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TODAY'S WEATHER: Occasional light snow; continued cold; brisk to high northwesterly winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, NOV. 20.

One of the good points made by Senator Joseph in his letter on direct primary nomination is that political leaders are not necessarily bosses. We have always had political leaders, and probably always will have leaders in thought, leaders in counsel, leaders in influence, leaders in action.

The general consensus of Democratic opinion, North and South, of both parties, is that while Bryan cannot hope to be the candidate of the National Democracy in 1904, nevertheless, he will dictate the nomination.

The conservative Democrats, who managed Cleveland's campaign in 1892, had no more serious sympathy with or respect for Populism than Thurlow Weed had for anti-Masonry when he used that popular excitement to elect William H. Seward Governor of New York.

control it for a number of years to come. The Democrats who voted the Republican ticket in 1896 and 1900 from patriotic motives will be obliged to vote it again in 1904.

ARE SUGAR BOUNTIES CONSTITUTIONAL?

Advocates of beet-sugar bounties from state treasuries, including those in Oregon, will find cause for discouragement in a decision of the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Michigan action is that of the Michigan Sugar Company vs. the Auditor-General of the State. The plaintiff company having complied with all the requirements of the act, applied to the Auditor-General for its share of the bounty under the terms of the law.

From a terse and clear summing up of the issue and decision, which we find in the New York Journal of Commerce, it appears that the court was prompt to hold that the act was unconstitutional.

This taxation is for no public purpose that it can be upheld. There is no power in the state to authorize a tax for private purposes.

Divers pleas of the bounty claimants were submitted and found inadequate. The company's contention that it would not have gone into the business except for the prospect of a bounty held out to it by the state; that it had gone to great expense in reliance upon this promise, and that, for this reason, the honor and integrity of the state were involved in the matter, the court answers thus:

We need not point out specifically any particular provision of the constitution which it violates. It is void whether it acts within or without the territory of the state, and whether it is a public or private act, and whether it is for the benefit of the state or of an individual citizen.

The general principle involved in this decision is sound and salutary. Nevertheless, circumstances arise when rules so plainly wise and just are broken by common consent for promotion of the general welfare, and in recognition of the inability of private interests to do the work in which the state's aid is sought to be enlisted.

DECISIVE, BUT UNIQUE.

For reasons that to the non-progressive red man were good and sufficient, Joseph, the Nes Perce, recently asked that he and the remnant of his tribe be allowed to resume possession of his and their ancestral hunting grounds in Wallawa Valley, in the Eastern section of this state.

dot this valley and whose orchards and vineyards flourish under the sway of the Nes Perce nature held undisturbed rule. The story of the occupation and cultivation of the beautiful valley by the white man is told in the simple words of the report:

TURN ON THE GAS.

A conspiracy to obtain fraudulent divorces has been exposed in New York City. These fraudulent divorces are made easy through the practice of obtaining a hearing before a referee, whom it was easy to deceive through perjured testimony.

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The investment in Bryan: McKinley, Cash, Bryan also called by Cleveland, and Bryan in 1900.

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Two Good Secretaries: New York Evening Post President McKinley's first term with a much better Cabinet than he had at the beginning.

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the publication of a truthful court report. The repulsive details, the exposure of the guilty to ridicule and satire of the whole country, are not a temptation to impurity, but a solemn warning to those who take no higher view of life than the conviction that it is a sin to be found out and branded in the public print.

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During the last few years the 'promoters' has been considered a dirty word. Some of the men engaged in this comparatively new industry have made much money and have been much abused.

A sharp breath of winter indicative of what, according to that veracious diviner, the 'oldest inhabitant,' declares to be a man of that name ever lived in from the northwest Sunday afternoon.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Oh any one's beautiful snow? Did we don't know, it's not so warm. You ought to have bought that coal long ago.

This was the way the weather seemed to the Democracy November 4.

The first thing a professional thief learns to take is long chances.

All Colorado needs is to disfranchise negro voters to gain admittance into the Solid South.

A certain Nebraska statesman will now astonish the world with a lightning disappearance act.

The election night will soon all be smoked up, and it will be safe to breathe again in public.

Probably the next man to attempt to assassinate the President will say that he did it to pay an election bet.

Now God rest the Democratic Wax very much surprised. To think that it is so woefully weak to be reorganised.

The Sultan of Turkey is going to buy an automobile. That will oblige Uncle Sam to buy a faster one for the man is sends to collect that \$20,000.

If Count de Castellane lacks opportunity to spend his relations' money, he ought to go to Montana and succeed Marcus Daly as a Senatorial candidate.

The first foreign vessel, says the Philadelphia Record, to salute the new United States battleship Alabama, which is lying at anchor off Grays' wharves, was the French steamship Iroquois, which arrived the day before from Bilbao, Spain.

A Blarney Castle story, involving a pretty little Irish girl, is being told in Dublin. Several visitors were exploring the famous castle, and on reaching the top became somewhat nervous owing to the great height.

The Oregonian is asked to retrace its steps against the numerous movable billboards which with the various theaters so liberally ornament the streets in the business part of the city every Saturday night and Sunday.

A down-town market man has for some time had a pair of fox-tailed gray squirrels in a compartment, wharf abundance to eat, plenty of straw for bedding, and a large wheel to revolve for exercise.

Another point which the Ledger overlooked in its latest yarn is the fact that the steamship Norman Isles came to Portland last week from Tacoma to load a full cargo of lumber, and the Norwegian steamship Kvarven will leave Puget Sound tomorrow for Portland to load a full cargo of flour.

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