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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Rain; warmer; brisk to light squally south to west winds.

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Between Arnold's sonnets and Mr. Markham's putative verses, the literature of the twentieth century is uberred in most inauspiciously.

Every one will understand, of course, that if the recent anti-imperialist argument before the United States Supreme Court prevails, the painstaking labors of the Philippine Commission...

Let no one condemn the Wichita woman who is in jail for smashing silver-plated fixtures, until he has made sure of the ground of his own creed.

Mayor or the next Legislature. The house is on fire, human souls are perishing, therefore we must act. When she sees young men going down to ruin and women's hearts breaking, she prays only for strength to fight the liquor traffic with any implement laid to her hand...

Portland's real estate transfers for 1900 show a slight falling off from those of 1899, in spite of the increased movement of business and the gain of our people in wealth.

It discourages trade, keeps out certain employment. There is no opportunity now for Portland to decide whether it will tax both real estate and business heavily or fairly.

PORTLAND AND THE NEHALEM. No matter what may come of present efforts in the direction of harmony of interests and community of ownership of transcontinental railroads, Portland should have a railroad that will drain the rich resources of the Nehalem country this way.

It is not, of course, to be argued that Portland must embark on the policy of forcing trade unnaturally through its gates for the selfish purpose of gathering tribute from it.

WILL NOT COME TRUE. Macaulay in 1857 wrote to Randall, the author of a "Life of Jefferson": Your republic will be plied and ravaged in the 20th century, just as Rome was by the barbarians of the 5th century...

It is probable that the Nehalem country will not remain long without a railroad, even if Portland should treat the matter with indifference. The systematic development of natural resources that seems to be a part of Oregon's transcontinental railroad policy will not leave so rich a field without transportation facilities.

morally, mentally and geographically, "the man on horseback" might be with us today.

GIVE CHINA A CHANCE FOR LIFE. It is high time for the powers to "let up" in China. The Emperor has expressed entire willingness to comply with the conditions recited in the final note of the powers, although he fairly asks for the modification of the conditions requiring the destruction of the fortifications at Tientsin and for a reduction in the proposed greatly increased number of legation guards at Peking.

The powers have already inflicted the punishment of death upon a number of the minor offenders. The suppression of the civil service examinations for five years in all districts in which anti-foreign outbreaks took place brings home to the smallest villages the intent of the punishment and collapse of the central power.

It must confess that I do not favor the raising of grain to salt. The prosperous farmer is the one who raises the material and feeds it to domestic animals. They make their farm a factory by adding salt to raw material and having it transported to market.

The Belgian hare craze, which swept the Pacific coast from Los Angeles to Seattle, has been extended to some extent into the vast interior as far East as Minnesota.

Our catch-phrase Democrats who declare that the United States should build the Nicaragua Canal without aid or consent of any nation on earth, doubtless will be put to stress by the news that Nicaragua is going to have power construction and to demand part control of the waterway.

China should know better than to ask persistent questions and the incoherent diplomacy. Equivocalness is the first axiom of international politics.

A noteworthy and valuable production is the annual number of the Crook County Journal, published at Prineville by A. C. Palmer. The edition is issued in pamphlet form, 12x14 inches, contains 34 pages between the covers; is printed on good paper, and is profusely illustrated.

Only One Royal Personage Died, and He Was Assassinated. The record of the deaths of men distinguished in the various departments of the world's work during the closing year of 1900 has been a sad one.

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, commenting on a letter from a Missouri farmer complaining that property had not yet reached him, gives a word of advice in the following paragraph: I must confess that I do not favor the raising of grain to salt.

Nonparticipants Antisocial Aneant, Honorable Custom. There is everything new under the sun. The Democratic Temperance Union, in New York, has discovered that kisses are intoxicating, and, of course, all the kisses will disappear.

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