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TODAY'S WEATHER: Cloudy and threatening; with light rain; winds shifting so southerly.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.

The greatest danger confronting the Multnomah delegation appears to be that they will find themselves unable to agree on the most important points in their proposed new charter.

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first they entered the world of trade. They are protectionists still. But they find one feature of the law very objectionable, but oppression, not a shield against cheap foreign competition, but a weapon aimed at their own destruction.

It is quite obvious that if the Government is to undertake irrigation work on any large scale, the first beginnings must be small and experimental. It is likely to be done in Arizona and Montana.

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Excelsior and enterprise are the essentials of modern trade. To ignore this fact and depend upon restrictive or protective legislation for industrial success is both useless and stupid.

VICTORIA, "THE STRONG." A recital of the leading incidents in the life of Queen Victoria proves that this exceptionally fortunate and favored woman was not in any degree exempt from the sorrows and disappointments that are the common lot.

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lacked the grant of home rule to rebellious Canada; the repeal of the laws which prohibited female or child labor in the mines; the obliteration of the civic disabilities of the Jews; the disestablishment of the Irish Church; the reform of the conditions of peasant land tenure in Ireland; the enlargement of the rights of labor; and the lifting of the right of divorce above the limitation of adultery.

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born while the Queen was yet in the first flush of her youth, is slowly dying of an incurable disease which the Prince of Wales, but a year younger, is an old man and in many ways infirm at 60. Her youngest son, Leopold, Duke of Albany, died in his early manhood of constitutional epilepsy, and her second son, Alfred, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, died a few months ago of apoplexy.

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NEELY DECISION SIGNIFICANT.

The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court in the Neely case completely disposed of one set of arguments made against the Government's position concerning Porto Rico and the Philippines.

There is no boundary to the Constitution other than the will of Congress. Outside of that sphere, beyond that boundary, the Federal Government can only act by usurpation—a government of force, not of law and order.

The sovereignty of the Philippines has been assumed by the United States. Yet it is contended that the United States make a treaty undertaking international obligations as master of Cuba for an indefinite time, and then set its officers to work to disannul the Constitution.

"We have cavalcaded a cavalcade kept sitting for long hours on their horses without dismounting even at a halt; we hear of men surprised by the Boers, unable to scramble to their horses' backs and to catch their saddles."

The most nervous man at the morning services at St. George's Church is Pierpont Morgan. He is nervous at the moment and he looks first to one side and then to the other with a quick glance.

Mrs. Morgan, a demure, quiet figure in a black tailor-made dress, is sitting in the front row of the church. She is nervous.

DIRECT PRIMARY IN MINNESOTA

It is significant of the general demand for direct primaries that the first step toward the extension of the Minneapolis law was made by a member outside of the three cities.

The Pioneer Press does not believe that it will be continued. How strong the demand for direct primaries in the state at large may be it has no means of judging.

The expenses of the War Department were in the great history of the country in 1895, when they exceeded \$1,000,000,000.

The Navy Department expended in 1871 nearly \$19,000,000. The expenditures varied until 1897, when they were over \$4,000,000.

Metallurgic Combs, Paris Barber Shops. Elaborate precautions are now taken to insure aseptic in some of the barber shops in Paris.

Pleasanties of Paragrappers. As to a Sultan—She—you seem to dislike Mr. Callow as much as mamma does.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Colorado mountain lions have met their San Juan Hill. Good morning; would it shock you to learn that Pat Crowe didn't die?

Where the gains which have been raging all over the world set in motion during the last presidential campaign? They have a wonderful oil well in Texas, but the spouting record there is still held by a well-known Nebraska editor.

The college professor's assertion that no one ever dies from snake bite will make it necessary for the hunter to take the juice of the corn along with him on the ground that it is an antidote for poison oak.

The late Lord Derby once proposed the health of Queen Victoria at an official banquet while he was Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms: "Gentlemen, I rise to propose the inevitable toast. The working of our Constitution depends upon the manner in which those who acquire powers under it take care not to push their privileges to lengths which might become dangerous."

A Philadelphia man received a letter the other day that had been returned to him after 10 years. The envelope contained a dollar bill, and the circumstances connected with its return are of a decidedly curious nature.

You're It. Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. If you're sore, With aching bones, And husky tones, When you wake weak In the knees, And you sneeze, And often cough, And you head near off, And you yawn, And your throat Feels like a lead, And your jaw Feels as if These like a bit, And fat pains, Yes your brains, Then you've caught it, You've caught it, It's the grip.