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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Cloudy to partly cloudy, with occasional showers; southerly winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

A complete answer to the sophistical arguments of the "anti-imperialists" is found in Chicago Thursday's address in Chicago Thursday's address...

Failure of the proposals to appropriate Federal money for the Buffalo and Charleston exhibitions does not in the least argue against an appropriation for the great fair to be held in Portland in 1905.

The attack to which Emperor William was subjected Thursday shows that police protection, however strenuous and vigilant, is not sufficient at any time may be powerless to prevent the crank with a missile from accomplishing his murderous purpose.

life of the Kaiser was made in the very face of a strong guard of soldiers. Lincoln was murdered while sitting quietly by the side of his wife in a box at the theater, and the first attempt upon the life of Queen Victoria was made when, about to become a mother for the first time, she was walking in the garden at Buckingham Palace with the Prince Consort.

Fifty-eight bills to incorporate towns and cities were passed by the late Oregon Legislature. These fifty-eight towns and cities previously had charters that had, in most cases, been construed by the courts, and possessed definite meaning.

NEED OF AN ARID-LAND POLICY.

It is time a policy were adopted relative to the so-called arid lands of the United States. These possessions have an important bearing on the progress of the country.

YOLUTEEERS AND REGULARS.

One of the most important and valuable of recent contributions to American history is "Military Reminiscences of the Civil War" by the late Major-General J. D. Cox.

But this does not meet the real point of the controversy. The real difference between regulars and volunteers was seen at first Bull Run, where the little troop of regulars and marines remained unshaken amid the senseless carnage that stampeded the raw volunteers.

who was driven out of Venezuela as a fugitive a few months ago, is reported to have returned, prepared to take the field against President Castro.

Chicago has, among other things, two brothers named Parson, who are bankers. The older brother professes religion, one being a pillar of the Methodist church and the other belonging to the Holiness faith.

The fees that have laid siege to the life of the Empress Frederick are both formidable and insidious. A complication of cancer, kidney trouble and heart disease is certain to gain the day, however valiantly it may be kept at bay by medical science.

The throwing of an iron missile at Emperor William of Germany recalls the fact that in President Cleveland's Southern tour, during his first term, an enthusiastic woman of Atlanta, Ga., threw a flapjack at his carriage.

Lancaster, O., realizes in cold and darkness the fickleness of the natural gas supply for fuel and light. Schools and factories of that city have been compelled to close, and street-cars have come to a dead stop because this supply gave out.

The present pension laws require an annual expenditure of \$145,255,236. The National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers require this year an appropriation of more than \$3,000,000, and the State Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers will receive \$500,000.

The Texas Legislature has decided to submit to a popular vote an amendment to the constitution making the payment of a poll tax a prerequisite to voting.

Judge Bellinger's suggestion to the warring interests in the Columbia Southern Railway Company to get together and settle their differences out of court is to the point and eminently practical.

The present war in Venezuela can hardly be called unexpected, for Venezuela since 1848 has experienced spasmodic outbreaks of revolution.

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And so it was with other members of the Senate committee equally uninformed. They seemed to have no idea of the Columbia River, until he laid some of the facts before them.

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NAMES FOR THE 1905 FAIR.

In reply to the advertisement for a general title for the 1905 exposition, a correspondent who signs himself "Without Genius" submits the following title: PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

"The title is short. It says neither too much nor too little. It means just the words. Originality is made manifest by the use of an unobscure handicraft because they have not recognized the dual character of the exposition. Hence their expressions are confused. It is clear our efforts must be in two directions. We are preparing a particular celebration for ourselves and a comprehensive celebration for the world.

"In Lewis and Clark Centennial" we have the other idea, the particular aspect for the Northwest. By merging it into the general title, we enhance the significance of Lewis and Clark's expedition. This latter title nobody can improve. By 1856 100 years will have followed those celebrated explorers. And it is the centennial we shall celebrate.

In the selection of an appropriate name allow me to suggest the following: PIONEER CENTENNIAL.

This name is short and comprehensive. It is the point. We are moving over the prairie, the experience was so pleasing and novel that I couldn't help thinking of the wonderful age. It felt so good to be wheeling through space that we remained aboard until we reached Mexico. It was wonderful to go that far and back in a day.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

A sign of Spring—"Keep Off the Grass." During Bryan's absence in Buffalo his paper will be no commoner.

The British House of Commons is evidently determined not to be eclipsed by Kansas.

Ex-President Harrison has the grip, but it is not likely that he will have any fever with it.

In exchanging a Filipino for a gun the authorities in Manila place a pretty high value on the Filipinos.

Close study of the columns of the Lincoln Centennial will soon reveal that paper's choice for the Democratic nominee for President three years hence.

An old man who has been a farmer for 57 years in Missouri says: "When I began farming I plowed with a wooden plow, cut wheat and oats with a sickle and threshed them out by the tramping process, cut the meadow with a scythe and used a wooden tooth harrow. Much of the wheat and corn I raised was eaten by deer, turkeys and prairie chickens. It was no uncommon sight to see as many as 20 deer in a herd. Just thinking of the jump from an ox team to a railroad! I remember my first trip on the cars. It was in 1876. I think my wife and I drove from Harmony to Ashley to see some friends. When at Curryville we concluded to take a trip up into Audrain County, to Vandalia. Well, when the train started and we were moving over the prairie, the experience was so pleasing and novel that I couldn't help thinking of the wonderful age. It felt so good to be wheeling through space that we remained aboard until we reached Mexico. It was wonderful to go that far and back in a day."

Judge Gates, of Kansas City, tells this story: "My family being absent from the city, I was taking my meals at a restaurant where negro boys are employed as waiters. In one corner of the room is a dumb waiter, where orders are called out to the cook in the kitchen above. The first morning my order included, among other things, two eggs, fried medium. The waiter, following his custom, went to the open shaft and then called my order, ending with 'for Mistah Gates.' He then turned to attend to some other duty, but had not taken more than three steps when a peculiar look spread over his face. The next moment he had fairly jumped to the opening and cried out: 'Say, that order ain't for Mistah Gates! It's for four Judge Gates! An', say, that! Make them eggs fresh again!' After which he drew a breath of satisfaction seconded only to my own. So you see, it really pays sometimes to be a Judge."

Pleasantries of Paragraphs. "Why do you say he lacks knowledge?" "Of all my friends, when I had the grip, he was the only one that didn't know a sure cure for it."—Philadelphia Times.

Pinpoint to Date. Chicago Tribune. "Josephine—No, father, the object of my love is no fooling. Oh, pity me, for he is but a gunner, a dead poor wretch!" "Captain—A common gunner? Oh, he! Joe—I blush for the weakness that allows me to smile at a pun; but I love him! I love him! (Weeps.)"

SONG—ADMIRAL FAWKES. When I was a boy I waited late, And was chambermaid in a livery stable; I carried the horses and I swept the floor, And voted like a deuced bore. But I learned to tie an Ascot tie, And now in the Navy I'm a great big guy. Chorus—He learned to tie, etc.