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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 61 deg.; minimum, 54. Precipitation, .55 inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Showers, followed by fair and warmer Saturday; westerly winds.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1904.

NOW, NOT NOVEMBER! Of course it is impossible that Oregon should elect Democratic members of Congress...

Those persons therefore who are trying to persuade the electors of Oregon that they might just as well elect Democratic members of Congress as Republican...

The Republican majority in the next House will certainly not be large. The Democrats start with 120 members from the solid South...

These things are not said under the impression that either member of the House from Oregon will be lost to the Republicans...

It is with a fine sense of the eternal fitness of things, therefore, that the Nebraska Democrats long for gentle Jackson as an antidote for the strenuous Roosevelt...

This portion of the community have neither brains nor money. Engaged from day to day in their useful toils, they do not possess that, although their wages are nominally the same...

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been afraid of man. Despoils have never been afraid of fat men, whether they were the corpulent illustrious or the obese obscure. Shakespeare's Shylock is of lean and hungry and vindictive visage; so is Richard III; so is Iago. Shakespeare makes the astute, genial, but sagacious Julius Caesar say to Mark Antony: "Let me have about me men that are fat; sleek-bellied men, and such as sleep of nights. You Cassius have a lean and hungry look; he thinks too much! Such men are dangerous."

There is no denying the social power of amelioration that rests with church circles of the country, once they should determine upon withdrawal of fellowship from those who would behead the irregular and had been refused the sanction of religion. The man who marries a common woman learns in bitterness what it costs him as well as her in social isolation; and in some such penalty as this will be found a far more potent agency for matrimonial sanctity before the law than all the uniform divorce laws that could be passed. There is always hope for better things when reformers leave off raging against the laws and the courts and seek remedy where it is to be found in the formative agencies of public opinion and social standards.

THE ARGUMENT AND DICTATORIAL CHARACTER OF Theodore Roosevelt causes the Democrats of Nebraska to sigh for some one to undo the work of Jackson to guide the republic back into the peaceful paths of quiet and orderly government. It is a seductive proposal, especially where Mr. Bryan thoughtfully invokes the Clevelandian legend that "public office is a public trust." No body but a second Andrew Jackson could successfully carry out this program, for his guiding principle was "to the victors belong the spoils." Yes, we need a Jackson to reform the Civil Service.

It is when we come to contemplate the dictatorial habit of Theodore Roosevelt that the need of a milder-mannered and less bellicose man like Andrew Jackson appears most pressing. Time would fail to tell of the saint-like youth who, in the maturity of "Old Hickory" when he was to Salisbury to study law, they called him "the most roaring, rollicking, gamecocking, horse-racing, card-playing, mischievous fellow ever seen in this town." It is supposed that Jackson's penchant for fighting led the Constitutional Convention at Knoxville to adopt its quaint name. He did digress from the subject to fall on the person of any member shall be suppressed by the speaker.

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is widespread. Old methods, such as shutting out the sunlight by covering the reservoirs, removing at stated intervals all organic matter from the bottom, filtration, etc., have proved insufficient, hence the necessity of finding new methods for purifying reservoirs. The plan is to treat reservoirs that have become infected with the "algae" with a salt of copper in solutions of various strengths according to the vitality of germs that are to be destroyed. It has been found, for example, that the bacillus of Asiatic cholera requires a little sterner treatment—i. e., a stronger solution—for its extermination than does that of typhoid. To distribute the salt of copper in a bag of gunny cloth and towed around the reservoir, a careful examination having previously been made to determine the character of the organisms that were responsible for the "plepen odor" of the water. The point is to make the solution strong enough to kill the "algae" without being injurious to human health. It is upon this rock that experiments with the bacillus of consumption have been stranded, and it will be gratifying all along the line of sanitary effort to learn from a high official source that this obstacle to the purification of drinking water in reservoirs has been practically overcome.

