. Frank Vaughan for the post of Regatta Chairman, provided he will accept it. He is the president of the Astoria Motor Boat Club, and devoted to water sport in all its livelier and cleaner lines and an ardent friend and supporter, always, of the annual festival, and will make an admirable leader.

But, whosoever may be chosen in this relation, it is time to make the choice and get in harness for the new work; there is much to do, and as things stand, no one to do it. Astoria must not forego the event that is now famous all over the Northwest and the sooner it is taken up in the proper quarters the better will it be for the city and its guests, at the end of the fishing season.

WING SHOTS.

Scandalous gossip has been known to lead to murder; and it is never indulged that it does not leave its sting in some heart and its shadow on some life.

The Angel Cake riddle is still unsolved. There is a strange reluctance on the part of someone to claim the cake; but no earthly reluctance on the part of the innocent Elks to make good for the unwitting feast furnished them. Speak up, somebody! The cake surely belonged to someone.

The brilliant sunshine now pervading Astoria not only brings out in vivid details the illimitable beauties of her land and water environment,

but with equally glaring and drastic clearness reveals the black and rotten aspect along her four-mile waterfront. We again second Mayor Smith's motion that owners along the pier-head line get to work and route out the unsightly wreckage of the ages there and make the city more presentable to the incoming and outgoing tourist who travels by steamer.

Our children are in safe and excellent hands so long as we may commit them to the custody of such people as have been our guests for the past three days; even though we are remiss, ourselves, in controlling and guiding the youngsters.

The Astoria Odd Fellows have taken due and honorable notice of the 90th anniversary of their great order, much to the pleasure of their numerous guests. This is one of the solidest and most dignified of the great fraternities of the land, and is growing rapidly.

May the Mintos and Morrisons of old Clatsop never grow less in numbers nor less in influence for good, and may the days of the elders of both clans be extended far into the new years.

The Astoria housewife will soon be wielding a broom the stick of which has the merit of having been made right next door to us; however illy directed its swing may be in certain inevitable cases.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

- 1607—Newport landed and named Old Point Comfort, Virginia.
- 1652—Governor Berkeley of Virginia deposed.
- 1717—Robert Johnson became governor of South Carolina.
- 1789—Washington inaugurated first President of the United States.
- 1798—Navy Department of the United States established by act of Congress.
- 1802—The people living in the Northwest Territory north of the Ohio River were authorized to organize themselves into a State.
- 1803—Purchase of Louisiana from France concluded.
- 1812—Louisiana admitted to the Union.
- 1858—Congress passed an act to conditionally admit Kansas to the Union.
- 1863—Federalists repulsed by the Confederates at Fairmount, W. Va.
- 1874—The first agreement to fix railroad rates in the East made at New York.
- 1884—Iowa Republican convention declared for James G. Blaine for President.
- 1891—The new Dominion Parliament opened by Lord Stanley after the general election.
- 1894—The Vaughn library building at Ashland, Wis., destroyed by fire.
- 1904—The Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened at St. Louis.
- 1906—James E. Boyd, ex-Governor of Nebraska, died. Born Sept. 9, 1834.

MAY BE DIAMOND THIEF.

Young Man Arrested in San Francisco Held On Suspicion.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Kenneth Williams, a young man who was arrested while carrying a valise containing about \$3000 worth of diamonds, is being held in the city jail on suspicion of being connected in some way with the robbery of the Lundy jewelry store in this city about a year ago, when safebreakers got away with jewels valued at \$48,000.

The prisoner has refused to tell the police where he got the gems but they have been identified by a clerk of the victimized firm as a portion of the valuables taken last April. Circulars describing the missing jewelry were sent all over the country but until the arrest of Williams no clew was discovered.

ATHLETIC MEET.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Morning Side College, Sioux City, Iowa, is the first Western college to enter a ten day conference meet to be held in June at Marshallfield. Eleven men are on the list. Stanford University it is almost certain, will send a team but it is understood that the athletes from the University of California will not be able to take the trip East.

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FRANCE FEARS MAY DAY.

PARIS, April 30.—France is looking forward with undisguised apprehension to the May Day demonstrations tomorrow. Not in years has such a general condition of unrest prevailed among the working classes in all parts of the republic. The strikes of late have been both numerous and disastrous, notably those of the postal employees and telegraph operators in the government service and the button workers at Meru, where the strike was accompanied by bloodshed.

That serious labor disturbances will be inaugurated tomorrow appears certain in view of the action of the General Federation of Labor and the United Unions of Paris in calling upon the unions throughout the country to join in a general demonstrative strike. The authorities in Paris and other industrial centers of France, acting on general orders from the central government, are taking every precaution to suppress the threatened riotous outbreaks.

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PROHIBITION DEBATE.

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The debate tonight will be the second in the series between Dr. Dickie and Mayor Rose, in which the former speaks in favor of the total prohibition of the liquor traffic and the Milwaukee executive takes the opposite view. The agreement provides for a series of three debates. The first was held in Milwaukee several weeks ago and the third and final debate will probably be held in some city in the South the latter part of May.

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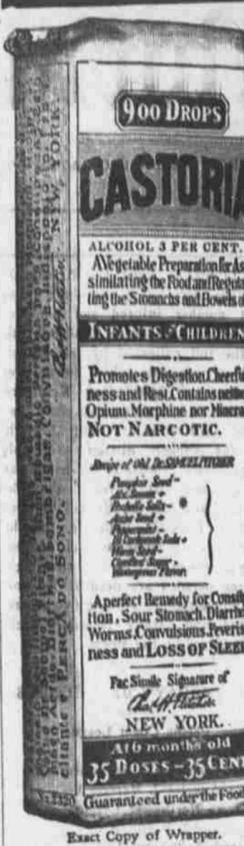
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