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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair and warm except near coast; northwest winds.

POLITICS NEXT.

Astoria may take a welcome and necessary breathing spell for the next two months. The fishing season has closed with a very fair record catch; the Regatta has come and gone, and left good humor behind it; business is quiet, but not desperately so; there is plenty of money going the rounds, as usual, and the city and country is in its customary easy-going condition.

We are to take up our political burdens and assignments next and dispose them to the best of our ability, a faculty that is becoming, happily, more and more safely and sanely dispatched year by year, thanks to the sharp and wholesome drilling the people have had at the hands of the President during the past six or seven years, and the thinking he has forced them to do along these lines.

The press of the country seems to be doing most of the commenting on the leaders and their policies, while the people are saying little and saving their faces for the hour that is their own; at which grave moment they will line-up and say the say from which no man may appeal. We believe, with all sincerity, all hopefulness, they will call for Mr. Taft in terms that will forever lay the ambitions of his opponent and put the seal of righteous popular discrimination beyond cavil; they want the certain continuance of the Roosevelt theory of government, with all its rugged and frillless simplicity and directness of purpose and action, and they are going to get it if it be but the near-Rooseveltian doctrine they know the great Ohioan will give them. There is not much to disturb the common people in this general election; they have the popular mind pretty well made up, and William Jennings Bryan, with his threadbare prestige, may not disturb a fore-gone and universal conclusion as well founded as theirs.

The local field has much more to offer. The December elections here, are to be charged to the hilt with some pretty large issues and people, and there are changes to make that are very essential. What was satisfactory, or relatively so, a couple of years ago, in several instances, has proven barren and inert and either so harmful, or harmless, as to invite the changes that will be surely made in those various directions.

It is held, for instance that a determined effort is to be made to retain the police commission as a segment of municipal autonomy by those next and nearest that particular push, and if possible, the question is to be withheld from popular consideration as a charter amendment; this attitude is to be met by a direct petition that will be uttered in time to forestal all manipulation or attempts at chicanery, and the matter will be tried out to the last limit of public consideration and expression. These and several other potent and patent matters are to be threshed out and several people relieved of places and charges they have not taken the best care of. So it were well to do a bit of good hard thinking along these lines, in no partisan sense, with a view to giving the city the best service possible in all ways, and relieve her of a few of raw and reckless (and costly) burdens she is carrying.

CUT ANOTHER NOTCH.

Astoria has cut another notch on the fame-stick she started when she inaugurated her annual regattas. The fourteenth nick was cut just as deeply and plainly as any of the preceding records, even if two out of the three days of the pleasure season were given over to rain and renigging. It was a prime success, the most of the success being crammed into the last 24 hours of the 72; but we got there all the same, and those who honored us by coming from a distance, have gone

home, perfectly satisfied with all we did to make them happy. Our own people did well and had as much fun as anybody, and there is a general sense of pleasurable relief at the actual outcome; for the weather, and the death of High-Diver Sullivan, at the initial hours of the Regatta, befogged the whole situation with distinct gloom.

The Committee in charge are entitled to plenty of credit for the way things were dispatched and is getting it on all sides. What mistakes were made are forgotten, and what successes were achieved will be long remembered. Mayor Wise may pat himself on the back for the faith that inspired him to go ahead with the regatta after it had been negatived at headquarters, for that we had one, and a good one, is due in great measure to his cheerful and persistent determination.

WHOLLY COMMITTED.

While the ordinary citizen is thinking out the telephone situation as it now figures in Astoria, it were well to remember that the Pacific States Telephone Company is finally, and wholly, committed to a radical and ample, line of improvements here. They have been unconscionably long in getting to the issue and on the record, but there they are, and what they shall fail in now, will be used against them disastrously. They have contracted for their new headquarter home, and have done a great share of the cabling promised and their men are still at work on the latter scheme of improvement; by the first day of January they should, and will, have a complete and modernized service in this city, and if this can be done without the additional burden and cost of a double and conflicting service, all the better for Astoria.

The city is fortunate in the present status of telephonic affairs, and will do well to let things go as they are, for the moment, and abide by the changes and betterments now in line and guaranteed as nearly as the P. S. people can guarantee them. The policy of "letting well enough alone" is, it strikes us, applicable just as this juncture.

It is sometimes remarked that the Panama Canal will chiefly benefit foreign ships. Uncle Sam is public-spirited enough to take this risk, and confident enough concerning his destiny to believe that he will be able to hold his own in the world's commerce.

