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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers, warmer in the southern portion.
Washington and Idaho—Showers.

ASTORIA WANTS TO KNOW.

The people of Astoria are patiently awaiting the next and newest reason to be offered by the Trustees of the Weinhard Estate, at Portland, for not proceeding with the fine hotel they have projected here, and upon which by way of site and foundations they have spent practically \$20,000.

The financial slump that swept over the country was given, and accepted as a cause for delay; the alleged necessity of the trust for additional means to the extent of \$50,000, was met by this city, with the proffer of a loan at 4 per cent, which was turned down; and the issues of the liquor-electoral matters in Portland was employed to account for the further delay in the work, and that has fallen to the ground by reason of the annihilative discrepancies discovered in the petitions incident to the campaign and now the trustees are up against it for another excuse that shall have rational weight with this people.

When the pleas already submitted, as above outlined, are subjected to logical analysis, they are plausible enough, but hardly germane or actually sound, and were tentatively accepted here, because there was no desire on the part of our people to urge the matter against the will or convenience of the parties at interest; but the chief effect of the long and dubious delay has been to convince Astorians that they too are parties at interest and to arouse the conviction that they are being played with; that there is some ulterior object in view, in the transaction of which this city must commit itself in some way to the Weinhard interest, before we may have the benefit of the new and handsome hotel as an adjunct to the popular regimen here. The idea does not set well on the public mind, and the time is opportune for the resumption of the work on this improvement which is deemed to be among the most logical and timely investments that can be made in this section by anyone.

The spectacle of a city of 15,000 population, without a first-class hotel, and that city the distributing point for 50 coast resorts north and south, within easy striking distance, and a center of rail and sea traffic, as to passengers, the whole year through, is one to invite the concern of other investors than the Weinhard people; but to prescriptive conditions set up here, by them, in the shape of a project of which one fifth of its total cost has already been spent, has a deterrent effect on such other investments.

The Weinhard people are standing in their own light by losing out on one of the best investments they ever made in a business way; they are injuring the city by the senseless delay in supplying the most commanding need of the place; they are acting as a barrier to other investors and crippling the progress of the city; and what is more they are losing friends in Astoria daily by the "dog in the manger" policy they are pursuing.

If the excavations and foundation pillars on the Twelfth street site are being held over this city as a club, for the exaction of liberal toll in the way of political concessions next year, it is time the people should know it and take steps accordingly; and it is also time that the trustees were apprised of the major determination here to resist any such juggling. We are not asking the Weinhard Estate to do anything they have not already studied out and practically endorsed; but we are asking them to "do business" or get out of the way of others who will do it. Astoria is tired of the palpable cinch. It is, at last, plainly apparent; and the Weinhard will lose far less by proceeding with their enterprise, than in nursing it as a "big stick", financially, politically, and commercially.

OIL PERIL IMMINENT.

There is a very ugly situation brewing in the lower harbor here, one that needs extraordinarily careful

handling. The fact that the Standard Oil barge, No. 91, is settling rapidly in the mud and that, so far, it has been impossible to pump her out and put her 22,000 barrels of fuel oil where it will be safe and useable, creates a problem that is full of menace to this city and its industries.

The expansive quality of her cargo makes the danger grave and very imminent; for as she settles, that cargo, unlike a rigid load that would settle with her, will be forced up and into closer density that must find release in the bursting of her plates and the casting of this enormous quantity of oil out on the river and bay, to the certain destruction of the fishing industry, the smearing and defacement of ships, boats, wharves and waterfront fixtures of all sorts, with the ever present peril of a devastating fire at any time so long as it shall linger here.

Every precaution should be taken, at once, to mimic these conditions and to save the city from the losses incident to it. It is difficult to say where, or how to begin, but there should be some way of meeting and mitigating the danger that is menacing us very vividly. That it has not yet arisen does not preclude the taking of every possible means to reduce it to its least effective result. Millions of young salmon now making for the sea would be sacrificed to the stuff, and the larger fish would not escape diminution. The tides would work it back and forth for many days and its marks will be found upon every atom of woodwork within reach of them; thus the prospect is one that is disturbing, to say the least of it, and what of further danger lies in the case must be left to the evil chance that shall develop it.

