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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair; winds mostly northerly. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 78; minimum temperature, 61; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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GERMAN MILITARY SUPERIORITY.

The annual maneuvers of the German Army are now in progress, and are attended by distinguished military men of the British and American armies, including Lord Roberts, Generals French and Ian Hamilton, of the British Army, and Generals S. B. M. Young and H. C. Corbin, of the American Army. Emperor William, of course, as Commander-in-Chief, presides over the whole affair, but the great strategist and tactician of the German Army is Count Waldersee.

USES OF EXPOSITIONS.

George Frederick Kunz contributes an article to the current number of the North American Review on the management and uses of expositions. Mr. Kunz speaks with authority that comes of long training and extensive observation. At the age of 20 he represented at the Centennial Exposition of 1876 the American Museum of Natural History. Since then he has attended in an official capacity the Paris expositions in 1889 and 1900, the exhibitions at Atlanta, Nashville, Omaha, Buffalo and Turin. In the judgment of Mr. Kunz the indictment lies that "such enterprises have been largely planned and managed for the pecuniary benefit of their promoters; that the expense of their administration have been continually evaded; that business men who risked their goods, their money and their time in an enterprise which they had a right to believe National have in the end been drawn into a private speculation from which real estate dealers, railroad managers, hotel and hotel-tradersmen derived huge profits, which should have gone into a general fund to pay all just debts and charges before any individual benefited by a single dollar."

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THE LACK OF FOOD IN THE SOUTH.

The lack of food in the South, but to the destruction of the railways behind those armies, which prevented transportation of military supplies of all sorts. Furthermore, the slaves at the South kept the plantations in a state of cultivation except in the path of our armies, so that there was no such comparative widespread destitution and distress because of war as existed in the South African Republics.

WORK FOR THE GREAT EXPLAINER.

That forest reserve question will become rather vexatious to the Hon. Blinger Hermann before it is settled. The mining men about Sumner are up in arms and in doubt and not many people are certain that the reserve is a good thing. The Commissioner will have a good time explaining why he did it and the good of having a reserve.

PORTLAND AND COOS BAY.

Portland has awakened to the fact that there is a Coos Bay country, with an enormous amount of natural wealth around it, and is talking of making an effort to reach it after it. Portland has hitherto left Southwest Oregon to the tender mercies of San Francisco merchants, and it will be surprising if she now scrapes the moss off her back and rusties out for Coos Bay.

ATHLETIC SENSATION ON GRAY'S HARBOR.

Ex-Policeman Doyle, who was let out of the police on the ground that he was the worst member of it, was the strongest man who took the hammer which was one of the street attractions during the Carnival. He sent it up to 215 pounds. W. Ryan made it go to 260, and Judge Pearson went higher than L. L. Maley. City Attorney Shields shot the staple out of its socket, and there was no register. The bolt struck the top of Kaufman's building.

AND YET HE DIED.

Mr. Jensen was one of the best-known caterers in Whatcom. He conducted the Saddle Rock Oyster House in the Light-house block, and recently moved to a location on the waterfront. He was of a sociable and jovial nature, and made hosts of friends while engaged in business. He leaves a widow and son to mourn his death. He was a member of the fraternal orders—Fraternal Order of Eagles, Improved Order of O. E. M. and the Fraternal Union of America.

PLEASURE BEFORE BUSINESS.

Advices from the mouth of Klamath River in the county of Douglas, Oregon, say that salmon canning operations ceased last Saturday at the Klamath River cannery. At the time there were a few salmon being caught, and canning would have been longer had it not been for the fact that the Indian crew, being held about 30 miles up the river. The pack for the season amounted to a little over 3000 cases. With the help of the cannery the salmon were plentiful enough to have packed 7000 cases.

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM.

