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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain; brisk and possibly high southerly winds.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, MARCH 11

Grave fears are entertained for the losses that lumber interests will sustain because of the Hoar amendment to the Spooner clause of the Army bill. They are not, it appears, well founded.

Perhaps the gravest danger that confronts us in the Cuban problem is along this very line. At all hazards we must maintain the pledge we made to Cuba and the profession we made to the world.

The soldier's riot at Highwood, near Fort Sheridan, on Friday last, was due entirely to the abolition of the canteen. The kind of logic employed by anti-canteen evangelists is illustrated by the following extract from the Boston Watchman:

From the Russian and German programmes in China every right-minded man will turn with aversion, and with gratitude that Secretary Hay has so far ordered the course in Japan.

The sensitive moral nature of San Francisco is again assailed by the appearance there of a dissolute and criminal young man from New York. This

precious racial not only embezzled post-office funds which he squandered on the racetrack, but he ran away with a giddy young woman, leaving his wife and children to misery and disgrace. It is not enough that this offender, apprehended at San Francisco in his flight from New York, should figure in sensational illustrated yarns on San Francisco's first pages; but he must present a moral, which that virtuous press is quick to grasp.

BURY THE HATCHET.

The Oregonian's Washington correspondent is doubtless well-advised when he says that the interests of Oregon will be advanced in Congress if Senators Simon and Mitchell can agree upon a harmonious division of the committee places now accruing to them.

Nor is this the only matter about which Oregon's delegation in Congress ought at length to abandon strife and live in harmony. For ten years now a bitter controversy has been raging in the Republican party of Oregon.

THE ABOLITION OF THE CANTEEN.

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The anti-canteen evangelists are so enamored with prejudice that they cannot see that there is no identity between the railway conductor and engineer and the soldier; for, while the conductor and engineer are the executive officers and brains of their train, the soldiers are not the executive officers and brains of the army.

and an American soldier, outside of the proper performance of his duty, ought not to be robbed of any of the fundamental social rights that are enjoyed by other men. The assertion that a railroad company is able to exact and secure total abstinence from its employes, except during their hours of duty, is absurd.

AN AUTOMATIC CURRENCY.

Currency theorists and currency conditions in the United States are gradually getting together. That is, as the idealists are learning what is practical, popular understanding is rising towards the plane where a scientific system would be workable.

Table showing currency statistics from Jan-April 1898 to Jan-April 1900, including columns for Gain, Loss, and Pr. Ct.

The maximum was reached in October, the statement at the end of that month showing a circulation of \$3,177,000, an increase over the previous winter of nearly twenty-five per cent.

NO NEW TREATY PROBABLE.

If it be true that Great Britain has no intention of modifying the Clayton-Bulwer treaty without a satisfactory quid pro quo; that the British Foreign Office holds the treaty in full force on the ground that "treaties cannot be abrogated without the consent of both contracting parties," then nothing is more certain than the prompt abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty at the next meeting of Congress.

EX-SENATOR CARTER OF MONTANA.

The substantial growth, that in the home growth of a city, is shown by the increased construction of its school buildings. Thus gauged, the growth of Baker City is of a very gratifying character.

THE NEW PURE FOOD LAW PROVIDES THAT CONSUMERS FOR A YEAR SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR COMMON SENSE IN SELECTION OF FOOD.

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part, except so far as we may choose independently to grant. It was not worth while to chill the present friendship between the two countries when there was really nothing of practical consequence at stake. It is true that Great Britain in international equity has a right to expect some concessions in shape of seaport entry on Alaskan waters for her Klondike district, but this was a matter that would have been considered with far better results separately from the Nicaragua question.

WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON.

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BE GENTLE, NEIGHBOR.

Be gentle, neighbor. Remember, you need a railroad, and will be able to reduce the temperature of your pedal extremities several degrees by helping it along.

THE TALENTED CITY EDITOR OF THE REGISTER.

The talented city editor of the Register ought to study up a little on his Latin. Here is what he says this morning: "Old Sol, the sun, is full and stayed out all last night."

IT IS FUNNY HOW MANY ORIGINAL MITCHELL MEN CAN NOW BE FOUND.

It is funny how many original Mitchell men can now be found. The rush for the land wagon is almost a stampede. The later comer yells the loudest—Baker City Republican.

THE ORIENTAL LINE OLYMPIA, ARRIVING AT TACOMA LAST WEEK.

The Oriental line Olympia, arriving at Tacoma last week, brought, in addition to her eastbound freight, 623 packages of merchandise for Portland. And yet Tacoma supplies the bulk of the in-bound business for her trans-Pacific line.

THE DAILY SCHOOL LAW, WHICH WAS PASSED AT THE RECENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The daily school law, which was passed at the recent session of the Legislature, will not carry an emergency clause, and will not be in effect until May. A mistake was made in the local news of The Oregonian yesterday in the statement that today's election for School Director in Portland would be governed by the section of the act prescribing new qualifications for voters.

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