Nobody can truthfully say that the attorneys in the Haines case are overlooking any of the fine emotional points.

We wonder if Judge McPherson would hold it to be contempt, or only an abuse of privilege, if Congressman "Pat" Murphy should move for the abolition of the subordinate federal courts.

As a compromise measure it is proposed to increase the tariff on clocked hosiery and let the Dingley rates stand on the ordinary kind. There is always a happy medium in commerce and statecraft.

Why the sultan didn't make a round dozen of the number of wives he took with him into banishment can only be explained by the philosophy which sings that "There's luck in odd numbers, says RORY O'MORE."

Women have been impressed into the service of keeping the lid on Chicago after 1 o'clock in the morning. The idea seems to be in contravention of Chief Smith's recent opinion that women should be in bed at that hour unless pulled out of it under arrest.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

1793—Edmund C. Genet the French minister, arrived at Philadelphia.

1824—Levi P. Morton, twenty-second Vice President of the United States, born.

1854—Santa Anna made a triumphal entry into the City of Mexico.

1860—Republican convention at Chicago nominated Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin.

1862—The Union gunboats repulsed at Fort Darling.

1866—President Johnson vetoed the admission of Colorado as a State.

1873—Opening of the Montreal Exposition.

1875—Charlotte Cushman took farewell of the stage at the Globe Theater, Boston.

1889—Six hundred houses destroyed in the great fire in Quebec.

1875—Rt. Rev. Edward Patrick Allen consecrated as bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Mobile, Ala.

1907—Isaac Stephensen elected Senator in Wisconsin, ending five week's deadlock.

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DAINTY LITTLE TOURIST REACHES NEW YORK

LADY BETTY BETTSWORTH, FIVE YEARS OLD, EN ROUTE.

NEW YORK, May 15.—With two maids of look after her, with all the care and attention to which she is entitled by birth, the Honorable Betty Betsworth, five-year-old, has arrived at the Hotel Netherlands from Montreal, en route from Liverpool to Colorado Springs. Manager Whitaker had an automobile at the Grand Central station to meet her and the nurses. A grand niece of the late Col. North, the "nitrate king" who left several millions in trust for her sole use, the Honorable Betty showed that her every wish was law. When she arrived at the hotel she told one of the nurses she wanted a nice big room and some fruit and milk right away. She had breakfast and luncheon in the large diningroom, both nurses standing behind her chair and watching her. Any guest who attempted to approach her was quietly warned away, the nurses saying they had been instructed not to let a single stranger near the child for an instant. The nurses said the Honorable Betty has never seen her father. Her mother died just after she was born, while the father was absent in the Canadian Northwest. He is interested in an English corporation owning extensive mining claims and timber lands in Alaska and Canada. He will see his child at her aunt's in Colorado Springs.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

LONDON, May 15.—Florence Nightingale, the heroine of the Crimea, entered upon her ninetieth year this week and was the recipient of congratulatory messages that came from nearly all parts of the world. For close on to fifty years the famous nurse has lived in quiet retirement in her home near Park Lane. For the last fifteen years she has been confined to her bed the most of the time by illness.

Born at Florence, of wealthy English parents, Miss Nightingale at the age of twenty-two entered the institution of Protestant Deaconesses at Kaiserswerth to be trained as a nurse. From there she went to the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, Paris, to study there methods of nursing and hospital management. In England, before she started for the Crimea, she reorganized the Harley Street Hospital in London, and on her return from the war in 1856 she established training colleges for nurses at St. Thomas' and King's College Hospitals. Despite her great age and physical infirmities her mind is still alert and active and she continues to follow modern development in the nursing profession with the keenest interest.

GOVERNOR LEADS.

DENVER, Col., May 15.—Governor John F. Shafer was last night named chairman of the committee to receive President Taft and other notable guests who will attend the trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress which convenes here August 16. Plans more elaborate and extensive than ever before considered in connection with a similar event had their inception last night at the meeting of the committee of 100 having in charge the entertainment feature for this congress.