The large advertisement in this paper for the great American Tobacco trust cost a great deal of money. Those advertisements in the American newspapers cost five times as much as the prizes offered. What is the purpose of these advertisements, which compel retailers to keep them in stock, and to that extent drive all similar brands out of the market. Thus it will compel the jobbers to handle the goods, and the retailer to keep them in stock, compel the smoker to use them, and force out big dividends on its watered stock. This is one way out, and that is to smoke Oregon and to let the factory as the factory does not sell out to the trust.

BENEFITS OF LEGAL STUDY.

The study of law is the best educational drill, no matter what profession or business a person intends to enter. If a teacher, it broadens his mind and benefits his pupils. If a politician, it makes him a better one; the halls of Congress and the great public buildings of the land are filled by lawyers. If a financier, his success is more assured, so more than nine-tenths of the financiers are lawyers. If a divine, his perception of right and wrong is more extended and he sees the right in the heart of the law, and the spirit of the law. The trained equity lawyer whets his faculty for perceiving right and wrong to the keenest edge, and looks ahead to the consequences of the law, and discovers wrongs and applies remedies based upon the highest development of the Golden Rule.

GOVERNOR HUNT FOR THE SENATE.

The Pocatello Tribune says it has information to the effect that Governor Hunt is planning to become a candidate for Senator in the event of his being re-elected to his present position. It speaks of a halt said to be in progress in the Washington delegation to the effect that if he would vote for him for Governor, they might have Adams for Lieutenant Governor, and that as he would be a candidate for Senator, the latter might thus become Governor of the state. It is altogether probable that such a plan is being evolved. It was said in Pocatello that there were letters there from the Governor urging the residents to oppose the plan of nominating a candidate for Senator, his reasoning being that he would have a chance to win the Senatorship if he were elected Governor. The convention was not hand-dropped by the convention's having made a nomination.

JOHNSON'S FAVORITE BAIT.

As applied to local street railways, gas and electric light plants and other municipal monopolies, public ownership is largely a question of business policy, its advocates who take it up in that spirit cannot be criticized as "enemies of property." But when municipal ownership is taken up as a short cut to popularity and political power, there is cause for distrust. A good deal of this spirit has been manifested by Mayor Johnson. He has said stoutly in the past that he would be as unwise in the Presidential chair as Mr. Bryan, to whose financial and other nostrums he subscribes. He is not unlikely to be thrown overboard by the next Democratic National Convention if he appears before it as a candidate, and he certainly will be if that party is able by that time to see the very present fact that it cannot hope to re-establish itself in public confidence till it suppresses the last and the least manifest of the Populist and destructive spirit of 1896 and 1900.

THAT'S A FACT.

The soliciting committee is out after subscriptions for the advertising funds under the Harriman system, and most everybody is resisting, realizing the necessity of Limit County holding up its end of the important scheme for getting Eastern people interested in Oregon. It is time that the name Oregon was known in the world, as well if not better than Washington.

CLEAN JOURNALISM PROSPERS.

There are encouraging indications of a revival of clean journalism. It is not coming through the establishment of "endowed newspapers." Few practical newspaper men believe in that agency for the reform of deplorable newspaper tendencies. The very fact that a newspaper was endowed would so far detract it from ordinary conditions of publication as to make it useless as an example. Moreover, the existence of such a newspaper would imply a confession that a really clean and moral journal was unprofitable; else why the endowment?

YOUTH'S COMPANION.

It is not philanthropy that is wanted, but the news business, as such. They newspaper sense, joined with high purpose. A newspaper is not a moral tract, and cannot be displaced by tracts. A man who should spend millions in endowing newspapers that were to go to stand alone would not be nearly so great a benefactor as the man who demonstrated that a clean newspaper can be made to pay.

ON LONG EVENINGS.

Nothing more irritating than Charles II against his faithful Scots than the three hours' sermon, full of animadversions on the sins of his father, through which he had to sit in a chair, wearing a King of Scotland's preparatory to the invention of England. Little wonder that the latter entertained the liveliest objection to written sermons, and in a letter to the University of Cambridge he begged that members not to smoke tobacco, wear periwigs, or read their sermons. He rebuked Stillingfleet for reading his discourses, but the divine replied that the presence of an audience was necessary to prevent him preaching extempore. The compliment pleased Charles, and to Stillingfleet's to quaque. "Why does your Majesty read your speeches to Parliament?" he asked. The witty reply that he had asked the two houses so often and for so much money that he was ashamed to look them in the face.

