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Today's Weather.

Western Oregon and Washington—Cloudy; possibly rain. Eastern Oregon—Fair.

THE ANNUAL REGATTA.

The decision of the joint conference committee to hold an annual regatta in Astoria will meet with the approval of nine-tenths of the people. More particularly on account of the change in the detail and the selection of C. H. Callender to have the management of the affair.

At the meeting of the joint committee held Monday night, the whole matter was gone over. The important question of selecting a manager was settled, but the duties of the committee are not ended. They will continue to be an advisory board to the committee.

A regatta in Astoria this year is of the utmost importance, in view of the fact that Astoria and Clatsop county will not be represented at the Lewis and Clark fair. There will be thousands of visitors in Astoria during the month of August, when the regatta will be held.

In this connection the Astorian would like to make a suggestion. Instead of getting out a program as has usually been done, get out a special edition of each of the Astoria newspapers, with the programme printed therein, and each paper to contain a certain amount of descriptive matter of the resources of the city and county.

Japan has threatened to send her navy over to South America and bombard the seacoast towns. If she does she's liable to interrupt one of those weekly revolutions and make herself unpopular.

prefer to advertise in the home papers. Every paper published containing the official program and descriptive matter of the city and county will be preserved as a souvenir by people visiting Astoria.

This year will be different from any other year. The majority of the people that will attend the regatta will be from the far east, the middle west and the south. People from every state in the union will come here. A large number of them will come with the idea of looking for a place to invest or make their home.

Another important matter which has been suggested by Judge Bowby and which will have the approval of the Chamber of Commerce, is to have an agricultural exhibit in connection with the regatta. Two or three streets could be fenced off for this purpose. The display could be relieved by one or two attractions, a country store, for instance, which would be a new and attractive feature of the regatta.

AFFRONT TO NATIONAL HONOR.

Because "many of the institutions of the United States are of the middle ages, because many of its customs and laws are barbarous and because the death penalty, a relic of the dark ages," is still enforced in this country, the republic of San Marino has decided not to enter into a treaty of extradition with this country.

Insignificance often affords protection. The elephant is bitten with impunity by the flea, when it gets into his ear. There are reasons why San Marino may not feel the brunt of the anger of the greatest of the powers just as Switzerland, since an invading army must pass through the territories of other and powerful nations, enjoys immunity from aggression.

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CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

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BIRMINGHAM MINE

Fifty Bodies Recovered From Virginia Mine

ALL THE MINERS ARE DEAD

Recovery of Fifty Bodies Today Precludes Any Possibility of Any of the Miners Being Alive if All Are Recovered.

Birmingham, Feb. 21.—The scenes at the Virginia mine today were the most gruesome and harrowing ever witnessed in this section. Of the large number of miners who entered the mine yesterday afternoon, so far only 50 bodies have been recovered.

The corpses are frightfully mangled and disfigured and identification is almost impossible. Many of them are so badly bruised and twisted and discolored that negroes cannot tell them from white men. One hundred families and 300 children are left destitute and without means of support by the calamity and they are among the best class of miners in Alabama.

Excavation of the debris is hampered. Foul gases which collected in the stops made it necessary to use safety lamps and it was found that there were less than a score of safety lamps in the district. Out of 50 bodies recovered one was found barely alive. The body was taken carefully from the mine and heroic methods resorted to bring the man to consciousness. He is still alive, but little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

Astoria will have a regatta managed by business men on business principles.

When the common council want to kill anything it simply flies it. It amounts to the same as an indefinite postponement.

Kentuck has a haunted tree and it is only the skeptical who have suggested that there is a distillery in the neighborhood.

A democratic lobby from Astoria to Salem is well supplied with waste baskets and spittoons. The state furnished them to members.

The walking delegates attempted to hold up in Portland didn't pan out. Labor organizations have no use for high toned laboring men.

The Astoria girls propose to draw the line at cigarette fiends. The stench from a carron and a cigarette field are not conducive to health and happiness.

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Senator Mitchell affords another demonstration of the fact that letters designed for burning ought to be burned by the writer instead of entrusting that important duty to the receiver.

The absence of everything favorable to a railroad commission in Kling Edward's address to parliament will satisfy every thoughtful populist in this country that that faithless official rides on a pass.

Spring may be coming up after a while, but if you are wise you will postpone getting out your mesh underwear till the small boy greets you with: "Say, feller, gimme a nickel to buy some marbles with?"

Today is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. A fitting tribute to his memory would be for about two-thirds of Astoria's population to swear off and endeavor to tell the truth, at least during the day.

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Change of Program Monday. Change of Acts Thursdays

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