Mr. Bryan pledges himself to keep inside the Democratic platform. But this is understood to include the platform of the Nebraska Populists. The Populists are the big end of the Bryan party in Nebraska, and they are fused with Democrats on the state electoral ticket.

Mr. Bryan continues to ignore the existence of a statute, passed by the last Congress, prohibiting corporation campaign contributions. Mr. Bryan must have heard of the law by this time, but his notification speech contains an argument that treats the statute with silence.

Democratic editors are to be special agents in collecting campaign contributions for Mr. Bryan's fund. It will be tough when a farmer whose subscription is in arrears hands in a \$100 bill for the matchless one with the silvery voice.

Candidate Engene W. Chafin ought to take out a policy of insurance against drowning, asphyxiation, hurricanes, falling meteors, misguided bricks, banana peelings, open switches, sunstroke and the frosts of November.

Of Interest To Many.

Foley's Bladder Cure will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

PREPARE TO BUILD TEN NEW DESTROYERS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ASKING FOR BIDS

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Each Torpedo Boat Destroyer Is to Cost \$800,000 and Each Must Have a Maximum Speed of Over 30 Miles Per Hour Guaranteed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Bids for the construction of ten torpedo destroyers, everyone of which must be at least four knots faster than the Lusitania and equipped with apparatus for burning oil as well as coal and which are to be the largest ever built for the American navy, will be opened tomorrow. These vessels are to cost \$800,000 each and for every knot that the vessels lose on any of their trial trips under the contract speed the builders will have to forfeit \$15,000 of the contract price to the government.

The plans and specifications for the vessel are being kept secret by the Navy Department and they were submitted in confidence to the bidders. It is known, however, that the vessels may have a trial displacement of at least 742 tons and that they must attain on those trial tests a maximum speed of 29 1-2 knots an hour, a speed that will make them among the fastest war craft ever constructed in this or any other country.

ASTORIA THEATRE.

Manager Hanlin begs to announce to his patrons that for Sunday he has secured an extraordinary attraction, the Cameron Opera Company, including Grace Cameron in the great musical success, "Little Dollie Dimples," now in its second year, and which will be presented with all its wealth of electrical and scenic splendor.

The company is a large and notable one, including such names as Harry Benley, the celebrated mimic, who has lately been the hit of the "Sam Houston" production and also with Thomas Ross in "Checkers"; Musical Four, a quartette of real musicians, rendering classical selections on xylophone, brass quartette, string and many novel instruments, form one of the added features.

A big electrical dancing specialty, employing the services of the entire chorus and the pony ballet, and a terpsichorean expert, the national dancer, Emma King, one of the unique and novel features of the performance. The Elm City male quartette, will also render a pleasing specialty.

Miss Cameron is well known to our theatre-goers who have witnessed her performance with the Bostonians, "Foxy Quiller," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "The Tenderfoot," the "Normandy Wedding," "Piff Paff Pouff," and other notable successes.

REPORTER OR THIEF.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 31.—Edward Ferris, 61 years old, as arrested yesterday on suspicion that he was connected in the recent riot, which culminated in the lynching of negroes. The police found in Ferris' room silverware on which were engraved the name of H. T. Loper, whose restaurant was attacked by a mob, Ferris says he is from Mexico, Ill., that he is a journalist, that he came here to write stories of the riot and of its results, and that he found the silverware and kept it as a souvenir.

Grand jury investigations of the riot will be resumed Monday.

How to Avoid Appendicitis.

Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated, Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels, and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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Backache and many kidney ills follow;

Urinary trouble, diabetes.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure them all.

A. P. Maney, Hawthorne Terrace, Portland, Oregon, says: "My work subjects me to much jolting and as a result my kidneys became disordered, causing sharp knife-like pains in my back. This trouble bothered me a great deal while working and being desirous to rid myself of it, I decided to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial; procuring a supply I found quick relief from their use and finally a complete cure. Although this was over three years ago there has never been a return of the trouble since, clearly showing that when Doan's Kidney Pills cure, they cure permanently."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Charles Rogers' drug store and ask what customers report.

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P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress St., Chicago, tells of a way to become strong. He says: "My mother, who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters, that I feel it's my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about it. In my mother's case, a marked gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steady growing stronger."

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Sept. Official Tide Tables

Compiled by the U. S. Government for Astoria and Vicinity.

Table with tide data for September 1908, including High Water and Low Water times and heights for various days of the month.