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TODAY'S WEATHER—Generally fair and warmer; westerly winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1900.

Two choices and no third will confront every man that goes to the polls in Oregon next Monday. He will help to open the Pacific ocean to commerce and further the development of the Pacific coast, or else he will vote to close the door of Asiatic trade to American enterprise and turn over to Europe the prosperity that for the next ten years should come to Oregon.

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was dropped from the Senate; but it gained immeasurably more in having a man safe and sound on the money question. Oregon will lose heavily in opportunity in the displacement of Senator McBride; but it will gain immeasurably more in the long run by having a man there of some character and force in National affairs, and a man whose loyalty to the gold standard did not consist in diplomatic trimming when the battle was on and in lusty shouts when the victory was won.

THE MATTER WITH US. It is the concern of every taxpayer and every citizen that we have an efficient and economical city government.

Boon times in Portland gave us inflated ideas of all local values, extravagant notions of our destiny. We fell into loose and expensive ways. There came a time when the municipality would not stand the pace, and there was loud demand that the brakes should be applied.

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fact that makes persons coming up from Los Angeles and other cities of Southern California see in Portland, with its wealth of foliage washed so frequently by rain as to be free from dust, a veritable paradise in a setting of emerald.

OUR MISSIONARY RESPONSIBILITY.

General Thomas M. Anderson, who commanded the first expedition to the Philippines, and whose opportunities to speak understandingly upon the subject give substantial weight to his words, expresses himself to the point in a brief article in a late number of the New York Independent upon "The Religious Question in the Philippines."

There is something in this view, no doubt, but since, as we all know, (what at present at least the Filipinos cannot understand), our Government does not interfere directly with the matter, it will be in the hands of the missionary boards, perhaps in the hands of individual missionaries, for adjustment.

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officials. We therefore rank far above the French, though not so high as the English, and as we have been in this business of governing other people only a short time it may be said that we are doing well.

THEY'LL NEVER FORGET THAT LOOK ON THE PRESIDENT'S FACE.

Those nearest to him have in the past 20 days seen emphasized a quality of the President's character which is not often on exhibition. The well-known self-controlled man in the White House seldom appears other than suave.

The British troops are reported as able to march three miles an hour. That is good marching, when we remember that a soldier's load is probably not less than sixty pounds.

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The Book of the Century. Chicago Tribune. The New York Observer makes Voltaire's prediction that the end of the 19th century would see the Bible forgotten.

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