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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair and warmer in interior; cooler near coast; easterly winds.

HERE'S TO OUR GUESTS!

The 1908 Regatta is on!

To every visiting man, woman, and child, within the gates of Astoria and seeking the pleasures of the 1908 Regatta, we say, on behalf of the people here. The City is Yours. Make the Most of It!

We have brightened it, dressed it up, stocked it with amusement, and color and light and music and freedom, knowing that you were coming and that these things would appeal to you; we have had pleasure in doing this and the only return we ask is that you shall find enjoyment and relaxation in the safe indulgence of those things that will contribute most to your estimate of real pleasure.

This is the fourteenth time we have done this thing and we feel that our experience and yours may easily unite to make the Regatta a genuine pleasurable achievement. There is no hurry about exhausting the range of allurement and interest; you have three days and nights in which to follow the scheme to its end, and then some. It has cost us a good deal in time and money and labor, but it need not become burdensome to any of you jolly people; that's all within your province. All we ask is that you have the time of your lives, and when you go home, take with you an appreciative thought of the City-by-the-Sea and of her friendly effort to give you and yours a brief and memorable summer outing!

A STURDY SCOUNDREL.

Heroic history must make a place for the sturdy scoundrel who, in one short day, held up 16 highway coaches and robbed 120 people over in the well-guarded national park of the Yellowstone. Of course, he was an utter rascal and was not even gallant enough to spare the ladies their pin-money and their jewels; but think of the nerve of him; the grim patience that waited for stage after stage, and then got away, and is still going!

The range and promiscuity of the thing outdoes all the old-time heroes of the road, and broaches the very sublimity of Thermopelae, Horatius at the Bridge, and other classic people and events, even if the purposes were not quite so exalted; he has Dick Turpin shadowed to nothingness, and the "Boy on the Burning Deck" discounted utterly. He is the next dime-novel model, and it should be written by someone of real capacity in order that the man and his unmatched audacity may be properly recorded somewhere, since it is not likely there will be any court-record made in the premise. And there are those who have a sneaking desire that the scamp may actually escape detection and punishment; a notion unbecoming a good citizen, certainly, but not at all unnatural under the circumstances.

BEST IN HISTORY.

An electric turnstile which is operated by dropping a coin in a slot, and which counts every person passing through and records the number in the secretary's office, is the latest invention for handling the great crowds entering a modern exposition grounds, and the appliance will be used by the management of the Oregon state fair, which will be held this year from September 14 to 19.

COFFEE

The world is full of anonymous coffee: "Java and Mocha."

Who returns your money if you don't like 'em?

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like his coffee; but we pay him.

Six of these electric turnstiles have been purchased by the management of the fair, and four will be installed at the main entrance to the grounds and two at the entrance to the grandstand enclosure. The machines are the identical ones used at the gates of the St. Louis world's fair in 1904.

The appliance will do away with ticket sellers and gate keepers and other employes at the entrance. It will be necessary to have a man on the outside to make change, as the slot will not admit any other coin than a half dollar. Men will also be needed to watch the crowd and see that no lead slugs or other counterfeit coins are introduced into the slot.

The visitor must have his fifty-cent piece ready, but aside from that he will be put to no inconvenience. He hands the coin to the man at the gate, who drops it in the slot. This turns the stile and admits one person. The stile is immediately locked until another coin is dropped in.

Each turning of the stile is recorded by a machine which adds the number of persons admitted. The number is also recorded by electrical connection in the office of the secretary, or at any other point on the grounds. At midnight each day the officials of the fair will know exactly how many visitors have passed through the gates during the day.

FARCICAL FORMALITIES.

The American people are getting mortally tired of the campaign formalities; the nominating speeches, the notification speeches, the speeches of acceptance, and all like rot, in their quadruple play and repetition; it is irksome and stilted and unnecessary. Especially out here in the Northwest, thousands of miles from the scene of political initiative and the leading personalities of the hour, is the farce of it all more plainly apparent.

The old campaign rooster and his raucous crowing are things of the past and not as acceptable as once they were; the people are getting their eyes open to the travesty of it all and their hearts are calloused against the bitter mockery and shameful faithlessness of the men and systems that stand for it; it goes no further with the average man of sense, who flushes now when he thinks of the assinine acquiescence he lent to the frauds of the past.

We have had a man-President, who has taught us a few things about self-poise and the dignity of things political, and wrought within us a yearning for cleanliness and honesty and frankness in our public relations, aside from all the other things he taught us. We can stand for an infinitely simpler code and practice in the transaction of our greater affairs, and the faster we see them reduced to sheer democratic standards and divested of the complexities and the "dust-throwing" artificialities, the sooner will the nobler balances between the people and their servants, high and low, be struck, to the lasting good of the land.

Men Past Sixty in Danger.

More than half of mankind over 60 years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate glands. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rockport, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure, I feel better than I have for twenty years, although I am now 91 years old." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Excellent Health Advice.

Mrs. M. M. Davison, of No. 379 Gifford avenue, San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy, for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its



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