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TODAY'S WEATHER. Occasional rain, with southerly winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JAN 19.

Mr. Cleveland is a man of strong mind and great force of character, but his worst enemies never accused him of being a profound student or an acute thinker. Consequently, when he says that "killing natives in an effort to possess their lands" is an unprejudiced thing in our civilization...

been extended that unlooked power upon her good fortune in having shifted imperialism upon us, and thus entering upon a better day. It may be taken as certain that this opinion, based purely on preconceived notions, will be imperious to the exact situation in Spain, consequent upon loss of her colonial empire.

The value of vaccination is shown by the fact that most medical authorities place the mortality of smallpox among the unvaccinated at something over 35 per cent. among those who have been vaccinated it is less than 10 per cent.

men, having come to realize this fact, are devoting themselves intelligently to avoid it. How well they have succeeded is shown by the prices quoted at which high-bred horses have been sold during the past year.

PRUSSIA'S BICENTENARY.

The celebration of the 200th birthday of the Kingdom of Prussia at Berlin is an interesting historical event, for the history of Prussia is as remarkable as that of any of the great powers of Continental Europe. The real founder of Prussia was "the Great Elector," Frederick, Duke of Brandenburg, whose valor and statesmanship, out of the ruin left by the "thirty years' war," created the state, which his comparatively weak son, who succeeded him and became the first King of Prussia, Frederick I., in 1701, Frederick William, the second King of Prussia, was eccentric to the verge of insanity, but he was a man of thrift, courage and military sagacity.

THE SMALLPOX.

Reports from all parts of the Union prove that the smallpox is ubiquitous, but it does not seem to have become a severe epidemic beyond the western limit of Missouri. The disease has appeared in Chicago, and in the neighboring cities of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. It has appeared in Galveston, Tex., in Michigan and Minnesota. But the disease appears to be a mild type in these states, as it was in New York, Oregon and Washington.

THE PRIVATEER'S HALCYON DAYS

Mr. B. B. Crowninshield, the noted mariner and commodore in his day, says that the famous Salem privateer, America, of the War of 1812, sailed faster on her best point—with the wind on the quarter—than any of the crack racing yachts of today. The log of the privateer records that she sailed frequently at a speed of 13 knots. This was with the burden of a warship, while the best speed of the cup defenders, in racing trim, is little better than 14 knots.

The organized movement for total abstinence in the Catholic Church of America, which began thirty years ago, is now represented by an army of 43,437 persons pledged to abstain from intoxicating drinks in any form, and to prevent, as much as possible, by advice and example, the sin of intemperance. In 1869, the year of the organization, the membership of this organization included Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul; Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Williams, of Boston; Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati; and a great number of the bishops, and a thousand or more of the priests.

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DIRECT PRIMARY IN WISCONSIN

The first message of Governor La Follette to the Wisconsin Legislature is full of commendative ideas in his advocacy of needed reforms in state government, and, as might be expected, takes advanced ground on questions pertaining to taxation, trusts and primary election laws.

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