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Portland, Friday, February 9: TODAY'S WEATHER: Occasional rain, with light north to west wind.

THE NEGATION OF EXPANSION.

There is grave danger that at the very beginning of our policy in dealing with our new possessions we shall make a mistake.

Moreover, it will be burdensome to ourselves. The protectionists who want to adopt this policy of discrimination and exclusion against the products of the islands assume that it would be hurtful to the people of the United States if the cost of sugar, rice, tobacco and tropical fruits were reduced to consumers.

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shows a great deal of grit and pluck. He professes to be holding on chiefly for the purpose of using every means he may be able to command for repeal or essential modification of the Goebel election law.

Taylor's attorneys are now appealing to the United States court. We see no way by which this contention can become a federal question.

Two Views, and Then a Third. Such is heredity, such is prejudice and such is the influence of self-interest exerted upon the judgment, that promulgation of exact and uncolored truth is one of the most unwellcome things in the world.

Yet there are those in increasing numbers to whom no man is quite so perfect as the ideal character, and in whose eyes no cause is quite so clear as that of truth itself.

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army officers, who do not seem to have acted on the information given them, and who do not seem to have been able to conquer the difficulties of transportation.

The rumors of European intervention in South Africa have no reasonable foundation. In the first place, an offer to mediate would be sure to meet with peremptory rejection on the part of Great Britain; and Russia, backed by France, could not afford to make war on England, because the German emperor, who is really arbiter of the peace of Europe, is not only determined to ally with Great Britain, but he would not remain neutral if Russia and France made war on England.

There is good, practical common sense in the "corn kitchen" idea that it is proposed to elaborate in the interests of American corn products during the Paris exposition. Not only are the corn-producing possibilities of the United States practically boundless, but the value of corn as a foodstuff is enormous and little understood.

It cost the people of Oregon \$13,835.20 to provide for the care of the insane of the state during January. The per capita expense was \$11.62, a showing that suggests good care and plenty of wholesome food for the 1164 patients in that institution, providing economy was observed in the right places.

Against the declaration that all things come to those who wait stands the equally positive assurance that "them as has gets." Whichever contention is true, or whether both are true, may still be a matter of opinion even after Russia has expatriated the government of the empire in this direction.

There is a great deal about the Goebel funeral. Assassination is the most dreadful of crimes. But Mr. Goebel has reaped as he has sown. A victim of his private vengeance lies also in a bloody grave.

The truth about the democratic national committee's anxiety concerning Oregon probably is that an early national convention is wanted so as to get it out of the way before the Oregon election comes along with its regularity.

German-Americans in sympathy with the Boers will, of course, welcome any machinations of France toward the Veldland; for is not France a republic?

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acquaintances were going. He said he did not care for oxen or horses, but wanted to enjoy himself with other young people, and finally said to his mother, "Why, I am sure that you and mother went to dances when you were young people, and that you were both regular clippers at dancing."

A correspondent at Ballston, Polk county, asks The Oregonian to settle a dispute by answering the following question: "If a Sunday school has a social in a public hall, and after the social is over and the Sunday school people gone home, will there be any harm done the Sunday school if another crowd enters the hall and dances there the rest of the night?"

A Rational Statement of the Meaning of This Dictum. A writer in Education for January asks several pertinent questions relative to the question of the "consent of the governed" in American history.

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GOSSIP OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Before the subsidy bill is reported from either the senate or the house committee, it is to be amended so as to meet objections that have been made, and which it is believed will pass the measure in both houses.

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