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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain during the afternoon; fresh, with wind.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, NOV. 6, 1900

A very moderate acquaintance with human nature suffices to make it clear that the real offender in the West Point hazing episode is the injudicious reporter.

There is, apparently, a good deal of humping in the off-repeated cry, not wholly a stranger to The Oregonian's columns, that to replace a Senator by a new one is for the state to lose valuable committee places.

GRAND COMMITTEES. DOLLIVER'S COMMITTEES. Pacific railroads. Agriculture and forestry.

Education and labor. Postoffice and post-roads. Improvement of the Mississippi.

Other case this session is that of Vermont. Here the showing is substantially the same as in the case of Iowa.

ROFF COMMITTEES. BILLINGHAM'S COMMITTEES. Civil service. Territories.

Transportation routes. Additional accommodations to the library.

The new Senator will take his predecessor's place.

The gang of young hoodlums and night prowlers that has infested the central section of the East Side for some months, committing depredations upon property at various times in a spirit of pure wantonness, is it is said, to be broken up by police authority.

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This is true of England and still truer of America. Out of our 75,000,000 people it would be easy to assemble 500,000 men who would be marksmen.

But we are told that some of these young vandals belong to our best families. Well, who are our best families?

daily and nightly companions of children of our worst families, who teach them the vilest language of the slums, the art of smoking cigarettes and a habit of alcoholism? It is to be allowed that families of high pretensions do this, but if we have been accustomed to call them our best families, we must revise our category.

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Mr. Bogue's interview, printed yesterday, is interesting as showing the consuming interest in and desire for the Nicaragua Canal that can exist in one who is not only a railroad man, through and through, but also a citizen abreast of the times.

Mr. Huntington was nominally against it, and he was the one supreme, dominant and effective figure of the opposition now, since he is gone, crumbling away. But Mr. Huntington's real views on the subject are unwritten, and we shall undertake to say that his impressions were largely formed from interviews with blackmanned members of Congress who professed to him a desire to save his railroads from the certain loss this dangerous canal project had in store for them.

General Mercier's assertion that France could invade England with ease will not endure critical examination. It is true that some twenty years ago Lord Wolsey, in the British Parliament, said that the south coast of England was a destitute of fortified defenses.

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making frontal attacks. Under these circumstances, the successful invasion of a country like England or the United States, indicated by many millions of brave, intelligent people, would be impossible. England could put at a pinch 1,000,000 of volunteers into the field, placing them behind hedges, in orchards and all kinds of defenses.

That brilliant political satirist, known best as Mr. Dooley, lies sick of typhoid fever in Chicago. It is the only one of his kind, a fatal termination of his case, the American people would be as full of affectionate anxiety for Mr. Dunne's restoration to health as they were when Rudyard Kipling was believed to be hopelessly ill of pneumonia in New York City.

The assumption of male characters by women is nothing new; its latest illustration is the assumption of the part of the youthful Duke of Reichstadt, the sickly son of Napoleon, by Sarah Bernhardt. In modern times the finest women who have adorned the stage have played male characters and worn masculine attire.

The Oregonian appreciates the resolutions congratulatory upon its semi-centennial offered by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and it does so the more heartily because the paper's duty has often seemed to it antagonistic to the desires of the Chamber.

A notable feature of the November death list of this city is the relative number of the aged who finished their work and passed on within that month. The entire number—78—were in between 60 and 70 years of age, 11 between 70 and 80, and 5 between 80 and 100 years, a total of 30 who may be said to have completed the purpose of life before being called upon to lay their burden down.

With the outbreak of our Spanish War, that charming political satirist, "Mr. Dooley," appeared and was quickly recognized as a political satirist of rare quality, because he was not a partisan. Even as Aristophanes, the great genius of the ancient Greek comedy, ridiculed everybody, sparing neither Pericles nor Alcibiades, neither statesmen nor demagogues, so "Mr. Dooley" has spared nobody.

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UNJUST ASSESSMENTS. The Salem Statesman gives the following presentation of the assessment of the state, as returned by the counties and equalized, and of Multnomah County and as equalized by the State Board.

Returned by counties. Equalized. 1894...\$4,000,000...\$4,000,000

This shows a rate by the Board of Equalization in 1894, a decrease in 1900 of nearly \$4,000,000. The last year is that of which complaint is made, but a glance at the figures will show that no injustice was wrought by the use of an arbitrary rate.

In reply to the foregoing it may be said in way of explanation, for a correct understanding of the matter, that in 1894 boom prices were on, speculation was rampant, the assessment was about 15 per cent higher than the actual value.

The Boers at the End of the War. London Spectator. People always argue as though the Boer at the end of the war would be exactly the same hard, arrogant, bumptious person that he was at the beginning.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. We now begin to suspect that there really is a Mr. Lease.

As this is the last month of the Nineteenth Century—but let us not precipitate another discussion.

Medical with mince pie and football the medical profession is enjoying a share of the general prosperity.

McKinley's turkey weighed 30 pounds. A distinguished citizen of Nebraska doesn't like turkey, anyhow.

Now New York is clamoring about the badness of her water supply, but it is merely jealousy of Chicago.

The Cesar is now able to eat the wine jelly and plum preserves that Queen Victoria and the Empress of Germany have sent in.

Jerry Simpson has moved to Missouri. It begins to look as if the state would land in the Republican column in another four years.

If Hanna had never written poetry, he might get to be President. But we have troubles enough with Aguinaldo, and an Alfred Austin would just about fix us plenty.

Mr. Laill of Massachusetts is going to Texas to restore a confederate flag captured by her husband. If the members of the G. O. P. happen to run across her she is likely to prove the Laill before the storm.

Bishop Potter tells of a woman who lately went into a store in New York and had her eyes caught by a familiar legend in the place, which we find on sale everywhere. "God Bless Our Home." "Yes," she said, in humble pity, "I should like to have that. I want to put it up in my little home, and to have my husband and my children see it." And then, her mind following the thread of family love, it shot away over the path whether her husband had gone in the morning to his task downtown, and, turning to the shopman, she said: "I wonder if you have any other texts and legends like this? I wonder if you could let me have one, 'Lord John, perhaps, would like to have that.' I want to put it up in my little home, and to have my husband and my children see it." The shopman looked at her for a moment, and, without a shadow of sarcasm in his voice, said: "Madam, isn't that rather a large order?"

Three prominent officers of the Salvation Army have broken the rules of the army by going into business, and when ordered by Commander Booth-Tucker to "farewell" at once they have refused. The men are "Col." William J. Brewer, editor of the War Cry, "Col." William Evans, commanding the Pacific Coast Division, and "Braidgler" William Halpin, who goes from place to place. Their offense is trafficking in mining stock. "Col." Evans started the enterprise of the Great Republic Mining Company of Seattle, which is in his district; presently "Col." Brewer made New York manager, and taking offices in the big St. Paul building, he issued a prospectus. This was all unknown to Commander Booth-Tucker, or to any one at the Army headquarters, and was found out by an accident. Brewer had gone campaigning for the prohibitionists, by permission, and a member of that party, not finding him at his mining office, called for him at the Army headquarters, and just let the cat out of the bag.