Mr. Sarah M. Kern, whose death occurred at her home at Waverly, Wednesday night, has been identified with temperance, religious and charitable work in this city and community for many years. A daughter of Father Clinton Kelly, the wife of the late J. W. Kern, she passed nearly the entire span of her 61 years in and near the home in which she died. Mrs. Kern was in the truest, tenderest and most devoted sense a womanly woman. A devoted daughter, an affectionate, care-taking wife and mother, an earnest church woman and a positive element in works of charity, morality and temperance, she went her quiet, unassuming way beloved by her family and friends in her home and respected by her associates in the wider field of labor. Her husband, J. W. Kern, died suddenly in Philadelphia several years ago. She came from a family of the old-fashioned type and dying, she is mourned by a large family of sons and daughters. For the rest it may simply be said that she will be greatly missed in the community of which for half a century she has been a member.

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AMERICA'S OBLIGATIONS TO RUSSIA. Chicago Chronicle. Melville E. Stone's address before the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, in which he set forth the obligations of this country to remain neutral during the war between Russia and Japan, was a timely, interesting and valuable contribution to the literature of the struggle.

Two Russian declarations may be cited in illustration of this. At the time that Russia, beginning with the diplomatic tangle which brought the Revolutionary war to a close and down to the closing scenes of the Civil War, was the friend of the United States, evincing her partiality on several notable occasions, ought never again to be denied, doubted or forgotten. The friendship seems to have been also not wholly one of policy.

Mr. Stone mentioned as the crowning act of Russian friendship the visit of the two Russian fleets, one to New York and the other to San Francisco, which were to be sold to the United States in case of foreign intervention or recognition. As he referred to the doubts which have been expressed by our statesmen as to Russia in regard to these fleets, it is a pity he was not informed that Horatio L. Wait, now of Chicago, a retired officer of the United States Navy, visited the two Russian fleets in 1880, and was told by the officer in command, without the slightest reserve, that the object was to turn over the vessels to the American Government.

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ARTIFICIAL CULTURE OF FISH. New York Tribune. In the annual report of the United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries for 1903, which has just been published in pamphlet form, a fact is emphasized that has not been generally recognized before. Of the eggs, fry and "underlings" which have been distributed by the National Government 80 per cent represent varieties which are caught by the commercial fishermen for the market.

There is nothing more pleasing than to see an author come back at the critics. Even if the author has little of the satirical power of Byron, the counter-stroke is still likely to provoke applause from those long accustomed to see the author treated as a punching bag, which can only retaliate upon its slinger when his own stupidity keeps him in the way of the rebound. Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, whose recent article in the alleged bourgeois quality of American literature provoked not a few acrid replies, takes up the cudgels against Professor Harry Thurston Peck in the latest number of the Times Saturday Review.

Somehow trifling attributions these to worry over, and a trifling criticism, especially, came from Mrs. Atherton's mouth of reply. But there is nothing some people resent so much as the imputation that they are not familiar with the annals of the "hupper suckles." The bourgeoisie loves to discuss the etiquette of the court. So Mrs. Atherton's reply to Professor Peck deals with his and her knowledge of the great world. She says: "An Austrian Grand Duchess." A daughter of the Emperor of Austria is an Archduchess. "Grand Duchesses" is the title given to a daughter of the Czar of all the Russias. An American may scorn such detail, but then he perpetuates the absurdities which we find in the courts of Europe, and question those who are in a position to know what they are writing about. To quote more fully: "The dinner referred to was not official—nor was there an official at it—and even royalty has its privileges. However, Professor Peck doubtless assumes that a dinner of 40 people must necessarily be official. I have not thought of the matter, but a mistake seems to me quite natural in Prof. Harry Peck."

It is about time to start resting up before your vacation. Australia's new Premier is a printer. He left the case for the cabinet. It is not surprising that some women walk ungracefully. When you see their heels you wonder they can walk at all. Pictures of bathing suits begin to appear on the woman's page. Needless to say, you'll never see anything like them on the beach. The McCarty-Heryford case should be a warning to all men not to break their promises. It's cheaper to marry the girl and get a divorce.

