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Astoria Regatta and Carnival to be Inaugurated this Week.

THOUSANDS WILL BE HERE

Many New Features on Land and Water Preparations for Entertaining Ten Thousand Visitors.

Regatta week opens under the most favorable auspices, and it is believed that the greatest and most successful carnival ever held in this city will be the one of 1897.

The general management committee and the subcommittees are now confident that all of the features will be successful. Many entries in the various races and contests have been made, and several doubtful events have been assured. Mrs. William G. Gosselin has been chosen queen of the carnival and last evening accepted the honor. That this popular lady will grace the occasion it is needless to say. She and her maids will join the opening marine parade at Flavel, and will be received off the grand stand by the chorus of three hundred and the bands. Saturday evening will occur the illuminated marine parade, which will be one of the novel and most beautiful events of the entire carnival. Every boat on the river should enter for these parades, sailing boats, as well as others, as they will be towed. It is particularly desirable that all boats should be in the opening parade the morning of the first day.

The scull races will be participated in by two Portland teams, who will take part in the singles, doubles, and fours. Portland people are generally taking much interest in the affair, and a larger number than usual have subscribed to the fund. The White Collar line's liberal subscription was received yesterday.

It is remarkable that nearly all of the city subscriptions so far made have come from the merchants and smaller business men. The large property-owners and wealthy people are yet to be heard from, and probably will not be outside by the others.

Captain Gregory yesterday reported that the races between the light-house tender boats had been arranged for, and they will prove most interesting events. The Indian fishermen were in town yesterday arranging for their races. It is hoped that as many fishermen as possible will take part in the net-throwing contest, which is a new feature that will prove instructive as well as full of interest.

The sports on land will take place at Van Duse's grounds. The Finns are out for blood and in the tag of war will pull for dear life. The pillow contest, a prizefight in Finland, and the baseball game between the Fats and Leans are sure to be side-splitters for fun.

It is anticipated that many strangers will be in the city during the week, and preparations are making on all sides for their entertainment in royal manner. The decorations of the city should commence at once and not be left until the last moment. The committee is anxious that every house and store should at least throw a piece of bunting to the breeze.

Mr. E. J. Carr has been appointed judge of the shell-racing contests on Sunday.

For the benefit of those who wish to participate in the following list of events, a description of what they are given: The marine international tug of war is composed of two or more boats on each side, two men in each boat, and will be given at dead-lack water. The contestants pull the boats with oars and when on side or the other is pulled across a given line, the side developing the greater strength is declared winner.

The grensed pole contest is as follows: A grensed pole, probably six inches in diameter, is suspended from the dock over the water for a distance of about twenty feet, and at the outer end is hung the prize or a prize dummy. The contestant is supposed to walk, crawl, or climb to the end of the pole, unfasten the prize, and make the dock again in safety.

The obstacle race can be participated in by any number of swimmers. A number of light and buoyant articles with cords attached are thrown from a boat into the water at a distance of perhaps twenty yards from the dock, and the swimmer securing the largest number of the floating objects and landing them safely at the point of beginning gains the prize.

Duck hunt—Two duck boats, with occupants in swimming suits, participate. Before leaving the dock they decide on who is to be the hunter and who the duck. The hunter starts for the duck, his object being to catch him within a given time. The duck can remain in his boat if he chooses, but if he finds it necessary to jump out into the water

to seize the grasp of the hunter, he may do so, but in doing so the hunter must follow. If the duck jumps out of the hunter's grasp for the stated period of time, which is about fifteen minutes, he gets the prize; otherwise it goes to the hunter.

Net-throwing contest. As many as wish can participate in this event. The net must be 100 fathoms long, not less than 100 fms wide and not less than 40 fms deep. As the signal the contestants are to commence laying out the net in the nets allowed, and when out they are to proceed to the other end with a boat and pick up. First up, first prize, and so on, as prizes are listed.

PROGRAM First Day, August 29—Forenoon—Land parade and exercises ashore. Welcome to the carnival queen by a gorgeous marine procession and by the singing of national airs by a chorus of 300 voices on the grand stand at Flavel's dock. Afternoon—Columbia river fish boats, sailing, anchor start. Prizes—First, 100; second, 100; third, 100. Grensed pole contest—Box of cigars. Whitehall sailing, anchor start—First, 20; second, 10. Duck hunt—Box of cigars. Cannery tenders, schooners, sailing—First, 50; second, 20. Row schooners, sailing—First, 30; second, 20; third, 10. Sloops, 20-footers—First 35; second 15. Obstacle race—50. Sloops, free for all—First, 125; second, 50; third, 25. Cat boats, three to start—First, 125; second, 10; third, 45. Fishing skiff, sailing, 18 to 20 feet—First, 20; second, 10. Exhibition, life-saving crews. Grand ball in the evening at Fords & Stokes' hall.