LET THEM HAVE THEIR ROARING PEACE.

Let Vesuvius and Sapotitan spout. We care not and feed the children in our atmospheric air. And be sure there's fire somewhere hereabout. I come from Colorado's wilds And Adirondack dells; I heard the grizzly in his den And join the cowboy yell. Manhattan toughs or Spanish guns Have touched me not a speck; The bucking bronco rears aloft, But finds me on his neck. O, trains may crash and battles roar In vain their deadly strife; And e'en the murderous trolley falls To reach the strenuous life. A short time afterward the widower fell in love with a very charming girl, to whom he became engaged. He intended to leave town, returning on the day of the wedding, and before he went off instructed the mason to alter the epitaph so that the feelings of his prospective wife would not be hurt. This the mason promised to do, and when the widower returned he visited the grave at once, finding that the mason had been true to his word, the epitaph now appearing: The light of my life has gone out, but I have found another match.

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THE ONLY TRIP—CUSTOMER—I expect to take a trip abroad, and I usually get seasick. A friend of mine told me he thought you could fix me up so that I could keep something on my stomach. Druggist—Ah, yes; what you want is one of our hot-water bags—Philadelphia Press.

MY NEAR SERVANT GIRL'S A GOOD ONE.

My near servant girl's a good one. He's a crank about his coffee, you know. Mrs. Hoax—And she can't make coffee, eh? Mrs. Hoax—No, she can't. But she's got that's the only thing he always likes to drink about, and now he hasn't any excuse, don't you see?—Philadelphia Record.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The smoke tempered the rays of the sun, anyway. The crematory may not yield any revenue, but it hasn't lost a cent. Governor McBride won out by a narrow margin. But if you don't think it's enough, ask the railroads. The ticket put up at Tacoma is showy and effective. Washington will make the most of itself at Washington. "Let's smoke," said the fir to the volcano. This was so offensive to the powder magazine that it gave the tree a blowing up. Steam whistles sound the knell of parting day. The barnyard with electric lights is gay. The plowman in his auto wheels away. With phonograph and telephone to play. These forest fires may be set down to the joint credit of Major Ormsby's redoubtable rangers and the timber syndicates that have been looking so faithfully and valiantly after their new purchases. They say that when some of the Eastern Oregon stockmen who have been taking in the eighth week all yesterday morning and found ashes all over their clothes they thought they had died in the night and passed to their future home. If the Republicans renominate President Roosevelt in 1904 he will be the first New Yorker they have named for President since the Republican party was organized. Of the eight Republican candidates for the Presidency, one was credited to California, six were from the Middle West, and one was from Maine. But of the nine Democratic candidates for the Presidency named during the life of the Republican party, four were from New York State.

THE ENGLISH PAPERS NEVER WORRY OF TELLING OF THE STRANGE THINGS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SAID AND DONE BY VISITORS FROM AMERICA.

The following is one of their latest creations: "At a well-known hotel in New Brighton, in the smoking room, there is a brass plate on which is inscribed, 'Charles Dickens's favorite seat.' The other day a party of Americans came in, and one, espousing the plate, exclaimed: 'Well, I'm going to sit here a bit, and if Dickens comes in he can have his favorite seat.' A 4-year-old citizen of Indiana who has been spending several weeks in Oregon was dining the other day at the home of a Clatskanie relative, where the asking of a blessing precedes the meal. This was new to the boy, but he had been duly warned by his mother, and was the very soul of decorum until the ceremony was over. After the "Amen" he looked up brightly and said, "Let me do that, too." He was given permission to go ahead, and after casting his eyes down and fingering the letters on the back of his plate until perfect quiet had been restored, he solemnly observed, "And Tracy killed himself."

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