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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain; wind veer to south.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, MARCH 1.

THE SHIP-SUBSIDY STRAL.

They have the ship-subsidy bill up again in the Senate. James J. Hill, who is going into the steamship business on a large scale, wants no subsidies. He reiterates his objections, and says if the bill should pass it would mean in effect a suicidal suicide for the country.

Are not the great shipowners rich enough? Are they not making money enough? The leading object of this effort is to subsidize lines already doing a business enormously profitable.

The growth of commerce is not to be determined by the running of a few large steamers. You have asked about the St. Paul and the St. Louis, do not forget that the latter is a ship that will be added 50,000 tons of shipping to the merchant marine of the United States next year.

RETROGRESSION IN CHINA.

According to a late dispatch fromeking, the Emperor Dowager has issued an edict for a return in the examinations which aspirants for official positions are required to pass to the old manner of study, according to the precepts of Confucius.

MR. HEALY, THE MOST BRILLIANT ORATOR OF THE IRISH PARTY.

Mr. Healy, the most brilliant orator of the Irish party in the British Parliament, recently made a speech on the Boer war that in brilliant, insolent vituperation cannot be matched in the annals of American parliamentary eloquence.

mobility of the Chinese Empire, is to be perpetuated indefinitely. It is a popular institution in that admission to its ranks is open to all who are able to pass the examinations. Its favor confers a hold upon position which is practically impregnable.

ACTIVE EFFORT FOR OREGON.

Two very important factors are contributing to the present development of Oregon. One is the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which is advertising all parts of Oregon.

PORTLAND'S MARITIME COMMERCE.

The government Bureau of Statistics has recently issued a circular reviewing the shipping business of various ports for the past two years. The figures for 1899 are smaller than those for 1898, and this fact has supplied some of the enemies of the Columbia River with an excuse for extensive misrepresentation of the matter.

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equaled by Vallandigham or Voorhees, or any other opprobrium of 1862-65. Even Senator Pettibone, in his extremist utterances, has never used words of such insulting bitterness as those spoken by Orator Healy.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

It is never too early for the local Democrats to get into a row. As if any one ever expected that a lot of legislators would allow an anti-pass bill to become a law!