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TODAY'S WEATHER

Clear, with light breeze, temperature 45 to 55 degrees.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

The Senatorial campaign now in progress is very gratifying for the entire absence of that bitter hostility which has been wont to mark similar epochs in our state annals.

Each of them, we fancy, realizes that there is something else worth having in this world besides political preferment, and he will try to be neighborly with his neighbors, whichever way the victory goes.

In view of recent occurrences in Portland, it may be an appropriate time to repeat the truth that race and religious prejudices, such as the Jew and the Catholic laborer, are relics of a blind superstition, which can only be eradicated by time and education.

DECLINE OF BICYCLE INDUSTRY

In quick response to the demands of the bicycle craze, beginning about 1885 and running wild for two or three years, enormous sums were invested in bicycle manufacturing plants.

St. Paul Closes Short

Charles Towne will enjoy the proud privilege of being a United States Senator for just four weeks. For the point made by Senator Charles Towne when he presented his credentials is perfectly well taken.

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Every Oregonian should read the account in yesterday's paper of the proceedings of the State Historical Society. We have already alluded to the Lewis and Clark expedition and the celebration determined upon for Portland in 1895.

What is Portland going to do about bringing Nehalem coal in here by rail?

Several men of good judgment and responsibility, notably State Senator Fulton, are offering to build the railroad provided certain concessions are made.

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Canal for Ships, or a Canal for Gunk

The Administration wishes to construct the Nicaragua Canal in order that ships may pass through it to the ocean. The enemies of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and of the principle of neutrality wish to construct a canal for forts and gunboats.

has to a very great extent disappeared. Many, perhaps a yearly increasing number of business men and women, spend their leisure, as usual, and make leisure in order to spend it thus, have perceptibly diminished in the past two years.

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holiday frolics. Four Sundays may be counted from the working days, leaving the new Senators about a day of actual sitting in his Senatorial seat. For 12 days he will daze the Senate with his reluctance and then sink below the horizon in darkness.

SEVENTEEN HITS ON SUBSIDY

New York Journal of Commerce. First—It is voting money raised by taxes to persons who are conducting business for their own profit.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Here's hoping that Bryan will have more luck in journalism than he did in politics. McKinley is not writing the Congressional Record, although he did write the President's message.

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A Philadelphia dry goods clerk committed suicide by driving a pair of scissors through his neck. Of course the act was one of sheer madness.

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A Free Silverite may refute that he is either a knave or a fool, but the example of Bryan, the criterion of Silverites, does not strengthen the refutation.

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The genial temperature, with the boys bathing in the river, birds whistling in the gardens and the house fly refusing to go into Winter quarters, makes it hard to believe that Winter is really here.

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The howling wind and driving-rain Saturday night sounded wintry enough, but yesterday morning the sun shone out, at intervals, with the warmth and brilliancy of May, and robins were heard whistling and calling to each other in all the gardens about the city as blithely as if they had just returned from their Winter's migration.

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The company of apprentices of the North German Lloyd, who have been visiting this city on the ship Herzogin Sophie Charlotte, have created a very favorable impression. Such a fine looking, well behaved, gentlemanly and dignified lot of young men, so neat and clean looking in their nicely fitting uniforms, would be a credit to any country.

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PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Irate Father—I never saw my father impudently when I was a boy. So may be your father said it, but his boy never did.

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No Fortifications on the Canal. GARDNER, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly publish that part of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty which at present seems to stand in the way of the construction and fortification of the Nicaragua Canal by the United States Government?

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The Mother Sainted. James Whitcomb Riley. And she was the best of her kind. How much more is the smoke of a steamer carrying these things out of the country a black flag. Professor Robert Ellis Thompson, of the University of Pennsylvania, says it would be better to hang a man than to make a common sailor of him, and that "John Fitch's application of steam power to navigation has rendered no greater service to mankind than this, of reducing the number of those who are required to conduct the interchanges of commodities between nations."

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When You Are Old. W. B. Yeats. When you are old and grey and full of sleep, And nodding by the fire, take down this book, And slowly read, and dream of that soft look Your eyes had once, and of your shadows deep: How many loved your moments of glad grace, And loved your beauty with love false or true; But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you, And loved the sorrow of your changing face.

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