A man went from St. Louis to Chicago to kill five "fat and prosperous-looking" men. If he came to Portland the first five he met would answer the description. The Great Northern folder, announcing business openings along the line, has been issued for 1904. It gives Bellingham a population of 25,000 and Seattle 80,000. The man that compiled the folder's statistics might get a job in Bellingham, but it would be folly for him to expect one in Seattle. In days gone by, when death was the penalty for many offenses, a prisoner about to be sentenced for sheepstealing was asked by the Judge if he had anything to say. "Yes, your honor," he replied. "It seems to me I should lose my life just for stealing a sheep." "Prisoner at the bar," replied the precise Judge, "pray understand. You are not to be hanged for stealing a sheep. You are to be deterred from stealing sheep." So some local option people say, "You are not to be prevented from having a drink because it's bad for you, but because it may be bad for someone else."

WEX I. Auction. Montgomery Advertiser (Dem.) The most amusing political item we have recently read is the one in which the Hearst men in Florida charge that money was used to defeat him in that state. Even if it is true, a man who goes to an auction shouldn't kick if somebody outbids him. The Opening. Atlanta Journal (Dem.) The Illinois Republican Convention was opened with prayer by a minister and profanity by Chairman Cannon. The convention seems unanimously to follow the lead of the chairman rather than the lead of the minister. An Iowa Opinion. Des Moines Register and Leader (Rep.) If a vulgar expression may be allowed, the Republicans of Wisconsin are making monkeys of themselves. Via Amoris. Sir Philip Sidney. High-way, since you my child, Parnassus be, And that my Muse, to some care not unweet, Tempters her words to trampling horses feet. More oft than to a chamber-melody— Now, blessed you bear onward blessed me To her, where I my heart, self-left, shall meet. My Muse and I must you of duty greet With thanks and honors, by wishing thankfully. Be you will fair, honor'd by public thank; By no encroachment wrong'd, no time for-got. Not shamed for blood, nor shamed for sinful deed; And that you know I envy you no lot. Of highest wish, I wish you so much bliss— Hundreds of years you Stella's feet may kiss!

Wheat Versus Rice. Department of Commerce Report. The following table shows the great increase of wheat imports into the principal rice-eating countries of the world: Barrels Value. China 1902 717,587 2,418,977 1903 800,923 2,632,500 1904 90,994 194,802 India 1902 1,122 45,276 1903 13,527 50,261 Java 1902 190,443 808,227 1903 197,560 847,294 1904 118,263 427,960 Straits Settlements 1902 111,156 403,413 1903 248,825 932,149 Total for 1903 83,294,131 Total for 1902 7,602,362 \$16 pounds per barrel. Imports for 1903 into India and the Philippines included. Imports for 1903 into the Straits Settlements included.

General With a Major's Command. Cleveland Plain Dealer. General Leonard Wood, at the head of 400 men, is marching to avenge the massacre of a detachment of United States troops by the Moros of Mindanao. The spectacle of a Major-General with a Major's command is a new thing in American military history and indicates that the General is desperately in earnest about gaining that military experience which a United States soldier should have. It is not easy to see why General Wood should feel moved to take the field in person on such a petty expedition unless he realizes that he needs the experience, a sufficiently humiliating admission from a man who will not many years from now command the United States Army.

Mischief Caused by Statistics. Harper's Bazaar. The announcement that the director of the Yale "commons" has been obliged to put up the price of meals to \$4.50 a week has caused a great deal of public indignation. A pamphlet of forty-four pages recently issued by the Bureau of Plant Industry has aroused interest among medical men, sanitary engineers and municipal officials who are charged with the control of the water supplies throughout the country. The point of interest centers in the new germs with which exhaustive experiments have been made. The prime object in these investigations was to discover some means whereby the minute vegetable organisms called "algae," which impart an unpleasant smell and taste to drinking water, can be gotten rid of by treatment in city reservoirs. A circular of inquiry, preliminary to this investigation, was sent to 500 engineers and superintendents of water companies, and their replies show that the nuisance

NOTE AND COMMENT. "Changeable." Is there aught in this line Can you worry a fellow, As you see the clouds in the sky? What have I brought his umbrella? Yes, it's much worse than that, And even more painful. To wear a straw hat, And feel it start raining.

