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THE WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Showers west, followed by clearing; showers in east portion; warmer in west.

HERE'S TO THE DAY!

For the last 131 years we Americans have been more or less joyfully celebrating this anniversary of our national independence, and the hope is deep and steadfast everywhere that its splendid significance may live for all the time man shall know; that its lesson may never become dimmed in the heart and history of the people to whom it means so much; that the glory of the land may gather and expand, and compel the whole world to acknowledge the vast and universal blessing that accrued to mankind with the birth of the nation; that year by year we may become a better, nobler and oftier example of civic power and influence in the redemption of mankind to the ideal.

There are times when the thoughtful citizen is almost convinced that the patriotic impulse is dying beneath the insuperable pressure of the money lust that possesses us; that we are forgetting the higher duty of the hour in the whirl of the wheel of fortune and giving ourselves over to the grosser incitement of the dollar; and there is warranty for the fear; but such a menace may be laid by the honest and characteristic observance of this day; by recalling the spirit that is being crowded back and indulging the pride and principle inseparable from the day. We must make ourselves patriotic and nurse again the fervor of love for it, lest we stultify our own faith and cause our children to wonder at our supineness.

As true Americans we must transmit the heritage of the "Fourth" to the little folks unimpaired and rich as of old in its splendid tradition and promise; to do less than this is tacit treachery and a wanton disregard of the highest duty we owe to the nation and the world.

OUR CITIZEN-SOLDIERY.

The coming week will witness the organization of Astoria's division of the Oregon National Guard. She is to have a fine company of 70 or more men, well equipped, well officered and well housed, and in close touch with the regular force at the forts at the mouth of the river. The company is to figure in the coast artillery service and will be trained to that system of tactics and procedure; this in itself is a conspicuous advantage, as both men and officers will have a distinct training in great as well as small arms.

All Astoria has pride in the new departure and everyone is wishing it abounding success. Such organizations are always popular and the knowledge of their presence and capacity for protection and advantageous service holds them always within the public purview and justifies the public interest. The only regret expressed in relation to the new company, is that it was not in shape to participate in today's celebration; but that will be made good in due time.

It is well for the young men of Astoria to remember that not only are the 70 who have signed the muster-roll amenable to enlistment at the coming assembly of the company, but that any and all who desire may present themselves and take the examination, up to the full limit of company strength; and we hope to see that limit reached.

OVER THE HILLS.

At the present stage of affairs with the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Electric Railway Company, it is, of course, quite impossible to say what route will be adopted through and out of the city; but there seems to be a very general hope that the projectors may find it within the possibilities to cast the lines over the hill crests of the city to Young's Bay, thus opening up the most beautiful of all the home-districts of the place and adding to the scenic attractiveness of the road itself. Every encouragement should, and probably will, be given to this element of the enterprise, and it may be said in passing, that should this be done, it

will solve one of the heretofore, impregnable problems of populating the great wastes of the municipal territory. If it cannot be done, we must have the road, whatever route it shall follow at the Astoria end.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?.

Forty prominent Democrats have refused, point blank, to run with the peerless Nebraskan in the presidential race. Why?

Is it because they fear his third, and probable defeat?

Perhaps the forty-fourth man will consent upon the vague predicate of the famous old ratio of "4-11-44," whatever that stood for, and take his place at the elbow of Mr. Bryan, indifferent to defeat, and conscious only to the extraordinary conspicuousness that will be his for a few months. It is a bait quite sufficient for the ordinary Democrat; but not for the brainy men who have no desire to figure in the "three times and out" game now afoot.

If such an absurd crisis should overtake to the Democracy at Denver; if no man can be found to fill and fit the void that is widening day by day and resort must be had to the "rank and file," we know of several Astorians that will make the splendid sacrifice, and do it unblushingly, as sheer tribute to the "idol of the party" and his fore-ordained discomfiture. We hesitate to name them at this writing, as the exigency may not arise; but rather than have Billy J. run alone, we will, when the time comes, mention the patriots and trust to luck (the Bryan luck).

OVERTAXED.

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U. S. TROOPS AT WORK

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 3.—Seven alleged Mexican revolutionists have been captured by the United States troops at Del Rio and the surrounding country, according to W. E. Weatherbee, a prominent ranch owner. Four of the revolutionists were captured night before last by detachments of troops, said Mr. Weatherbee, and three were taken Wednesday morning. They all have been placed in the county jail at Del Rio. There are about 200 soldiers now at Del Rio and along the river. One hundred men went over to Mexico from Del Rio, but not half that number have returned and it is thought the remainder have either been killed or are being pursued by the Mexican troops.

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Unless there is an improvement in the betting situation, the contest of July 4 will go into history as the lightest from a speculative standpoint in the history of championship battles. There is ample Gans money in sight for all purposes, but the Nelson end is a negligible quantity. The odds of 2 to 1 on Gans still predominate and in some instances bets are being made that the champion will win inside of twenty rounds, for which even money is the ruling figure.

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THREATENS PASTOR

CHICAGO, July 3.—Hiding in the shadow of the church he had threatened to dynamite after having been refused money by the pastor whom he had declared he would kill, Alessandro Alberto, an Italian, was caught by detectives last night.

The prisoner, who is said to be a member of several Italian secret societies, threatened the life of the Rev. Pacifico Chemil, pastor of the Church of the Holy Guardian Angel. Alberto's threats followed several unsuccessful attempts to get money from the priest. The priest said that when he refused to give the man the money he was threatened with death and told that his church would be dynamited.

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