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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 82; minimum temperature, 55; precipitation, 0.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair; northerly wind.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

ASPECTS OF THE LABOR SITUATION.

New York's experience with the building trades is parallel with Portland's. The tendency is for separate trades to handle their own affairs, masters and men.

In New York the break-up took the form of an offer of separate arbitration agreements from the employers, and through the building trades union.

It is possible in the experience points out the ultimate solution of labor troubles and the limit that must be set to organization. United action is beneficent for masters on their side and for men on their side, and up to the point of complete control of any given trade.

England is an old civilization. It has been confronted with the social and evil intemperance for two centuries. That is, intemperance has been a serious subject for the consideration by her statesmen and philanthropists for about that time.

It will devolve upon Reliance to hold America's cup against the third attempt of the plucky Sir Thomas Lipton to carry it back across the Atlantic.

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self-reproach is capable of reformation, but sentimental treatment is not calculated to rouse the mood which makes a man want to scourge himself from head to foot. Sentimental treatment ministers to the vice of self-extermination and self-pity instead of creating the aggressive mental atmosphere of self-accusation and reproach.

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OUR DEBT TO RUSSIA.

Letter in New York Tribune. The very remarkable letter which you print this morning from an Englishman, signing himself James Hall, requires a reply. Argument seemingly would be useless, so I offer him the comfort of the following facts:

OUR SNAKES BEAT THE WORLD. Chicago Inter Ocean. The two-headed snake discovered in California, and evidently brought to that coast from South America by a trading vessel, will not divert serious attention from other more familiar and voracious home-grown snakes.

An Isolated Colony. London Times. In January Tristan d'Acunha was visited by H. M. S. Thrush, and Lieutenant Watts-Jones and Surgeon Lobb, of that vessel, drew up a report on the island which was forwarded by the post to the Colonial Office, to be laid before the Secretary of State on March 25.

One View of the Secretary of State. Chicago Inter Ocean. An incident of life in the National capital on Tuesday will further explain, if further explanation be necessary, why President Roosevelt prefers Oyster Bay to Washington in Summer.

Direct Election of Senators. Baltimore Sun. The great reason why the people desire the popular election of Senators is that the United States Government is responsible to the public sentiment.

The Ungrateful Chinese. Springfield Republican. The Chinese are such curious people! Their newspapers in China are reported to be bitterly incensed over the regulations issued by the United States Government controlling the admission of Chinese visitors to the St. Louis world's fair.

Poor Bryan. Detroit Free Press. It is really pathetic to see a man who possessed the possibilities of real leadership, who showed at one time marked devotion to moral ideals, yet through those ideals were wrong; whose sympathies were strong and in the main correct, even though he lacked the intellectual force to govern them.

The Picket Guard. Eshelb Eliot Guard. "All quiet along the Potomac," they say, "Except now and then a stray picket is shot, as he walks on his beat, and by a rifleman hid in the bushes."

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