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TODAY'S WEATHER—Probably fair, occasional cold; brisk to high northwesterly winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 1901.

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That Principal Kiggins gets into a bitter controversy with a teacher of useful and unblemished record in his third term under him does not afford presumptive evidence of his diplomacy, to say the least.

It was fair to suppose that when Dr. Robert McLean was shown the many errors in his ignorant arraignment of evolution he would have the discernment to employ his powers on topics of which he knew something.

It is this high standard set up by Marshall, who always marched in line with his colors, that sets out a string of truth the country through the vulgar and ignorant sneer which would indict the reputation of a high and noble profession because of the misdeeds of the few men of parts that have disgraced it.

No intelligent man will seriously speak derisively of the legal profession who remembers that in all the great struggles for the vindication of human rights eminent lawyers have always been on the firing line, both in debate

and on the battle-field. Pym, St. John and Selden were lawyers who could speak and write for liberty, and Ireton was a lawyer who could charge as heroically in battle as Cromwell himself.

One good effect that is almost certain to follow the addition of the Southern Pacific to the Union Pacific system will be an improvement in the Oriental business out of Portland. Last year over 30,000 tons of flour was shipped from Portland to San Francisco, to be re-shipped or to take the place of flour shipped from the Hay City to the Orient.

It was a splendid feather in the cap of the legal profession that its universal insurrection in 1894 defeated the election of an unjust Judge to the highest court of New York.

The people of no state desire to elevate a man of tainted integrity and paralyzed moral sense to judicial office, but partisanship frequently swallows patriotism and nothing but the universal revolt of the integrity of the New York State, without distinction of party, against the nomination of a Judge who had tarnished his ermine by the theft of an election return secured his defeat.

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In this particular phase of her character Victoria was not a model of thoughtfulness and graciousness. Her loss was in no sense "unique," as her devoted daughter, Princess Alice, characterized it when writing to her mother from Darmstadt a few years later.

It was fortunate for Burr that so great a man and so brave a Judge as John Marshall presided at his trial, so overpowering was the public obloquy he rested under when arraigned for treason.

No character, however noble, is without its weak point. In her persistent refusal through long years to submit, with cheerfulness if not with resignation, to the inevitable, as represented in the stern fact of her early widowhood, lay the weak point in the character of the late Queen of England.

than in maintaining its expression; holding high the standard of domestic and social purity; an exponent of family affection and parental authority.

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