Second day, August 31—Forenoon—Whitehall boats, double scull—First, 20; second, 10. Duck hunt—50. Life-boats, life-saving crew—First, 50; second, 25. Grensed pole contest—50. Shell races by the Willamette Rowing Club—Medals. Log-rolling contest. Swimming contest, 75 yards, free for all—Medal. Ship's boat race, four oars—First, 20; second, 10. Swimming race, 50 yards, boys under 15 years—First, 25; second, 12. Indian canoe race—First, 25; second, 12.

Cutters, light-house tenders—First, 25; second, 10. Tub race—50. Fish boats, pulling—First, 10; second, 10. Marine international tug of war—40. Net-throwing contest—First, 20; second, 10. Chinese barge race—10. Double-scull pleasure, three to start—First, 10; second, 5. Gigs, light-house tenders—First, 25; second, 10. Milk boat race, steam—First, 20; second, 10. Afternoon—Columbia river fish boats, sailing, anchor start—First, 100; second, 100; third, 100. Whitehall, sailing, anchor start—First, 20; second, 10. Grensed pole contest—First, box of cigars; second, 20. Cat boat race, sailing—First, 35; second, 10; third, 15. Obstacle race—Box of cigars. Cannery tenders, sailing schooners—First, 50; second, 20. Row schooners, sailing—First, 30; second, 20; third, 10. Duck hunt—50. Sloops, 20-footers—First, 35; second, 15. Sloops, free for all—First, 125; second, 50; third, 25. Gasoline launches, anchor start—First, 30; second, 10. Fish skiff, sailing, anchor start—First, 20; second, 10. At night—Grand marine parade, at which a prize will be given for the best dressed and prettiest appearing crew. Fireworks and other amusements.

ATHLETIC SPORTS. Grand challenge shoot, clay pigeons, free for all—First, 25; second, 15; third, 10. Log rolling contest—First, 25; second, 10. Grand international tug of war—First, 25; second, 10. Finnish pillow contest—First, 15; second, 5. Championship of the world. Baseball contest—Fats vs. Leans. Grand athletic carnival, under the auspices of the Astoria Football Club. Prizes, medals.

Sunday—Grand excursion by the Woodmen of the World. Launching of the Manzanita. Grand clam bake. Entry books are now open for all events at office of secretary, W. L. Robb, at regatta headquarters.

There will be no war ships in attendance at this year's regatta, at least none of Uncle Sam's. It is just possible, however, that a foreign vessel will come in here at the invitation of Britshers who reside here.

The entry books will be opened at regatta headquarters today, and all those who wish to participate are requested

to get in early with their entries. Sailing rules and instructions will be printed in due time and distributed to those who wish to participate in the various events. It is especially requested that the boat, pens houses and residences of the city be as handsomely decorated as possible during carnival week, and merchants who carry bunting in stock will do well to provide a goodly supply.

One thing is certain. It is going to be the most successful regatta ever held in Astoria, and will bring a large number of people to the city. The citizens will do well to keep up the enthusiasm to the end.

BASEBALL SCORES

Cincinnati, August 14—Cincinnati 3, Chicago 10. Pittsburgh, August 14—Pittsburgh 4, Louisville 2. Cleveland, August 14—Cleveland 5, St. Louis 10. New York, August 14—New York 6, Boston 4. Washington, August 14—Washington 7, Brooklyn 4. Philadelphia, August 14—Philadelphia 10, Baltimore 11.

TENNIS CONTEST

Tacoma, August 14—The championship tennis tournament for the Pacific Northwest was brought to a close in this city today, after one of the most successful meetings in the history of the game in this section. J. F. Foskies, of Victoria, defeated George A. Hurd, of Seattle, for the championship by a score of 6-4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

THE FASTEST MILE

Middletown, N. Y., August 14—Ella T. a gray mare owned by J. W. Tilden of Red Oak, Iowa, made a mile on the fairgrounds track here in 2:09 1/2, the fastest mile ever trotted in this state on a half-mile track. Just at the conclusion of the race, Louis Simonsbach, aged 17, rode a bicycle down the track, Virginia Fox, coming at a full gallop, struck him, knocking him down and fracturing his skull.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Portland, August 14—Representatives Tongue and Ellis, accompanied by Representatives Hooper and Sherman, of New York, left tonight for Astoria to sit at the mouth of the Columbia. Representative Hooper is chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors and Representative Sherman is chairman of the committee on Indian affairs.

