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TODAY'S WEATHER—Generally fair, with northerly winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, FEB. 19.

The proposed charter of Portland omits the power to license, tax and regulate business callings, trades and employments; and it is under this power that Portland raises a very considerable portion of its revenues.

It has long been known that scanty food and poor cookery were main causes of the appetite for strong drink. More than 50 years ago English writers called attention to this fact in their own country.

"The Philippine Information Society" of Boston continues to send out pamphlets written or compiled for the purpose of encouraging the United States in the islands.

All observers at Washington agree that the President shows disposition to move with extreme caution in dealing with the efforts of the Cubans to form a government.

our interests or put the Monroe Doctrine in jeopardy. He believes, further, that Cubans should be moved by a decent sense of gratitude to make some compensation to this country for the great outlay of money and men in gaining for them their freedom.

SOURCES OF THE DANGER.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith is a man of independent convictions and of honest civic purposes. It is unfortunate, therefore, that he has so conspicuously misconstrued the meaning of last June's election in Multnomah County, which sent him to the State Senate and defeated all but one of the regular Republican candidates.

The week is being an anxious time for the business interests of Portland, for they are largely at the mercy of haste, inexperience and carelessness.

The tremendous pressure of business at Salem this week, with all its dangers, is being met, however, partly out of the inexperience of the Multnomah delegation.

The English royal family puts on a brave face in regard to the delicate health of the heir apparent, the King's only son.

The effects of abolishing the canteen are already noted at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., in the opening of a number of saloons near that Army post.

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leave the feelings of the innocent few who consider mountain lions, tiger cats and timber wolves "poor creatures" whose helplessness in their native haunts should appeal for protection to the man with a gun.

THE MENACE OF CINCH.

Do not lay me seriously, I believe the cinch epidemic is a harmless, and is over-spreading the country in a sanitary guise under the auspices of sweet charity.

Again an Oregon Legislature has done itself credit by refusing to make insanity a cause for divorce in this state. It will be a sad and disgraceful day for Oregon when the marriage covenant is made to read: "Until death or personal misfortune doth us part."

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There is now a bill pending in the Legislature of Oregon which proposes to extend the jurisdiction of the State Food Commissioner, by empowering him to decide whether medicines offered for sale are "wholesome" or not.

THE MISERABLE FATE OF CHINA.

The announcement that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee is organizing a new expedition to clear the Pekin Province entirely of Chinese soldiers will increase the sympathy of Americans for China.

The soldiers of the English-speaking countries and the Japanese were comparatively free from the guilt of murdering in cold blood aged men, women and children, and of the wholesale violation of Chinese females between the ages of 10 to 50.

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Abraham Lincoln, in his first inaugural address, on March 4, 1861, used these words: "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it now exists."

A PARALLEL IN CUBA.

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That prize fight wouldn't have attracted much attention anyway now. Kansas has the floor.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The chances are that Lieutenant-General Miles will be snubbed as was the Major General of old name.

Perhaps when Cuba gets her independence Tullin and Jeffries can arrange to hold their friendly glove contest in Havana.

Lord Kitchener has been given a financial advisory. Why doesn't it occur to Congress to do as much for Colonel Bryan?

St. Louis will probably take that \$5,000,000 appropriated for her fair and go into court and get Chicago's drainage canal enjoined.

The life and death of Col. P. Huntington teaches us how thankful we should be that we do not have to pay a \$700,000 inheritance tax.

As Uncle Sam is going to select a new site for a legation in Pekin, it might be worth while to suggest that he locate it in Hong Kong.

The following letter, written by John G. Whittier, to his friend, Elmer Wright, from New York City, shows that the poet was a man of considerable humor:

Friend Wright—I thank thee for thy favor, and would cheerfully grant thy request, but I am at present engaged in certain scientific experiments and trying to solve certain difficult problems, as for example the following:

1. What amount of coal, without fire, will warm a room 12 by 12 feet?
2. If ideas are things, as Bishop Berkeley supposed, what is the reason that the idea of a fire will not be a good substitute for the reality? Think, etc.

In view of the great public service, the broad patriotism, and the beautiful traits of character which adorned the life of the late William L. Wilson, his friends throughout the Union have determined to erect to his memory a memorial worthy of his life and character.

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