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TODAY'S WEATHER

Cloudy and threatening, with probably occasional light rain or snow; brisk northerly winds.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6.

Let those persons who turn their thoughts to incineration of the body have their way; but what is the origin or basis of the idea? The thought, it would seem, concerns itself too much with apprehension of what is to become of the materials with which we are associated or the forms we inhabit, after we are done with them.

Civilization, as Dr. McLean seems not to know, has grown up sporadically in widely scattered centers. The complex society now familiar in Europe and America, largely built up through interchange of racial and national ideas, was practically unknown in the ancient world.

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When the United States interfered to expel the Spanish Government from Cuba, a coterie of Senators, actuated by partisan demagoguery or interest in Cuban bonds, forced into the declaration of war a recognition of the Cuban Government and of the Cuban people as a legitimate nation.

consequences of that act were foreseen at the time, and are now becoming imminent. Senators Frye and Gallinger point out the difficulties that are crowding about us. Chief among them are the Cuban constitution and Cuba's bonded debt. Suppose that free and independent Cuba undertakes to repudiate its bonded debt of \$300,000,000 to the United States.

The Democratic answer to the currency reform bills is a most interesting contribution to our political history. It fairly bristles with suggestive surprises. For example: It is impossible for silver dollars to go to a discount as long as they are limited in number as now provided by law.

Let us begin with the negative process of exclusion. Nothing can be done in the Philippines that contemplates withdrawal of American authority, or mitigation of unrestricted allegiance to American sovereignty. Nothing can be done that treats insurrection otherwise than as rebellion, or puts governmental responsibility into hands unfitted for its exercise.

It is evident, also, that while General MacArthur accounts himself in general as to the result of the election, the result does not impair the correctness of the hypothesis from which his expectation was derived as a corollary. That is, the basis of Tagal persistence has been hope of co-operation and recognition from the United States.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The Senatorial box is busy tonight in Representative Tongue's home. He is not, but the redemption act would tend to increase the stability of the silver dollar, so as to remove any discredit upon it, or reason for its presentation.

Elsewhere appears a rejoinder of Dr. Robert McLean on the subject of evolution. The question at issue we shall not discuss, except to say that citations of scientific authorities in support of evolution can be adduced two to every one against evolution, because the latter subordinates the question of evolution to personal reflections, which demand personal treatment.

Notice, also, his defense against "shameless misstatement of fact." He quotes Van Dyke in opposition to the descent of man from the monkey. To show how faithfully he interprets his authorities, it will only be necessary to reproduce his use of the quotation, thus: "Van Dyke—descended from the monkey."

Van Dyke's remark is consistent with the Darwinian hypothesis that man and the ape have a common animal origin. Dr. McLean falsifies its meaning by interpolating "or any other animal."

Thirty thousand dollars is a good deal for Oregon's exhibit at Buffalo, but perhaps it is as little as any creditable showing can be made for. Parimony in the way of money along the Lewis and Clark centennial.

OREGON'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

During the past two years I have carefully studied the public school system of Oregon, both past and present; conversed with many who were interested in furthering any movement tending to the betterment of the schools, and from what I have observed and learned, I am convinced that the school system of Oregon, both past and present, is in a flourishing condition.

Another move in the right direction, and one that is of great value to the teachers, is the preparation and introduction of the state course of study, which has done more to unify and systematize the work of the schools, especially in the rural districts, than anything that has been introduced for years. The course of study has been recently supplemented by the eighth grade uniform examinations, which have added greatly to its efficiency.

Thinking of what should be done to improve the schools, I am impressed with the fact that one of the greatest changes that will be made in our present method of public education will be some provision by which the hand will be trained to a more exacting standard of accuracy. This will be especially true of the work done in our rural schools.

Another improvement, and one which I trust this Legislature will provide for, is to working schools as a distinct feature of school life. It is the library below the high school that I have in mind, for the period before the high school is the formative period of the child's life. It is here that the work begins that has most to do with his well or woe.

There is a bill in the Legislature that proposes to take one of the park blocks in the City of Portland for a building for a public library and similar uses. It is objected to this suggestion that it may be merely a beginning for diversion of all the park blocks from park purposes to other uses, and they may all be absorbed, one by one. There may be a question as to the legality, too, and if the blocks should be disposed of so, whether heirs might not reclaim them.

Official America was not known in the obsequies of the late Queen Victoria. Sympathetic America was, however, and it found expression in generous laudation and decorous mourning. The only tribute from this country other than these to the funeral occasion was a wreath of magnificent proportions of the rarest white flowers, which told its story in silver letters on a broad purple ribbon in the words, "From the President of the United States."

The Philippine situation is not good from our standpoint, and it is not satisfactory to us, as good as the Spaniards had it for 300 years. We shall not be content with this, however. We shall make it better, by the double method of force—arms and persuasion.