WHEAT SHORT

St. Paul, Minn., August 14—Information obtained at the office of the chief grain inspector of Minnesota that the wheat crop of this state and the Dakotas would run thirty million bushels short of expectations.

DOCK COLLAPSES

San Francisco, August 14—The south side of Broadway dock collapsed this morning and precipitated a hundred tons of salt and sugar, which was to have been shipped on the steamer City of Puencha today, into the bay.

NEWS FOR THE AFFLICTED

Announcement That Interests Many—Dr. Darrin, the Eminent Specialist, to Visit Astoria Aug. 18 to Sept. 15.

While averse to drawing the attention of any of our readers to any advertisement which partakes of a medical character, we feel more than justified in ever-riding this objection with respect to the announcement in this issue of the coming of Dr. Darrin.

This far-famed physician (late from Portland), who has achieved such a great reputation throughout the Coast and Northwest, has been prevailed upon, through the urgent request of many in this vicinity to visit Astoria, as they could not afford by their time and business to consult him at his offices in Portland. The doctor has at last consented to visit this city to accommodate the afflicted and will have his office at the Occident Hotel. Those wishing to consult the doctor will find it to their advantage to consult him while here and during the first part of his stay, as many require more than one treatment by electricity.

He comes to us laden with testimonials from the whole Northwest, and the authentic reports of some of his cures seem nothing short of miracles. So many thousands are already acquainted with his mode of treatment, it seems unnecessary to state that he uses little medicine in the majority of cases, and perfects his cures by the wonderful power of electricity.

There are few ills to which the human flesh is heir, which cannot be relieved and generally permanently cured by Dr. Darrin's electrical treatment, and cases that have resisted the efforts of the ordinary physicians have yielded to his power. These cases embrace almost every kind of disease, and, as said before, no man, woman or child need despair of relief and cure while Dr. Darrin offers his invaluable service.

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PRESIDENT FAURE TO ST. PETERSBURG

Preparations Made on a Grand Scale For His Entertainment.

HOLIDAY IN ST. PETERSBURG

Loving Cups and Medals to be Presented—Dayreath Festival to Close Thursday—Other Foreign News.

London, August 14—The arrangements for the visit of President Faure to St. Petersburg are practically complete. He will leave Dunkirk Wednesday afternoon aboard the French warship Pothuau, escorted by the British and Russian fleets, and will arrive at Cronstadt Monday, August 23. The first day of his sojourn in Russia will be devoted to his reception at Cronstadt and at Peshhof, to the exchange of official visits, a banquet at the Peshhof palace and a gala performance at the imperial theatre. The president and the czar will start for St. Petersburg August 24. There, M. Faure will be welcomed by the municipality of St. Petersburg and will receive in audience delegations from the principal cities of the empire. He will also, on Tuesday, lay the corner stone of the French hospital. In the evening the president will give a banquet at the Peshhof palace in honor of the czar. There will be a grand review at Kronstadt on August 25, followed by a grand military dinner. At night there will be a fête in the gardens of the Peshhof palace.

After the review of the combined French and Russian squadrons in Cronstadt roads, the president will bid farewell to the czar and czarina and will return on board the Pothuau, which will start immediately for France, reaching Dunkirk August 31.

Magnificent decorations are projected at St. Petersburg, including a Faure fountain in the middle of the historic Kaiser square, which will remain a permanent memorial of the president's visit. A medal which President Faure will distribute to the Guard of Honor and to the various functionaries attending him during his visit to Russia, bears on one side the profile of an effigy of the republic and the words "Republique Francaise." On the obverse side is a wreath of laurel surrounding the date, "August, 1897." Three hundred medals of this description, in gold and platinum, twenty of silver gilt and twenty of dull gold have been struck.

Referring to the coming visit the Russian newspapers are discussing a scheme to benefit France by sending steamers to Russia to intermarry in France and return the falling birth rate of that country.

St. Petersburg municipal authorities will present three immemorial loving-cups to the visiting French war ships. The Bayreuth festival closes next Thursday with the hundredth performance of "Parsifal." Receipts exceeded \$20,000. Among those present here this week are the Princess of Wales, the Grand Duke of Hesse, Ladies Londale and Battersea and Mr. A. J. Balfour. The performances of 1897 have been characterized by the presence and influence of many of London's smart set. The charms of the anti-conventionalism of the earlier years have largely vanished, and with them the cheap prices which this year are 35 to 50 per cent above those of 1896.

