

CITY BREWERY HENRY WIENARD 1862-1916

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Although Henry Weinhard had been involved in brewing beer in the Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington area since 1856, he didn't establish his City Brewery until 1862. In 1863 he located a site outside of town at the end of a single dirt road. This was to be the site of his home as well as his brewery.

By 1882, the City Brewery was the largest in the Pacific Northwest. At this time, the huge building covering an entire city block at 12th and Burnside, was constructed. Its image appeared on advertising trays and bills sent to customers. Between 11th and 13th Streets were buildings housing the bottling works and horse stables for delivery wagons and horses. A large warehouse was built near the steamship docks.

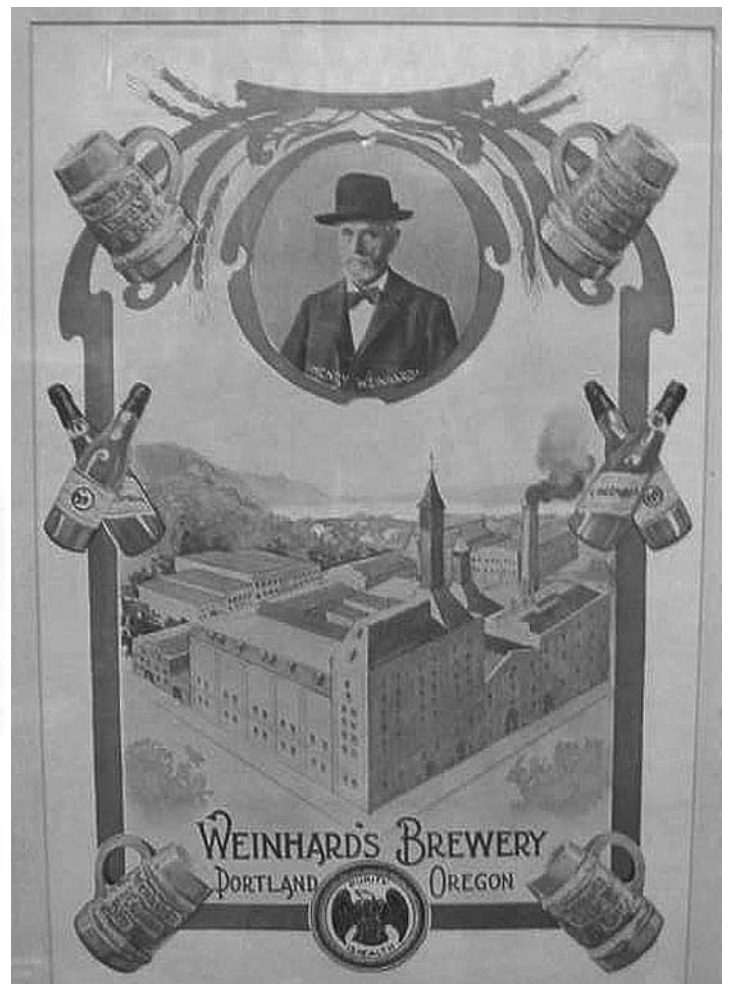
By 1890, production reached 40,000 barrels and distribution was worldwide to China, Japan, The Philippines, and Siberia. Cal. Bottling Company in San Francisco supplied Northern California with the "Export" beer. Henry

also supplied door to door deliveries by wagon in Portland area for saloons, businesses, and homes. He also owned a number of local saloons.

By 1900, Henry's brewery was producing 100,000 barrels of beer annually. His "Columbia Beer" was a very famous label in the west. He bought out Oregon breweries in Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Oregon City, Baker City, and Aberdeen, Washington for use as storage and distribution points and also for ice production.

Henry died in 1904 and his son-in-law, Paul Wessinger, took control thereby keeping the brewery under family control. The name "City Brewery" was dropped at this time in favor of "Weinhard Brewery."

The brewery survived prohibition by making soft drinks, fruit drinks, syrups, flavorings, toppings and malt extracts. A merger in 1928 with Blitz Brewing Company formed a new giant, The Blitz Weinhard Company, which still survives today.





One of Henry Weinhard's beer delivery wagons, about 1900

STATEMENT

Henry Weinhard BREWERY

ESTABLISHED 1873
Largest and Most Complete BREWERY in the Northwest

CAPACITY 1000 REFRIGERATING CAPACITY 300 TONS PER DAY

TELEPHONE MAIN 72
PORTLAND, ORE.

Medford, Or. Jan. 1, 1911

H. Weinhard

Medford Oregon

Balance ad. rend.
Due on Aug 5.00 & 2.00

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City Brewery

H. WEINHARD, PROPRIETOR

OFFICE 131TH & BURNING STS

Chicago Ogn
Comercial Club
City 31-03

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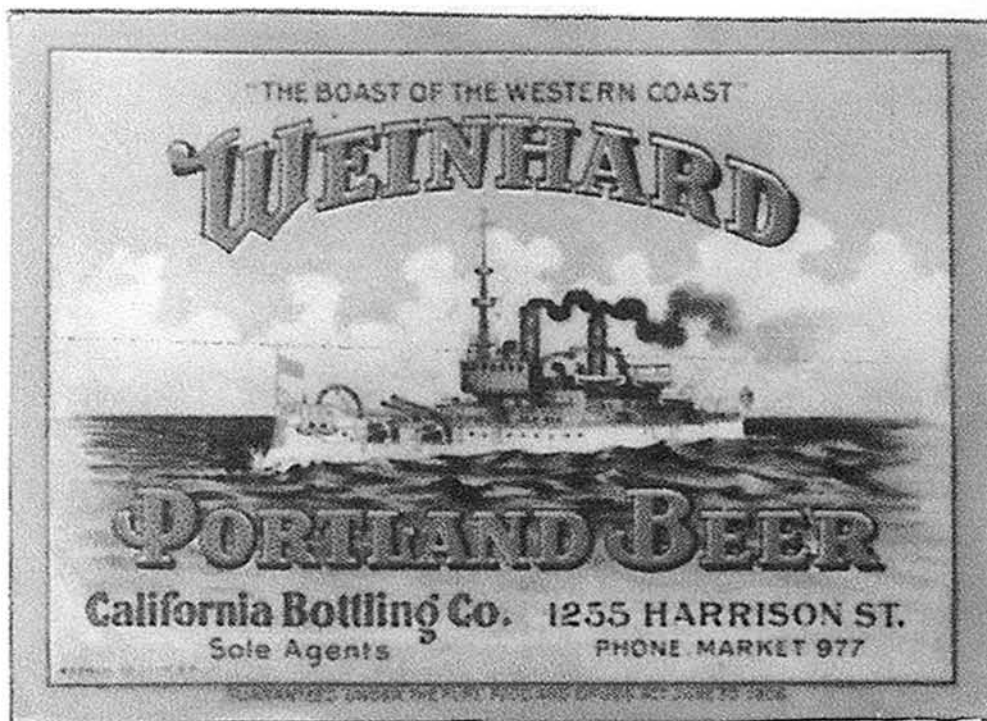
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Weinhard Billheads, early 1900's.



Label, circa 1907



Magazine ad

