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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Rain; brisk and probably high southerly winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, FEB. 23. On this last day of the Legislative session The Oregonian feels it to be its duty to make a final appeal.

Of 63 Republican members, 34, a decided majority, are voting for Mr. Corbett.

From their agreement with each other support Mr. Corbett to the end, and their pledge of honor to each other.

There remains the intrigue with the Democrats. There has been much traffic in it, yet it has met difficulties at every step.

Now since the Republican majority who have made their declaration cannot recede, and since there is no vital principle making division in the party.

There is no room for such a division in a party except upon the greatest and gravest questions, none of which now is presented.

The present call of Oregon's needs at Washington call for the election of a Senator, Mr. Corbett is a decided majority of the Republican members.

Circumstances surrounding the passage of the Portland charter mean the perfection of an arrangement by which the police and fire departments of Port-

land are turned over to the Democrats in return for votes to elect John H. Mitchell to the Senate.

CALIFORNIA'S PRUNE TRUST. The prunegrowers "combine" of California is the latest illustration of the difficulty of "cornering" any commodity.

Another factor which was perhaps more responsible than anything else for leaving the trust and its 50,000,000 pounds of prunes "up in the air" was the persistent selling of independent growers outside of the combine.

The harm done by the California prune combine did not end with leaving an immense stock of prunes to be sold for a song to distillers or thrown on the market for anything they could command.

The memory of Washington was pledged yesterday at Democratic banquets "as the foremost exponent in his time of good, sound Democratic doctrine."

Frederic Harrison, the distinguished Englishman who delivered the address on Washington before the Union League Club of Chicago, last evening.

The total collections in the State Land Department at Salem during the years 1894 and 1895 amounted to \$95,639.12.

The new charter with which Multnomah legislators are fretting the placidity of their self-sufficiency seems too great for the superlative measure of their pre-eminent statesmanship.

The Oregon Legislature knows full well what it means to the state to be without complete and able representation at Washington.

Waldereise is about to send out another punitive expedition. He must be running short of loot.

The orphan bill is framed not alone to relieve orphans, but to make orphans.

The Democrats furnished the votes. They are entitled to the usufruct.

unsuccessful in the great quest in which so many lives and so vast a sum of money have been sacrificed.

ANACHRONISM OF MRS. NATION. The acts of Mrs. Nation and of those possessed of her frenzy have received throughout the country universal censure.

The conspicuous fact to be noted is that, although the English exalted the law, they gained their rights by lawlessness, or rather by violence.

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PROTECTION FOR ALASKA SALMON. This country leads the world in the value of its fisheries, and we sell abroad about \$6,000,000 worth of fish, although this sum, in 1899, was only one-half of 1 per cent of our total export.

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MANNERS OF AMERICANS IN EUROPE. A contributor to The Baltimore Sun makes, from what seems to have been personal observation, the statement that the bold, aggressive, energetic Americans, intensely proud of themselves and their country, who were once the most noticeable, if not the most numerous, representatives of the United States among the foreigners residing in, or traveling through Europe, are now very rarely to be encountered there.

The salmon pack of this country and Canada first passed a million cases a year in 1882. Since then, the pack has almost continuously increased. It amounted, in 1890, to 3,138,000 cases.

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A Bargain—"Yes, Flora married a titled foreigner, as usual, I should think. He is the last of his race." "Oh, well, remains always come cheap, you know."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Hopeless—"My volume of poems is filled with typographical errors" cried the poet. "Yes," replied the disgraced publisher. "Even the proofreader seems to have balked at reading it through."—Philadelphia North American.

Disgraced—"Parks—I know your wife didn't like it because you brought me home unexpectedly to dinner last night. Lane—Nonsense! Why, you hadn't been gone five minutes before she remarked that she was glad it was no one else but you—Harper's Bazar.

A Woman's Reason—She—He thought this Chippendale chair for you, dear. I bought that's very kind of you. Lane—"I don't think it's Chippendale. She—Yes, dear, it must be. The man said it wasn't oak, and I know it isn't mahogany. So it must be Chippendale—Punch.

On Blessing—Mrs. Isalets of Louisville, helping to extinguish fire in their cottage with the watering pot—Hann's the volunteer hose company come yet. Ferlmann's—Isalets (retried), working with buckets—Yes, my dear; thank heavens, their hose is too short—Punch.

That Boy Again—Mrs. Bilkins (sweetly)—Do have another piece of cake, Cousin John. Cousin John—Why, really, I've already had two; but it's so good I believe I will have another. Little Johnnie (excitedly)—Ma's a winner! Ma's a winner! She said she'd bet you'd make a pig of yourself—Brooklyn Life.

The World's Two Questions. S. E. Kiser in Chicago Times-Herald. The world has two questions ever—One for the woman, one for the man—And the world will have answers and never withhold its approval or ban. And these are the questions the world asks forever— "How much has she won?" And: "What has she done?"

Her face may be fair and her bearing may stamp her as soulful and pure; The world sees her without caring— If her name bear a stain 'twill endure; Two questions the world asks forever, none spared— "How much has she won?" And: "What has she done?"

His manhood may never be doubted, His wisdom may tower and spread, But his worth is unthought of or sought— It is in the questions the world asks— Two questions there are, to be whispered or shouted: "How much has she won?" And: "What has she done?"

Huxley's Epitaph. The verses were written by his wife, and they appear to voice the general human instinct that, after all, God does exist and death does not end all. The epitaph is: "At ease he lies, no moaning past the grave. If it is darkness, silence, yet 'tis rest. Be not afraid, ye waiting hearts that weep. For God still 'giveth his beloved sleep." And if an entire sleep he wills—no best.