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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair and warmer.

THE "WEINHARD-ASTORIA."

After the doubt and misapprehension incident to the long delay in work on the "Weinhard-Astoria" hotel, in this city, Mr. Wessinger, head of the Weinhard Estate trustees, has declared, in unequivocal terms, that the building of the beautiful house will go forward in the early spring and that nothing shall stop it until it is rounded out in perfect completion and appointment, and this means that inside the coming year, Astoria will possess as fine a hostelry as any city of its size in the Northwest.

We may make the most of the fact that the delay has been indulged, primarily, because the builders desired to patronize home trade and use Astoria materials in the structure; in itself a sharp lesson to many of our people who are not overly inclined to this doctrine, either in precept or practice.

There is nothing in the category of local wants so pronounced as this splendid improvement; its attainment will put Astoria well to the front with the travelling world, which is inclined to dodge her on the score of her unsatisfactory hotel accommodations and ancient appointments and service generally in this behalf. It cannot be doubted for an instant that what the Weinhard people shall devise in the way of a hotel will be of the best and latest in every direction, and the city is fortunate in having so essential an improvement emanate from such a source.

CIVIC AMENITIES.

For once the business men of Astoria have gone on record as deeply sensible of the deliberate and unconscionable discourtesy of the Portland Chamber of Commerce when, a few years ago, it left a big group of visiting Astorians twiddling their thumbs on the thoroughfares up there after having invited them to the metropolis for a commercial conference, and we glory in the spunk of the men who, on Monday night last, at the Astoria Chamber, gave out the word of resentment and reprisal, in the discussion of the Portland Chamber's suggestion that its members come down here for a business talk.

There was no ill-will manifest, no abuse, no discounting of the men nor the errand; but a quiet, half-humorous, determined purpose to drive home the unpleasant conviction of the raw, and well remembered, slight thrust upon our people. The Portlanders may come, or not, as they see fit. Personally each gentleman that comes will receive all the welcome that is due him, from his personal friends, and as a man of affairs from all whom he shall meet in a business sense, or quest; but the idea of a public reception, and the attendant wining and dining and low-towing that marks such interchanges, that is all past and gone; and the day of its passing was set by the Portlanders themselves.

THE SALMON ARE PACKED.

With sixteen an one-half millions of pounds of choice Columbia river salmon snugly packed and ready for market, the 1908 season closed at noon yesterday, and the 6,000 men engaged in the fisheries are, so far as that industry here is concerned, idle, and free to indulge any of the pleasures or pursuits that invite them.

The yield is practically normal, being but a few thousands of cases short of the 350,000 that measures that condition; the season has been marked by more than ordinary loss of life, and this circumstance, while it is always regrettable, seems to be unamenable to change or correction. The business is one that holds the lure of danger at every turn, and the hardihood and courage that meets the inseparable perils of the pursuit, must sponsor the record of disaster.

Packer and fishermen are, appar-

ently, well satisfied with the outcome of the season in all its bearings, and since they are at ease in the case, the general run of humanity can afford to take it for granted that 1908 has done what it may for the bolstering of this, the distinctive and most valuable industry we possess. May it never be otherwise!

OUR NEW WATER SUPPLY.

All Astoria is hoping the Water Commission will come through successfully with its new project for additional supply and reservation, and that it will build the larger reservoir. This is one element of the city government that has done things well after thinking them out, and it is entitled to success because of the definite and business-like interest it takes in the trust confided to it.

Despite all croaking, Astoria is growing steadily, and it will not be many years until the accessions now projected in this department will have to again be increased, and it were well to so build, now, that the interim may be longer and the future costs conserved by the experience and advantage of the past sound achievement.

One of the pronounced civic blunders made by Astoria was in voting this commission out of its present status and making the system elective; a poor and cheap expedient to amplify the wing and sway of the present "push," but which will, if all goes well, be made to re-act decisively before many months have passed.

The British battle ship Indomitable, which brought the prince of Wales to the Quebec celebration, has a main battery of eight 12-inch guns, or twice as many as are provided on any American ship. She is faster than any other warship and her coal capacity enables her to make a tremendous run. These are points that call for consideration in all other navy departments.

For fifty years the late Ira D. Sankey wrote songs for the people and gave better average satisfaction than those who made the laws. Over 50,000,000 copies of his collection of songs were circulated, a figure that consigns the run of congressional speechifying to a place in the rear.

If Mr. Bryan would pledge himself not to run again when his campaign fund reaches \$1,000,000 the Democratic contributions might begin to come in real lively.

The Young Turks can bully the sultan, but wait until they meet an army of suffragettes, waving their discarded veils as battle flags.

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ROOMS WANTED—All persons

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Look out for Macbeth's Wild West Show on the last night of the Regatta Saturday, August 29. Pie-eating monkeys, two-legged tigers, freckle-faced lions, camels that never drink water, trunkless elephants, howless hyenas and a number of other animals peculiar to Astoria only.

Friday night, August 28, will occur the grandest illuminated marine parade ever seen on the Oregon Coast. Liberal prizes for the boats participating. Plenty of music and fireworks. Secure grand stand seat early.

Country Dance at Armory Hall, Flavel Dock. The only Dick Davies, inventor of the Regatta Jig, in charge of this show.

Tug of war during the three days of the Regatta, between Finland, Sweden, Norway, Greece, Austria, America, Italy, Germany, France, Ireland, England and other countries too numerous to mention.

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REGATTA NOTES
August 27-28-29



ment of the Court House in charge of Expert Dow.

Queen of the Regatta and Admiral Shepherd will do the honors customary on the occasion.

Best decorated float in grand parade Thursday Afternoon, August 27, will receive first prize of \$60; second prize, \$40, and third prize, \$20. The society or union making the best appearance in this parade regardless of number will receive a beautiful pennant inscribed "Banner Lodge, Regatta, 1908."

Athletic program by members of the Coast Artillery, Fort Stevens and Columbia.

A baby show at which all the mammas will be pleased.

Italian Cruiser, "Puglia," will honor the occasion with their visit.

Scandinavian Saengerfest, Saturday night, August 29, and Sunday afternoon, August 30.

Log-rolling contest. Yacht, motor boat, shell, fish boat and other water sports, including international single shell race between Laing of British Columbia, and Gloss of the United States.

Officials of Portland, The Dalles, Rainier, Vancouver, Ilwaco, Chinook, Cathlamet, Skamokawa, and other cities will be present.

No bills will be paid unless accompanied by requisitions signed by Chairman and Secretary of the Regatta Committee.

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