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Police Commissioner Gordon

WHILE it is generally to be regretted that the city council rejected Mayor Suprenant's first choice for the position of police commissioner made vacant by the resignation of John Kopp such regret being occasioned by the fact that in a city where the citizen's ticket idea holds such supreme sway the council cannot separate itself from the bonds of partisan politics, the election of S. S. Gordon to the position will be received with approval. Mr. Gordon was a member of Astoria's first police commission, serving a term of six years, and achieving a reputation as a capable, fearless and painstaking officer. He brings his previous experience and record as a man who is capable of fair and impartial judgment to the office, and assumes his new duties with the support of the people behind him.

In the past the affairs of the police department have been either handled carelessly or sadly neglected. The absence of two of the police commissioners from the city for a period of months and the regrettable illness of the third commissioner, left the control of the department in the hands of the chief of police, who in turn received his advice from the city attorney. These two officials lacked the stamina to rule the department with an iron hand, and the result was that the first formal rule they attempted to establish was laughed to scorn by itinerant gamblers, who dictated just what conditions should govern the privilege of operating in the city.

Mr. Gordon, we know, is not bound by political ties to the gamblers and saloon keepers of Astoria. He asks no favors at their hands, and has none to distribute. With such a man at the head of the police commission it is safe to predict that there will be a business like administration of the affairs of that department of the municipal government from now on.

Regatta Decorations

NOW that the arrangements for the regatta have reached a point where the queen has been elected and the admiral selected, the time has come for active preparations on the part of all classes of citizens to discuss the matter of decorations.

Enough is already known to give assurance that the entertainments of the queen and her court will be elaborate, and that her court will be conspicuous on account of its brilliance and beauty. It is also known that Admiral Smith will prove a potent factor in the success of the regatta, and in justice to the regatta officials as well as themselves the business men of the city should make special effort to show appropriate appreciation of the efforts of those charged with the actual success of the affair.

In outward show Astorians can make adequate public manifestation of their appreciation by decorating and illuminating their places of business and public buildings. There should be a generous profusion of patriotic bunting, and the national colors should be in evidence everywhere. There should be no stint of these outward symbols, which will serve as a hearty welcome to our visitors during regatta week.

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Fling to the breeze the national colors; hang out the bunting, drape every ugly pole and projection in the line of the regatta with streamers of gay colors and designs. We are about to participate in a great holiday, therefore let the city be in holiday trim. There is but a short time between now and the opening of the regatta, but there is time and to spare to create and adopt a scheme of decoration such as Astoria has never before seen. Let the city be resplendent with brilliant illumination and decoration, and when the festivities begin let Astoria be decked in gala attire.

THERE are more kinds of regatta decorations than the mere display of bright colors and flags. The beautification of the streets must be insisted on. By this we mean that some steps must be taken to sluice the main thoroughfares with water, to wash away the accumulation of debris. The streets should be clean and bright for the regatta, to enhance the beauty of the festooned buildings. Clean the streets.

"MALFEASANCE in office" was what the municipal officials were threatened with, according to the story of the Astoria correspondent of a Portland evening paper who is very close to the powers that be on both sides of the political fence. "And the matter was squared up." Of course there has never been any scandal connected with the police department during the last eight years.

THE good work continues in St. Louis. In line with his policy of "turning the rascals out" the district attorney has just secured the conviction of a former member of the house of representatives and the circuit court has approved the conviction by sentencing the hoodler to seven years in the penitentiary. Let the good work continue.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt again proves that he is as sound in practice as in precept. Mr. and Mrs. Signet of Meadport, Pa., have just received a check from the president for \$100 in acknowledgement of the twentieth baby born to them. Needless to say the new Signet was named Theodore Roosevelt.

PORTLAND papers marvel at the height to which a pea vine grows at Mount Tabor. That's nothing! Wait until the collection of Clatsop county grasses reach the Portland Bureau of Information. We can give them axes and spades, and take every trick in the game of luxurious grasses.

SPEAKING of one-work socks reminds us that even men who are not inclined to be dainty often wear them. Wife is at the club and has no time to operate the darning needle.

NOW, wouldn't it be a graceful thing for Mr. Cook to do, to resign from the police commission. Mr. Kopp has certainly set a good example.

AN anxious world still awaits the name of Grover's new baby. The paragraphers especially are anxious to get their little pencils going.

AT least the new commissioner will not be seized by the gamblers threaten to have him arrested for malfeasance in office.

WE trust there will be no objection to our remarking that an ecclesiastical dark horse crossed the wire at the Va-tian.

REMARKS the Portland Telegram: "There will be no overcrowded bridges at the Astoria regatta."

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