There is nothing more pleasing than to see an author come back at the critics. Even if the author has little of the satirical power of Byron, the counter-stroke is still likely to provoke applause from those long accustomed to see the author treated as a punching bag, which can only retaliate upon its slinger when his own stupidity keeps him in the way of the rebound. Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, whose recent article in the alleged bourgeois quality of American literature provoked not a few acrid replies, takes up the cudgels against Professor Harry Thurston Peck in the latest number of the Times Saturday Review. Mrs. Atherton places at the head of her letter this extract from Professor Peck's criticism on "Rulers of Kings": "Mrs. Atherton simply made a mistake in forgetting her titles. She lives in Hungary for a dozen years or so, until the place became as familiar to her as Lake Placid or Ploceally. She could write about it without perpetrating the absurdities which we find in the 'Rulers of Kings.'" She would not then represent an American Grand Duchess as seating an ordinary American on her left at an "official dinner."

It is about time to start resting up before your vacation. Australia's new Premier is a printer. He left the case for the cabinet. It is not surprising that some women walk ungracefully. When you see their heels you wonder they can walk at all. Pictures of bathing suits begin to appear on the woman's page. Needless to say, you'll never see anything like them on the beach. The McCarty-Heryford case should be a warning to all men not to break their promises. It's cheaper to marry the girl and get a divorce. A man went from St. Louis to Chicago to kill five "fat and prosperous-looking" men. If he came to Portland the first five he met would answer the description. The Great Northern folder, announcing business openings along the line, has been issued for 1904. It gives Bellingham a population of 25,000 and Seattle 80,000. The man that compiled the folder's statistics might get a job in Bellingham, but it would be folly for him to expect one in Seattle. In days gone by, when death was the penalty for many offenses, a prisoner about to be sentenced for sheepstealing was asked by the Judge if he had anything to say. "Yes, your honor," he replied. "It seems to me I should lose my life just for stealing a sheep." "Prisoner at the bar," replied the precise Judge, "pray understand. You are not to be hanged for stealing a sheep. You are to be deterred from stealing sheep." So some local option people say, "You are not to be prevented from having a drink because it's bad for you, but because it may be bad for someone else."

WEX I. Auction. Montgomery Advertiser (Dem.) The most amusing political item we have recently read is the one in which the Hearst men in Florida charge that money was used to defeat him in that state. Even if it is true, a man who goes to an auction shouldn't kick if somebody outbids him. The Opening. Atlanta Journal (Dem.) The Illinois Republican Convention was opened with prayer by a minister and profanity by Chairman Cannon. The convention seems unanimously to follow the lead of the chairman rather than the lead of the minister. An Iowa Opinion. Des Moines Register and Leader (Rep.) If a vulgar expression may be allowed, the Republicans of Wisconsin are making monkeys of themselves. Via Amoris. Sir Philip Sidney. High-way, since you my child, Parnassus be, And that my Muse, to some care not unweet, Tempters her words to trampling horses feet. More oft than to a chamber-melody— Now, blessed you bear onward blessed me To her, where I my heart, self-left, shall meet. My Muse and I must you of duty greet With thanks and honors, by wishing thankfully. Be you will fair, honor'd by public thank; By no encroachment wrong'd, no time for-got. Not shamed for blood, nor shamed for sinful deed; And that you know I envy you no lot. Of highest wish, I wish you so much bliss— Hundreds of years you Stella's feet may kiss!

Wheat Versus Rice. Department of Commerce Report. The following table shows the great increase of wheat imports into the principal rice-eating countries of the world: Barrels Value. China 1902 717,587 2,418,977 1903 800,923 2,632,500 1904 90,994 194,802 India 1902 1,122 45,276 1903 13,527 50,261 Java 1902 190,443 808,227 1903 197,560 847,294 1904 118,263 427,960 Straits Settlements 1902 111,156 403,413 1903 248