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TODAY'S WEATHER. Probably occasional rain; winds becoming southerly.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, JAN. 31.

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Down in Kansas a man drank himself to death. Whiskey was the cause of his downfall, therefore whiskey should be abolished. It is to be regretted, on some accounts, that the House banking committee has decided to report both the Hill and Overstreet bills without waiting to hear the testimony of Mr. W. J. Bryan, editor of the Lincoln Commonwealth.

first Monday in March. In the opinion of many persons, women should divide with men—suitable women with suitable men—the very important duties of the school governing board. There is, so far as The Oregonian is informed, no opposition to this view. There are women and women, men and men, honest and upright in purpose, but in the nature of things, varying degrees of adaptability to various callings. The proper qualifications for a School Director do not include political ambition or a desire or ability to conduct the schools in this interest or that, outside of matters of a purely educational and business character.

The fact that we have gone too far in pledging the public credit at Portland for certain things which we could have gone without, ought, indeed, to have gone without, furnishes no good reason, as it is not to The Oregonian, why we should resolve to do nothing more. In this direction, no matter how meritorious or needful the object, Economy is not parsimony, merely. It is a distributive virtue. It cuts down expenditure in places where it can be spared, in order to make expenditure, perhaps greater, in other directions. It is the judgment of men who have much to do with the business of Portland that a drydock for our commerce, that in fact we have reached a stage where it can no longer be neglected with safety. We are reaching out for commerce. A drydock is admitted to be a most essential auxiliary. Mr. Mohler's argument for it before the Multnomah delegation at Salem was a strong one. No small part of the support necessary for a drydock would be had from the O. R. & N.'s own vessels—those engaged in Coast trade.

POPULISM SIDETRACKED. Southern Democrats say they were compelled, much against their will, to yield to the doctrines of Populism, or submit to the dissolution and extinction of the Democratic party. So they allowed populistic and socialistic doctrines to be incorporated into Democratic platforms, and their party yet lives, inoculated indeed with a virus which, however, it will throw off in time.

OBJECTIONABLE PROPOSALS. House bill No. 48 and Senate bill No. 7, now before the Legislature, are a couple of measures which are causing reputable warehousemen some concern. Ostensibly drawn for the purpose of protecting the farmer from dishonest warehousemen, they place a heavy and needless burden on the dealer whose business methods and commercial standing render such laws worthless so far as they pertain to him. As in the case of the grain inspection law, compulsory pilotage, seamen's commissions and other useless and expensive measures which periodically show up at Salem, the exporters, warehousemen and wheat handlers refuse to assume this burden, and it is accordingly passed on to the producer.

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remote results of our successful opposition to the dismemberment of the Celestial Empire. Europe may consolidate for economic strength, since she cannot expand, and she may yet go to war with the great Nation that threatens to underwrite her in the markets of the world.

One passage in the speech of ex-Senator Amos McIntosh, who harmonized with the staple dogma of anti-imperialism which affirms that to admit these degraded islanders into the United States will menace our institutions and endanger our civilization. Mr. Towne says: "The Filipinos are perfectly capable of governing themselves, as 90 per cent of the population of the Philippines is Christian, and an intelligent understanding of educational questions and methods."

THE NEW INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION. Under the head of the "New Industrial Revolution," Brooks Adams notes in the February Atlantic, in 1860, while England's exports of manufactures then reached \$613,000,000, those of the United States were but \$40,000,000. In 1890 Great Britain had about completed her railway system, while that of the United States had no existence west of the Mississippi.

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CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK IN CHINA. The friends of Christianity everywhere in the world are watching with interest the progress of the Christian mission in China. At the same time the present situation presents grave problems which affect the immediate outlook. With some of these the present article will deal.

It cannot be urged too strongly nor insisted upon too vigorously that the recent outbreak is not anti-Christian. It is absolutely anti-foreign. It is the culmination of hatred brewed up through a century of foreign aggression. From the East India Company down to the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia the entire series of attacks made upon Chinese exclusiveness of outsiders has tended to pile up the animosity naturally.

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AUSTRALIA'S PORTENTOUS FUTURE. New York Journal of Commerce. It occurred to a paper of France, the country of all those of the Western world which seems most probably to have reached its economic climax, to afford the world a particularly picturesque illustration of the expansion of Great Britain.