The Marquis de Lorne, son-in-law of Queen Victoria, is engaged in finishing a four-act play of a Scottish historical character, in which the Argyll Campbells figure.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Curran have rented Boldrono castle, Banthshire, for shooting and fishing.

Lady Henry Somerset has withdrawn her resignation of the presidency of the British Women's Temperance Union.

The straw manufacturers of Toulon have been doing a big business in sun-bonnets for horses, owing to the institution of the government and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The hats are shaped on the Bordeaux model, having a high crown and a broad brim like a straw bathing hat used in the United States, with holes for the horse's ears. The use of the bonnets has greatly decreased the summer mortality among horses in France.

The annual scandal about the tramps, loafers, criminals and their companions in Hyde Park is again being ventilated. The park is positively dangerous after dusk and almost so in day time. Owing to the great number of assault cases occurring in the park which have found their way into the police courts recently, the newspapers have again taken the matter up. Last year, as a result of the public disgust which followed similar exposures, new regulations were issued for the police patrol of the park, and parliament voted £1,200 toward lighting it by electricity, and also voted £1,400 for a refreshment kiosk, but owing

to the opposition of the Duke of Cambridge, who is ranger of Hyde Park, nothing was done. The movement on foot to wrest the control of the park from the duke and give it to the county council.

The Berlin chess tournament, which is expected to rival the recent contest at Nuremberg and Budapest, will begin September 15. Prizes ranging from £2 to £5 and a "billiard" prize will be awarded by Baron Rothschild of Vienna, who is a chess enthusiast.

The British postoffice authorities are experimenting with motor cars with a view to their use as parcel vans and for the transportation of mails from railway depots.

Since Senor Casanova's assassination last Sunday the officials of Scotland Yard have been exercising the most active supervision over the anarchists of Great Britain and they have been in constant communication with the police authorities of Paris, Rome, Madrid and other capitals. The number of detectives stationed at the various ports has been doubled, and new arrivals are constantly shadowed. But despite these precautions the commissioner of police, Edward Bradford, has authorized a public meeting in Trafalgar Square on Sunday, August 22, to "denounce the revival of torture in Spanish prisons." The authorities declare the commissioner did not know it was the anarchists who had applied for it. The newspapers say it is certain that there will be trouble if the meeting is held, as the people here are waking up to the necessity of a stern repression of the anarchists.

A long-existing scandal has been ended by a complaint upon the part of St. John Brunner, the well known philanthropist of Liverpool, and a member of parliament for the Norwich division of Cheshire, who drew the attention of the home secretary, Mr. Matt Ridley, to the transferring of women prisoners in the Liverpool jail to Knutsford prison in his gangs, chained together like slaves. It developed from the inquiries made by the home secretary into the subject that as many as thirty-two women in one gang have been thus paraded. Orders have been issued to stop this practice.

KLONDIKE CUSTOMS DUTIES

Have Been Made More Liberal by Canadian Officers.

Washington, August 14—Mr. Adam, British charge d'affaires has telegraphed the department of state that the customs charges on miners outfits for the Klondike, arriving from Dya and other points, are those authorized by the ordinary revenue laws of Canada. No special or unusual regulations were made on the contrary instructions sent were to exempt miners' bla-kets, personal clothing in use and broken packages of provisions being used, also cooking utensils in use. To make the food allowance more liberal, instructions have been given for the season to the customs officers at Tagish to exempt 100 pounds of food for the journey, charging the ordinary customs duty on the excess.

ANOTHER DOOM IN WHEAT

New York, Aug. 14—(Special to the Astorian.)—Silver was today quoted at 55 cents the lowest mark yet reached.

Chicago, Aug. 14—Wheat had another boom today. September advanced three cents from yesterday's closing and registered a net advance of 2 1/2c.

THE MARKETS

San Francisco, Aug. 14—Hops 7 and 9, easy 10 and 11. Liverpool, Aug. 14—Wheat firm. St. Francisco, Aug. 14—Wheat, shipping 148c for No. 1 and 10c for choice; milling, 12 1/2c and 13 1/2c. New York, Aug. 14—Hops steady. Portland, Aug. 14—Wheat, Valley 84; Walls Walls 81.

SHARKEY AND MAHER

San Francisco, August 14—Sharkey and Maher will not fight in San Francisco, or if they do, it will not be under the Knickerbocker club. Zeke Abrahams, the club's matchmaker, says the fight was all off, as the men have altered the articles of agreement sent them and the club will make no concessions.

SENATOR GEORGE DYING

Jackson, Miss., August 14—It is reported here that Senator George is dying at Mississippi City.

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