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TODAY'S WEATHER—Showers, with west wind. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 52; minimum temperature, 49; precipitation, 0.25 inch.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12.

It is evident from the statement of Hydrographer Newell, published yesterday morning, that the government will not do anything to impair the vitality of irrigation enterprises already under way.

If all is sweet harmony between the O. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific Railroad companies, appearances are true, deceptive. Locally there is no open evidence of friction, but it is too plain to be doubted.

The acquittal of Mollieux after an imprisonment of four years is, of course, a welcome result to him and his friends.

through the law's delay. It is one of the mysteries of the proceedings of the courts that it should require four years to determine upon the guilt or innocence of a prisoner accused of murder.

THE CORPORATIONS SHOW THEIR TEETH.

The Oregonian, the morning following the election, said that the unexplained Democratic vote in Greater New York could only be explained upon the assumption that thousands of Republicans voted with the Democrats or did not vote at all.

A FLIMSY EXCUSE.

Miss Portia Washington, a cultivated young woman of color, daughter of Booker Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, spent one year at Wellesley College, but for reasons that can readily be surmised she did not return for the second year's work.

Roosevelt will be renominated and re-elected. The corporations have the most money, but the people hold the most votes of the untrifled, unpurchasable quality.

RIGHT KIND OF COMBINATION.

The proposed combine of the Multnomah fruitmen is an important move towards increasing the value and enlarging the market for a product which is rapidly becoming one of the great staples of the state.

Under the Eyes of Death.

A physician prominent in New York state was interested in manufacturing. While visiting his factory one day his coat was caught in a shafting and he was hurled around and around with terrific velocity.

Minnesota's Tribute to Roosevelt.

The extraordinary personal tribute to the President implied in the enormous Republican majority in Minnesota is getting about as high as it can be pushed by the universal popular enthusiasm for the President.

Let Republicans Be Responsible.

While the falling of the Democrats to carry the National House of Representatives may seem to the party leaders a grievous disappointment, we feel convinced that on this occasion, for permanent purposes, the Democrats have served the Democracy better than they would have been served if the wishes of most of their leaders had been realized.

Shipment even go through Portland to both the Puget Sound and the San Francisco packing-houses. And in all these markets the local supply falls short of meeting the demand.

IS THERE HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY?

New York Evening Post, Ind. Dem. One lesson of Tuesday's election is written large on the face of the returns—the Democrats have not regained the confidence of the country.

A SNEER FROM SALEM.

The Portland delegation deserve about as much credit for standing as a unit for \$500.00 for their fair as any family would in being united in accepting a gift of Government bonds.

Idaho Sees the Light.

Well, Idaho, we thought you would get into line with the rest of the states and can afford to enjoy the sun of prosperity under Republican policy as has Idaho during the past few years and continue showing a thankful spirit for the favors of Divine Providence and its ally—Republicanism.

He Decides and Then Acts.

Congressman Williamson seems to be a man of action. He has judgment and discretion as well. His announcement that irrigation is now the most important need of Oregon betrays the practical cast of his statesmanship.

SPRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS

One More Crisis Safely Passed. Cowlitz Advocate. The party of prosperity never even felt the jolt of election day, but maintains its seat firmly in the saddle.

The Sitting on Tom Johnson.

And Tom Johnson knows what it feels like to stand on an elephant. Were he to relate his flattening experience, it would doubtless prove interesting.

Bogus Democrats Must Go.

There is only one kind of Democracy that ever did win or ever will win in this country. Some other kind may get in under cover and pretense but it can't stand the test. There is no other way.

Two Jacks Under One Umbrella.

Penetration East comes with the two biggest men in the public eye today. It would be a glorious spectacle to see these giants of labor and capital standing under the same umbrella.

Don't Know What Hit 'Em.

Democrats, both locally and in the state, find it hard to get their heads above the results of Tuesday's election and are trying to make it appear that some illegitimate influence was used to bring about the results.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

A scrap-book—the police blotter. City Engineer Elliott is making plans for the reconstruction of the Municipal Court.

Because an actor makes up every night he does not necessarily never let the sun go down on his wrath.

While the question of music in the public schools is being discussed it might be interesting to get a trustworthy definition of what "music" is.

To one who travels much on the downtown streets it seems miraculous that so many decently-dressed young fellows make their headquarters in the cigar stores.

Statches of their conversation gives the clue. They are working their fathers and mothers for a living. This is a course of conduct to be earnestly commended to these benighted youths who feel the necessity of being independent.

Mr. Ballet's Rare Good Fortune.

Mr. Ballet is probably shaking hands with himself that it is the county jail he will have to spend a year, instead of the United States penitentiary.

Half a Million None Too Much.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition is the paramount subject of Oregon papers these days, and all because the Legislature is to be asked to appropriate \$500,000 for the fair.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

Visitor—And what brought this poor man to such a pass? Attendant—Ah, sir, he is the man who got up names for all the new health foods, poor chap—Chicago Daily News.

Democracy's Lucky Escape.

Chicago Post, Ind. Approval by the electorate is naturally gratifying to the Republican leaders and managers.

Our Great War Secretary.

Adjutant-General Corbin was present at the annual maneuvers of the German army, and he was hard hit. In an address in England he gave it as his opinion that of political importance as an opponent.

The Little Bee.

Baltimore American. There was once a politician. And he had a little bee. Where an insect shouldn't be. And the bee kept on a buzzin', Till the politician got A notion he was born to tell The people what he thought.