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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Unsettled, with occasional rain; cooler; southerly winds.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27.

It is quite plain that the McKinley Administration does not really favor the Nicaragua Canal. It makes many a pretense, in that behalf, indeed; but such schemes as the ship subsidy are in high favor with the Administration...

Encouragement of the Boers in further resistance to the British is not a suggestion favorable either to humanity or liberty. The Boers in arms have no government behind them, no organized support, no state authority.

There is a proposal before the State of New York for transforming the canals of the state into waterways for steam or electric barges of ten feet draught, at a cost of \$55,000,000.

Mixed up with their partisan antipathy to the Administration proposals, a commendable desire to save the Philippines from corrupt exploitation is apparent in the efforts of Caffery, Hoar and Bacon...

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them unless he can make something out of them. We always have timorous souls who dread the purchase of timber lands by lumbermen, or mineral belts by miners, or arid lands by irrigation companies.

It will doubtless confuse some of our deep-browed publicists to learn that Russia's embargo against American imports elicits resentment from Russians as well as Americans.

Though not intended as a temperance lecture or a lecture upon morality or social ethics, portions of this message of Governor Rogers may be held to be instructive upon all of these points.

A typical Seattle exploit is disclosed on the editorial page of the New York Sun of February 22.

To the uninstructed this is a dispassionate statement of fact; but to the person whose lot in life has been to observe the shallowness and irradations of the Seattle intellect...

There is almost as heinous an attack on Seattle as was made a year ago by The Oregonian. It was then asserted in these columns that 40,000 persons would take passage for Alaska within the year at San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

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Prophecy fulfilled. The Rev. John Graham Brooks recently pointed out that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in destroying the Army post canteen has done a "simply awful thing."

The evil thus predicted has rapidly come to pass, and is already in evidence at Fort Sheridan, the large Army post just north of Chicago.

Since the canteen at the post was abandoned, the number of soldiers seen in this place has increased four-fold, and drunkenness has increased in like proportion.

The gross receipts of the canteen at the post averaged about \$2500 a month. This expenditure was to a certain extent under the control of the officers.

SOUND REASONS FOR A VETO. The political and economic views of Governor Rogers, of Washington, are not noted in a general way for sound discretion.

The hotbed of vice in this city described by Rev. J. E. Snyder as existing in the fourteen blocks bounded by Pine, Second, Flanders and Fourth streets, is typical, perhaps, of all cities where lewdness congregates and the lower passions and appetites of mankind seek companionship after their own sort.

Clyde Vaughn, the lovelick lad who attempted to take the life of Lulu Jones, at Jefferson, last Fall, by snatching her with an axe because she did not reciprocate his affection, was allowed to plead guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon, and so got off with a sentence of seven years in the Penitentiary.

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CATHOLIC OPPORTUNITY AND DUTY. St. Paul Pioneer Press. Further evidence that the question of the return of the Augustinian, Dominican, Franciscan and Recollect friars to their respective parishes is given in a recent interview with Dr. Antonio Regalado, one of the heads of the Philippine Junta in Europe.

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This testimony is in confirmation of the statement of the situation made in the Taft Commission's report, and shows that the whole question carefully returned to the friars is in no sense a religious question. It is purely a political question.

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JAPANESE ESTIMATE OF THE ALLIES. New York Evening Sun. The Japanese newspapers are full with estimates of the conduct of soldiers of the composite army serving in North China.

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And capturing a corps or two of British every day. It's not in reason, don't you know; the blooming Boers are strong.

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