"THIS IS MY 33RD BIRTHDAY."

Charles M. Hays, one of the most prominent of American railway officials, was born in Rock Island, Illinois, May 16, 1856, and began his career in 1873 as a clerk in the passenger department of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad at St. Louis. From 1877 to 1884 he was secretary to the general manager of the Missouri Pacific. In 1884 he entered the service of the Wabash Railroad and in 1887 he became general manager of the road and in 1894 he was elected vice president of the Wabash system. For a brief period in 1901 Mr. Hays was president of the Southern Pacific Railway, but retired within a few months to accept his present position as vice president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway. Mr. Hays also holds the office of president of several of the subsidiary companies of the Grand Trunk system, including the Grand Trunk-Pacific.

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NEWS AND NOTES OF SPORT.

Patsy Haley is going to try his luck again in the squared circle.

Stanley Ketchel denies that he is going to break away from Willis Britt.

Shortstop Bushi is doing some fine fielding for Detroit, but is weak with the stick.

Adams and O'Connor should make a star battery for the Pittsburg Pirates.

The outposts of the New York Highlanders are well guarded by Keeler, Engle and Cree.

The Hartford Connecticut League team won nine of the first ten games of the season.

"Stony" McGlynn is pitching winning ball for the Milwaukee American Association team.

The bout scheduled for July 5 between Battling Nelson and Cyclone Thompson has been called off.

A San Francisco fight promoter is trying to arrange a contest between Sandy Ferguson and Al Kaufman.

Perhaps a tank of oxygen under the Senators' bench would help Mr. Cantillon's bunch of well fed gentlemen.

"Newark will take Washington's place in the American League next year," says a Newark scribe. Page 4, Article 11, Section 44, Dream Book '09.

Jack Blackburn, who has been under arrest in Philadelphia on a charge of killing a colored man, has been released on \$300 bail.

If the man who takes moving pictures would follow Empire Buckley of the New England League he would get a swell view of a riot sooner or later.

When "Bad Bill" Dahlen made the hit that won a recent game for Boston from the Giants, Bill yelled "Rube" Marquard "Eleven thousand dollars worth of cheese."

If the smallpox makes the players show the goods that Hal Chase has been displaying since he returned to the game it might be well for Roger Bresnahan to send his Cardinals to the pest-house.

Evidently Billy Murray's Phillies need no benzoate of soda to keep them alive. So far this season the Quakers have played the genuine printed-on-the-label kind of ball.

It is said that Honus Wagner of the Pirates will receive a salary of \$15,000 for the present season. That ought to be good news to a number of circus people.

The Caldwell team in the Idaho League has a one-handed player by

THE COTTON STATES LEAGUE IS NO MORE.

The Cotton States League is no more. But there remains a bunch of good ball players who graduated from the little organization that will not allow the fans to forget the C. S. L. Among the old Cotton States boys now with the National League are Raymond De Vore and Schlei with New York, Canmitz with Pittsburg, Reilly and Sallee with St. Louis and Oakes with Cincinnati.

ANOTHER INSANE FAD.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Just one year ago the first tidings that the directorate was headed toward New York. Now comes the dressmaker who introduced the innovation, with another creation still more startling.

OHIO PROHIBITION.

TOLEDO, O., May 15.—Seaborn Wright of Georgia, Rev. John Rutledge of Cleveland and several other men of national prominence in Anti-Saloon work will take part in meetings here tomorrow, when from thirty-six pulpits plans for voting Toledo and Lucas county dry will be discussed. The campaign thus begun will be continued through the week. There are nearly 600 saloons in Lucas county that would be closed if the county should be voted dry.

COLORADO IN LINE.

DENVER, May 15.—The Colorado Conservation Commission appointed an auxiliary to the National Commission opened a two days session at the state capitol Friday. Committees on permanent organizations and resolutions were named at the opening session and several papers were read regarding the conservation of the natural resources of the state. The committee is divided for and against the Roosevelt-Pinchot policies and a lively contest is expected.

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