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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Rain; slightly warmer; brisk to high westerly winds.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

It is slowly dawning upon this community how grave was the betrayal of the city's interest...

Justice Brown got very near the heart of the self-denying Constitution problem when he asked Mr. Couderc if there was not an intermediate state through which acquired territory passes...

The case of Cross vs. Harrison shows that the Constitution was not extended proprio vigore, to California, but by special act of the Military Governor...

The vote of the United States Senate to abolish the Army canteen was in defiance of the testimony of the vast majority of the veteran officers of the Army...

votes to defeat the canteen, while they might win some votes for the future by voting with the prohibitionists...

BUT AN INTERREGNUM.

In its report on the finances of the City of Portland the committee of the Taxpayers' League considered various sources and estimates of the city's income for the current year.

The Oregonian agrees with the committee that these fines cannot be depended on as a source of continuing public revenue, to the extent now yielded.

There is no occasion whatever for citizens to deceive themselves about this present matter. The connection of the city shall cease to fine the gamblers and turn the fines into the public treasury...

IN TILDEN'S STEPS.

Governor Odell of New York, is an able man of mature age, large legislative experience, an astute, head-and-shoulders man of business.

his health is not vigorous. Dewey is in his 67th year, and is not a dangerous political competitor as a leader of "reform" politics in the Empire State.

CONFUSION IN MORALS.

The women in Kansas and Illinois have entered liquor saloons and demolished plate-glass mirrors and bar fixtures...

Rev. J. E. Snyder is doing good work in connection with the Presbyterian mission, on Third street, in this city.

The Emperor of China is said to know more about Christianity than the Kaiser does about Confucianism.

PORTLAND'S NEW SHERIFF.

The Rev. Mr. Pearson Enforcing Prohibition—Saco Also "Dry."

GLIMPSE AT AUSTRIA.

Philadelphia Record.

THE HONORS TO ROBERTS.

CHINESE SITUATION IN A NUTSHELL.

New York Mail and Express.

ful to mankind and belongs to good citizenship. The editors of the American believe that the Indian has just begun to work his destiny...

"CHORUS" IN SHAKESPEARE.

Chicago Journal.

There are only four appearances of Chorus in Shakespeare's "A Winter's Tale." Before Act IV, Chorus comes on the person of Father Time...

Two of the most notable innovations were Macready's idea in his production to have Chorus appear in the guise of Time.

Lord Roberts has not been extravagantly lauded for his success. Sir Collic Campbell, for his part, was the Indian Mutiny of 1857-58...

Many who have not studied law have studied reading. Many who do not know medicine know good writing.

It is a pleasure to learn that The Oregonian's arduous efforts on behalf of organized labor have reached the attention of Mr. Greene...

The Queen of Holland may be a sensible young woman, but she is just as big a fool as her sex when it comes to choosing a husband.

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ditions" that exceed the horrors of the "Port Arthur massacres" without having its provocation, and to the overreaching course of the Ministers.

FUN WITH THE CONSTITUTION.

New York Times.

"Now, in studying the questions whether the new possessions are part of the United States, and their free, civilized inhabitants citizens of the United States," writes ex-President Harrison in his article in the North American Review...

Mr. Harrison, pursuing familiar tactics, assumes the right to state his adversary's position, always a great convenience to a debater...

Within the States, it is agreed that the powers of the several departments of the National Government are severely restrained.

Now comes the fun. Having prepared the way by implying to the Administration that its supporters view it as a "possible law," Mr. Harrison proceeds to "outline a possible law" to draw up such a bill as Congress might pass for the government of the Philippines...

Section 1. Suspends permanently the writ of habeas corpus in Porto Rico.

Section 2. Grants to the native Majors of Porto Rico, with appropriate honors.

Section 3. Any Porto Rican who shall speak disrespectfully of the Congress shall be deemed an alien.

Section 4. The Presbyterian Church shall be the Established Church of the island, and no one shall be permitted to worship God after any other form.

Section 5. The Bill of Rights is hereby null and void, and the Bill of Rights is hereby null and void, and the Bill of Rights is hereby null and void.

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Anyway, if Pat Crowe ventures around here now, we can track him.

The Boos inquiry is crowding the Boer War in the race for immortality.

The Chinese situation is so threatening that some one must have it well in hand.

The present weather festival has taught us that the man who cuts no ice does not shovel any snow.

There has been another lynching in Indiana, and the Southern press is correspondingly jubilant.

This visitation merely shows that when we grow old the rain we don't know when we are well off.

Wouldn't the enlisted men in the Army like to get a chance to cut off the Senate's supply of liquor? Wouldn't they, though!

As nothing more has been heard of Li Hung Chang being paralyzed, it may be taken for granted that he swears off on New Year's day.

