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TODAY'S WEATHER: Rain; brisk southerly winds.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

In the debate on the war-revenue bill an unexpected champion of Pacific Coast interests arose in the person of Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts...

If we can judge this latest story of President Hill's excursions into fresh railroad fields by the history of similar past achievements, we must separate it into a true part and a false. Community of ownership does not go very well with close traffic arrangements...

Another highwayman has been landed in jail, and it remains to be seen how many of our recent unpleasantnesses can be brought to his door. This is the customary end of such epochs in municipal life...

cution pushed that will mete him out condign punishment. We can't make it too plain to our incipient lawbreakers that the way of the transgressor is hard.

On the whole, we seem to be having a little better luck in the Philippines than Great Britain is meeting in South Africa. The two cases present many interesting points of divergence...

A good deal of dissatisfaction is expressed in this country with the concessions made to Great Britain in connection with the Nicaragua Canal, and with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty itself...

The fact is that neutralization of the canal is not only enjoined upon by the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and by a number of other treaties...

Idaho, Nevada and California are said to be supplying Oregon with coyotes which replace victims of the scalp bounty. Those people who study the efficacy of the measure are familiar with the circumstances...

stead it involves what means are most efficacious for encouraging industries and adding to the wealth of the state.

NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.

It is a curious fact that Rabbi Grossman, discussing "The Jew and the Christian" before a popular audience in New York City, instances Shylock as illustration of how literature had been used to misrepresent the Jew...

There is no need to explain Shylock; he needs no more explanation than a Christian would under like circumstances. He is a man of powerful mind, strong passions, high personal dignity...

People are coming to learn, though slowly, that change of climate as a remedial agent for wasting disease, especially of tuberculosis in any of its various types, must, to be effective, be permanent...

Just about the time the Kaiser said, "Where I put my blue boys, nobody shall remove them," a large number of his blue boys were removed from the seas near Gibraltar by a storm.

Many impracticably good people make a longer and louder fuss when they see trees than when they don't. The fact that disconcerts them seems to be open vices, not hidden ones.

CITIES, RELATIVELY SPEAKING.

A late number of the bulletin of the Department of Labor presents the results of an official inquiry made under an act of Congress of 1908 into the relative status of the cities of the country...

most unhealthy city. As to liquor, eleven cities, viz., Lowell, Cambridge, Somerville, Salem, Chelsea and Malden, Mass.; Manchester, N. H.; Charleston, S. C.; Portland, Me.; Topeka, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo., have no licensed saloons...

The civilized world stands aghast before the conditions that prevail under the name of war in South Africa. Kruger is primarily responsible for the state of stubborn misery to which the Boers have been reduced...

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ing that all but three Senators treated it with contempt. The banquet, we are informed in the dispatches, "was unique, the wines plentiful, and the toasts lively."

A PHILIPPINE CONSPIRACY. Oscar L. Williams' Name Mentioned in Unfavorable Light. Washington Special Cable Tribune.

According to the facts set forth in the report of the Philippine Commission, Mr. Williams took advantage of his official position to work a scheme which depended upon the complete ignorance of the military officials as to Spanish methods.

The Restoration of Cleveland. Spokane Chronicle. Four years ago the Democratic party scorned Grover Cleveland. It is different now. The leaders and the masses of the party are beginning to remember the while the man from Nebraska has twice led them to victory...

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WHIST LEADS REVOLUTIONIZED

New York Sun editorial. Few persons who are not brought into immediate contact with the enthusiasts can realize the hold which the game of whist has taken upon our higher class players...

When Milwaukee saw the first Whist Congress in 1891, called to draw up a code of laws better suited to America than the English gambling rules, there were a few whist clubs then, most of them adjuncts of larger social organizations...

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The city that cannot set up an anti-vivisection crusade should refund the census returns. The lady who is to marry six-king Midas should be warned that he is not present only a two-spot.

Philadelphia is to drive the hogs from within her city limits. Certain political leaders will be excused. The Lincoln Memorial cannot expect to achieve success if it publishes only the posthumous works of its editor.

Now that kidnaping is a fad, somebody ought to kidnap Bryan and save Democracy the cost of his keep. The English have ordered 100 more bicycles for South Africa. Thus, at least, 100 men will escape the next Boer trap.

The minister who is conducting a paper in London may succeed for a few years until his countrymen see the joke. The people who began the new century a year ago will be sorry when they are excluded from the celebration of next week.

If Roland Reed ever gets out alive he will find that having an operation every week is about the best advertisement an actor ever had. If the new Assessor shall have as much trouble in getting his office as the Commissioners have had in getting that index, he may continue indefinitely to be merely Assessor-presumptive.

The recent storm blew down fences and timber, demolished windmills and did other damage. Some of our farmers who are more consistent than the rest may now ask their Republican neighbors, "Where is your boasted prosperity?" Communion service was being solemnized in a church in a big Eastern city the other Sunday morning, when a well-dressed, handsome young man trod directly up the center aisle, only stopping when further progress was impeded by the chancel rail.

Representative Landis, of Indiana, did a good deal of speaking through the west while he was at the hotel waiting to take a train, a little old man came into the room and asked for a private audience. Landis thought he had some political information of value and "shooed" out the other people. "I have a great invention," said the visitor.

"Well," inquired Landis. "It is to prevent hydrophobia." "Hydrophobia?" "There's millions in it." "Give me a share if you will get Congress to adopt it as the official hydrophobia remedy?" "But where will the money come in?" asked Landis.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Half the Work Done. "Are you through your Christmas shopping, Mr. Tibbs?" "Yes, but I haven't begun changing things yet." Chicago Record. The Ultimate Cause. "But why is it?" asked the thoughtful Chinese, "that I may go to your heaven while I may not go to your country?" The American missionary shrugged his shoulders. "There's no labor love in heaven!" said he—Puck.