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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Occasional rain; variable winds, mostly southerly.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Coln Harvey congratulates Arkansas because it has no extremely rich people, and he will make his home there.

The success of the social, educational and athletic features of the Y. M. C. A. naturally suggests the use of it as a model in promoting some such institution for young women.

The telegraph does not inform us as to all the grounds upon which the "Jag-cure" law of Minnesota is declared invalid by the courts.

FRUITLESS PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS. Henry Clay suffered his first defeat in 1828, when he and Andrew Jackson were beaten by John Quincy Adams.

The sagacity of railroad policy that spends millions in betterments against the day of competition is exemplified by no railroad more strikingly than by the Baltimore & Ohio.

the time of its financial difficulties was the proposal for betterments involving the outlay of a prodigious amount of money.

POPULAR RULE IN GERMANY. The mild tone of the Emperor of Germany in his address to the Reichstag will surprise those who have been taught to believe by Bryan in his recent campaign speeches that the Emperor of Germany is a kind of military monster.

Under the title of "An American Commoner" has been issued the life of Richard P. Bland, with an introduction by William Jennings Bryan.

There has never been lack of persons to contend there is not money enough in the country, and that the want of money is the cause of hard times.

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far more popular man than Adams with the House, and had he been a candidate, Clay rather than Adams would have been elected.

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ing upon this phase of the subject, the Pottsville Chronicle says: "The miners will indeed have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Steady work, good times and, best of all, fair wages, will bring this about."

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considered, which expands more than fairly into an utter absurdity. Mr. Storey, like every other candidate, attracted all the eyes he could, and the chief "thing" to be noted in his campaign was that he was not a Democrat.

CLEVELAND AND BRYAN. The Grand Old Man has Come Into His Own as a Leader. New York Evening Post.

Mr. Gladstone often proposed a policy of upheaval. Yet, though he was throughout his career assailed as an innovator and destroyer, the poise and weight of his character were such that the English democracy knew itself safe in his hands.

DREW OF THE SULTAN. Plan of a Young Indianapolis Man for Increasing His Bank Account.

Some months ago a number of young men were lounging at a club and the conversation turned on Mr. Lodge's letter, which was then making its weary journey around the world.

Another Way to Treat Them. The Oregonian does not prescribe a good remedy for Missouri's 105-year-old, the best thing, we should say, would be to let the money needed for all surrounding states to send exhibits to go there in force and by their exhibits to show the moneybags down in the back country.

Variant Views of Politics. "Moonlight Store's Independent Run" in the Eleventh Congressional District.

as any other brain. But the talent of Storey is in the basis and thoughts of the people. Away back they learned to despise very many things, and many of them still hog those despises, and say, "I don't know."

QUESTIONS FROM MR. HAMMOND. Who Would Like to Know as to the Effect of "Common Point" Rates.

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—(To the Editor.)—The editorials contained in this morning's Oregonian misrepresent my attitude towards improvements for the Columbia River.

Mr. Melan unfriendly to the interests of this state when he extends common rates to the mouth of the Columbia River against the protests of the O. R. & N. Co.

Southern States Show Us How to Elect United States Senators. In its election Tuesday North Carolina chose F. M. Simmons to be its Senator.

Other Southern States have occasionally put the question of common rates to the voters. The case of Alabama is a good example.

No Superiority on Finance. Colorado's big vote for Silver shows that women are at least as much subject as men to financial delusions.

The Confession. E. E. Kiser in Chicago Times-Herald. Where Peter guarded heaven's gate a woman came one day.

I like not with the City's human stream. To be rushed onward, nor to bear the glow of restless, hurrying masses, availing-grown above the streets, with trawled their only throng.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The way to the Senate in Montana is paved with gold bricks.

The Russian police are to limit the appliances in the theaters of that country. That will shut Dick Mansfield out of Russia.

The authorities in Australia are discussing the proposition to attach smoking-rooms to the schools of that youthful commonwealth.

Mr. Bryan has his good points. He was not mean enough to accept that offer of a \$100,000 editorship in Denver, but the paper took long chances.

The example of Maryland has shown the Republicans that they have only to lose the support of a Senator to gain that of the state from which he falls.

The press censorship has been removed at Manila, but since all the objectionable dispatches have been written in the New York office of the yellow journals the removal will not do the Army a great deal of harm.

Among the disappointments of the New York City election to the Republicans was the election of Oliver Belmont to Congress in the Murray Hill District and the polling of the German-American vote in Brooklyn almost unanimously for Bryan.

General Barry, who has been with General Chaffee's army in China, pays the Japanese a high tribute in saying of their military equipment: "The Japanese Army is as near perfection in administration, instruction and general efficiency as anything I have seen."

The following unique claim is posted on a mine in the Grand Encampment, in Wyoming: "We found it, and we claim it by the right of founding it. It's ours. It's 75 feet in every direction except southwest and northeast, and there is 300 feet of each side of this vein. It's called the Bay Iron, and we claim the spurs, and we don't want nobody jumping on this Bay Iron—that's what's these trees is around here, and we've got the same piece of rope that we had down in old Missouri."

Vermont proposes to bestow an unusual honor upon Captain C. E. Clark, United States Navy, who brought the battle-ship Oregon from the Pacific to the Atlantic during the Spanish-American War, and who is a loyal son of the state. A resolution has been unanimously adopted by the Legislature asking Captain Clark to sit for a portrait to be placed with a suitable inscription in the state capitol.

Some months ago a number of public spirited citizens of Berkeley, Cal., offered to pay into the town treasury the \$1800 received annually from liquor licenses. On this condition a prohibition ordinance was adopted, and the saloons received notice that they might have three months in which to wind up their business. At the expiration of that time the \$450 necessary for the first quarterly payment was raised, but it was held in hand to await the attitude of the town authorities toward the prohibited traffic. That attitude was one of indifference. As much liquor was sold as before, and the citizens' committee refused to pay any more.

Jones, a Methodist, of Gentryville, Mo., a few years ago bet a two-month-old calf against a colt owned by Smith, a Baptist, of the same town, that the prophet Jonah was a Methodist. The bet was finally decided in favor of Smith on the ground that Jonah was immersed. The same two men made another curious wager before the election. If Dockery received a majority of 1000 or less Smith agreed to become a member of the Methodist church for one year; if Dockery's majority ran anywhere from 5000 to 75,000, Jones was to become a Baptist for one year. If the majority was over 70,000 all bets were to be off. In the contract they agreed not only to attend the other church in case the bet was lost, but to go through all the ceremonies necessary to a baptism. Jones agreed, on becoming a Baptist, to be immersed, and Smith agreed to be sprinkled when the baptismal tide was performed.

PLEASURES OF PARAGRAPHERS. The Eternal Feminine—"It is you women who make all the trouble in life." "Yes, and who make life worth the trouble."—Life.

Brown (stagnant toilet stranger on bed)—Hello, old man, haven't you seen for an age. Don't you remember me? Stranger—I don't remember your face, but your manner's very familiar.

Cheap Religion.—Mrs. Jones—"The true disciples of Confucius go to church twice a day. Mr. Smith—Well, they are after you. They have only one church worth only one-tenth of a cent.—Puck.

The Double Negative.—Tess—He's the most persistent man. When he proposed I said, "No—thousand times no!" Tess—He said that that would be enough to settle him. Tess—But he wouldn't. He said that meant 300 affirmatives.—Philadelphia Post.

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