Queen Wilhelmina's fiancé refuses to be comforted because he cannot have an annuity of \$80,000. It would seem that uneasy itches the hand that is about to grasp the scepter.

Sixto Lopez says that there are others who can take Aguinaldo's place. Possibly, but if recent reports about Aguinaldo's demise are true, very few Filipinos could be persuaded to take it.

There was a man in our town. And he was wearing all from snow. Before the sun did rise, and then the snow came falling down, with all its might and making a din. Upon the walks he thus had cleared, and covered them again. And when that man returned that night, his feet were frozen to the ground. Which sounded much like "—"

About the coolest blieves on record did a job of work in Philadelphia a few days ago. Early in the morning, while hundreds of people were going to work, half a dozen men arrayed as mechanics appeared in front of a Turkish bath establishment in Walnut street, and with chisels, hammers and wrenches took down the handsome bronze ornaments and railing which ornamented the place. Then they calmly walked away with their plunder.

One of the most wonderful fish stories of the century is told in the New York Press by Dr. Ralph Smith, a noted surgeon of Jacksonville. While in bathing in surf about to his waist over on the East Coast, a big shark swam between his legs, forcing him to a sitting posture and swimming out to sea with its burden astride. The sensation nearly cost the doctor his hair and whiskers. He declares he was on the shark's back fully half a minute. When the monster got in deep water he slid off.

No, Evadne, the Italian lady in "Carmen" is not angry because her lover has treated the American lady to tamales. Her language would indicate as much, but she is really trying to shake the gentleman in the military uniform for the other gentleman who is following the professor about bullfighting. Neither is she talking about bananas. If you will study the English libretto of the opera you will not make mistakes, and will be able to talk about her effective interpretation of her lines just as if you understood Dago.

Oh! for the breath of the melting obnoxious! That sweeps over hill and plain. That loosens the grasp of the foe on the brook. And sets it to singing again. Oh! for a glimpse of the bright blue sky. And a ray from the genial sun. To drive the clouds from his realm on high. And to set where the day is done. Oh! that the earth might be red and red. With its edges fringed with blue. While the pallid clouds that float overhead. Are dyed with the rose's hue. Oh! that the earth might be red and red. Her mantle cold and white. That gleams like diamonds red and wide. "Neath the glaring electric light— But knearest of all is following's woe. And laden with despair grief. Is the swollen end of the damp-rope. So, oh for a handkerchief!

After the first census the number of Representatives was 105. It increased to 113 after the census of 1830. The census of 1850 carried it up to 180. The apportionment of 1860 cut down the membership to 185. The number was increased at every subsequent apportionment after 1870, when the number was 365. After 1880, the number of Representatives was fixed at 355, and after 1890 at 355, and since then there has been the addition of one member on account of the admission of Utah. The membership of the House of Commons is 670. The number of Deputies in the German Reichstag is 397. The French Chamber of Deputies has a membership of 584. The number of Deputies in the Italian Parliament is 598. The membership of the Austrian Reichsrath is 436 and the Hungarian House of Representatives has 453.

The Great Dead of 1900. J. R. Rathbone in Chicago Times-Herald. Launched one more with his hope and cheer. And the dull head he bowed again. Let us pause a moment and note the men That have gone away with the dead old year. As fall the leaves in the Autumn drear. So fall our nobles with the year. Each with his task on earth well done. To rest forever where skies are clear.

What shade is this? Oh, grand old tree! Which as he goes with proud pride. To greet a brother of his race. In battle hoof his country's pride. To him no less Columbia's love. Full measure, and a grand reward. Love with him to the land above. And SHERMAN passes to his crown.

And one that follows those behind. He, too, has won the glad acclaim. On glory's heights his deeds we find. And eye grow moist to hear his name. That self-same name that we adore. Poor Spaniards, as they fought and fell. He showed upon him in the grave. JACK PHILLIP, sailor, brave and true.

Another, hedged about by war. Stands in the grim parade, and see The laurel wreath he wears so dear. He gave his life for Liberty. PIET JOUBERT, gone to sleep where grows No hatred and no selfishness. Love with him to the land above. He died a poor man, but in peace. He died a poor man, but in peace.

Look! Far from sound of shot and shell. Dwell this one. Men are in his debt. The towers knew his presence well. The bluebell and the violet. A mind that kept with earnest care. The will of English nobles. Such was JOHN RUSKIN; hear his prayer: "An old man as a little child."

"God make me, bowed down by years, Next follows in the mind's review. Those magic brush brought words to tears. And wake to life the dead and drear. Not soon forgotten, one whose art Showed Christ before him Pilate stand. BURKACET'S touch no more may start The sleeping form beneath his hand.

And so they die; the plucking dead. Stopped duly in its daily round. The vector with the laurel crowned. The genius that has reached his goal.

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