For free advertising, the Jeffries-Rubin fight must bear away the palm. And it's ten days off yet, anyhow.

MARYLAND AND THE NEGROES.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. It is reported that the leading Democratic politicians of Maryland favor the calling by the Governor of an extra session of the Legislature to abridge negro franchise. One of the foremost advocates of the proposition is Colonel L. Victor Baughman, who is ex-Senator Gorman's proxy at the meetings of the Democratic National committee.

Assuming that Maryland has the right under her constitution, to make apportionment in accordance with a census conducted by the state, it is a contravention of Article XIV of the Constitution of the United States. This provides for a proportionate reduction of representation in Congress when the total number of electors or abridged to citizens of the United States, except for participation in rebellion or other crime.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

No. Evangelical, the law protecting the game in Oregon does not apply to furs. The Commoner ought to get a full-page "ad" out of the ice tract next Summer.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean wants to know if the West is becoming depopulated. Winston Churchill says that South Africa is the land of lies. He ought to go to Shanghai for a while.

The fact that William C. Whitney has just paid \$30,000 for a horse is a direct insult to the automobile. Some one has said that Alfred Austin's ode on the Queen is like "Paradise Lost." It certainly is suggestive of despair.

Charles Ross has turned up again, but as Pat Crowe has not yet been expunged his career will probably be brief. Cuba, it appears, has been running heavily in debt. She wants to play Count De Castellano to Uncle Sam's George Gould.

The insane hospitals of New York State, public and private, contain more than 23,000 patients; that is, about one to every 300 men, women and children residing in the state. The Daughters of the American Revolution are going to meet in Washington this month, and the papers are beginning to withdraw their war correspondents from Kansas.

The struggle of humanity in the last millennium was to get civilized. This millennium it is struggling to make of itself ladies and gentlemen. The grand discovery of the age for this purpose is having. The Spokane High School put some students through lively stunts several days ago. It is quite as necessary for us to become gentlemen as educated.

Twenty years ago an investigation of ruffianism at West Point was made by Congress, and Mr. McKinley signed a report recommending that the academy be abolished if the officials could not eradicate hazing. The present officials have shown their inability or unwillingness to suppress the evil, and it is not unlikely that President McKinley may decide this time to abolish them, instead of the academy.—Philadelphia North American.

Some years ago, the late General John Gibbon, U. S. A., in his address at West Point, told of a fight he had when in the fourth class. His adversary broke his fist on General Gibbon's nose, which was likewise broken, whereupon the fight was declared off. General Gibbon thought, and correctly, that the victory was his, because, although his proboscis was damaged, he was ready for another round, whereas his antagonist was hors du combat.

There is one importation from Russia that is giving trouble wherever it takes root—the rapidly spreading thistle. In the Northwest this experience is reported: Trainmen and passengers on South Dakota trains on the way to Pierre, the state capital, report the rare experience of bucking great piles or drifts of Russian thistles. The thistles collect in the cuts and form an interwoven mass, which stop the trains and interfere sadly with passenger service. Probably the engines would be able to force their way through the drifts if it were not for the fact that the smooth (rough fiber and oily seeds of the Russian thistle make the rails so slippery that the wheels of the locomotive go round in vain, and after a liberal application of sand has been used at times the only way for the train to get through is for the crew to go ahead and clear the track of the bothersome weeds.

The liquor men preyed like the wolf on the fold. With their pockets all ringing with silver and gold. And the ships of the sparks on their shirt studs and rings. Like the Jewels that gleam from the headgear of a knight. Like a dog that has never been whipped in a fight. They strutted around in their glory at night. And their heads were bowed as they peeped at the people the following day. For Mrs. Nation came down with her ax. And cleaned them all out with her withering whacks.

THE AUTHOR TO THE EDITOR.

From Life. (A printed circular to be sent on the return of a manuscript.) The author regrets the editor's inability to accept a "Try of the chess and draughts." The author's rejection of a manuscript, however, does not necessarily imply that the editor is lacking in merit, merely that he is in judgment.

As a result of the history of education shows us that the greatest improvement in school work during the last 20 years has been attained in city and town schools. The rural schools have not advanced so far. The rural schools have not advanced so far. The rural schools have not advanced so far.

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PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHS.

They Will Do It.—The young gentleman is seen in the drawing-room waiting for you. "Very well, Elsie. Go tell him I will be down right away. And come back in about half an hour and fix my hair." "Lift up your hair and your mother were once very fond of each other. She—Yes, I have often heard mamma say she was more than half sorry they were never married."

Kindly Advice.—"He called me an idiot, and I believe I'll just make him prove it," said the excited citizen. "Tut, tut," advised the man who is always saying "I'm not a lawyer, but I'm not well enough alone!"—Indianapolis Press.

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