The nation whose economic growth has been greatest, and in spite of some reverses and the notable growth of Germany, still probable greater than that of any other European country. That illustration was a map of Australia with a map of Europe superimposed. Outside of the limits of all Europe west of Russia a wide extent of ocean intervened before the shores of Australia were reached.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Cafet Boos is the only victim of military on record up to date. Poor Mr. Nation will have to wait for fame until Carrie sees him for divorce.

It is expected that the actors who present "Unlabeled Bread" will have loafing parts. The abolition of the canteen was a great thing. The soldiers saw very few snakes in Oklahoma.

King Edward VII, with all his royal splendor, cannot appoint a single four-clas Postmaster. Since so many Filipinos are taking the oath of allegiance to the United States, is it not about Aikinson's turn?

If the weather man desires to get into the United States Senate, now is the time when his chances are the brightest. Nothing but the death of Richard Croker will cause Mayor Van Wyck to half-mast the flag on the New York City Hall.

He said, "A light snow fell last night." "But that's about normal." "For who has ever witnessed, pray." "A snowfall that was?" "The assurance that the joint vote was no longer out of joint has been relegated to the little vanities of great expectations.

When the British and Boers get done with each other, they should have the code of bellicose ethics down to a fine point. Admiral Cervera is to represent Spain at Queen Victoria's funeral. For obvious reasons, he will not participate in the naval pageant.

If every Legislator's appropriation were as worthy as he imagines, the state would be bankrupt without redemption for the entire country. It is not surprising that Omaha criminals disappear so easily. Most of the people enumerated in the census of 1890 have done the same thing.

Next time the attention of Dewey to a special regulation of civilized warfare covering such contingencies. After all, Senatorial contests have their uses. Think of the freak legislation that might be enacted if the members were not so busy with other things.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY. Special Order of the Southwest of Carrie—THE NATIONS—Choctaw In Brilliant Speculation, Which Cannot Fail to Succeed.

This team has been widely advertised, and no one should fail to see it. Owing to the big business in prospect in the Southwest, the tour will not be extended, but the rates may be secured on the railroads by any one who is entitled to them. For the present Carrie is playing a limited engagement in Kansas, and Chicagoans are advised to secure their tickets for the entertainment of the United States soldiers, but we have conceived the brilliant idea of combining them for a tour. Dates will be announced later.

Amos McIntosh is an excellent name, one that might adorn the title page of a volume of "Tales of the Islands" or grant the title of the bottle from which the accommodating bartender pours the soft attraction of the high-ball, but how, in the name of all that is Scotch, did it ever come into the possession of the full-blooded Muskogean Indian who is one of the signers of a proclamation to his people issued from Washington yesterday?

If Amos McIntosh, Muskogean brave, will come forward and explain why he is not called Man-With-the-Knife, Fences-as-the-Wildcat or some other appellation which is fitting his race, he will confer a lasting favor on a suffering public. Even Hiawatha, Powhatan or Opeacanoanah would be consistent with the general fitness of things, but when a member of the Muskogean Nation bears the name of Amos McIntosh, the only legitimate inference is that this all-pervading leaf beetle is about but surely getting in its deadly work on the degenerate survivors of a once noble race.

To the Queen. Tenneyson's dedication of a volume of his poems, March, 1891. Reread, beloved, read, you that hold A nobler office upon earth Than armor, or power of brain, or birth. Could give the warrior kings of old, Victoria—since your Royal grace To one of less desert allows This laurel wreath from the brow Of him that utter's nothing base.

And should your greatness and the care That yokes with empire yield you time To mass demands of modern rhyme, If aught of ancient worth be there, Then—while a sweeter music wakes, "And they" will March to the thrush's call, "There all about your palace walls, The sunlit blossom shakes—"

Take, Madam, this poor book of song; For 'tho' the faults were thick as dust In vacant chapters, I could trust Your goodness, may you rule us long, And leave us rulers of your blood As noble till the latest day! My children of our children say, "She wrought her people lasting good; "Her Court was pure; her life serene; God gave her peace; her hand reposed; As 'tho' she'd claim to be the queen, In her as Mother, Wife and Queen; "And statement at her council met Who knew the seasons when to take Occasion by the hand, and make This bound of freedom wide yet.

"By shaping words august decree, "Which kept her throne unshaken still, "I read beyond upon her people's will, "And compass'd by the involute veil." A Woman's Love. "Why do you seem to dislike Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Higgins?" "Oh, he's the man who comes to the window when pulling up the broken window shade, sitting in the disabled chair, or getting the cracked tea-cup."—Detroit Free Press.