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TODAY'S WEATHER: Rain; brisk and possibly high southerly winds.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, MARCH 25

In Chicago there has been perfected an association of newspaper publishers to which all disputes arising between newspaper owners and their employees are referred. This sort of thing is becoming general in the large cities.

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feit that if they put a dollar into Alabama mines, mills or farms they could take out 100 cents, and not merely 47 cents in silver, when they came to sell. The basis of investment is confidence, and in default of confidence in maintenance of the gold standard Alabama investments, as those in other states, would have gone begging, notwithstanding that Alabama has done all she could in a political way to prevent prosperity and invite calamity.

Colonel A. K. Arnold, First United States Cavalry, has been placed on the retired list of the Army with the rank of Brigadier-General. On the same retired list is Brigadier-General Joseph Wheeler, who was graduated from West Point in the same class with Colonel Arnold, in 1859.

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take substantial part) must be raised this year and next, and must not be less than \$250,000. With this as preliminary, we can go before the Oregon Legislature with a request for \$250,000 more. Other Pacific Coast States will appropriate probably another \$250,000 all told, and here is the necessary basis for asking the customary appropriation of Congress.

Natural conditions clearly make it impossible for Alaska salmon-canneries to comply with the regulation of the Treasury Department requiring them to maintain artificial propagating plants and place in the spawning plants annually red salmon fry equal to four times the catch of mature fish. Manifestly, the petition of the packers to Secretary Gage for suspension of the regulation and action looking to the building of hatcheries by the Government is founded upon justice and equity.

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Give the American investor the right to buy ships where he can buy them for the least money, and he will soon accumulate a fleet under the Stars and Stripes. This method will place the Nation on an even basis with the two great nations which have built up their merchant marine by the liberal policy of commercial freedom which gives a man the world for a market.

The annual report of the Rhesed von J. Tideman & Co., of Hamburg, owners of the four German ships Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, is just at hand. It shows that the net profits earned by these four ships in 1900 were \$59,336, an average of about \$15,000 per ship. After setting aside \$21,000 for depreciation and carrying nearly \$5000 over into new account, the company declared a dividend of 15 per cent on the year's business.

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A REMARKABLE EXHIBIT.

The Wall Street Journal. The question is frequently asked whether the present era of prosperity can be considered as any more permanent in its character than the have been prosperous times in the past.

The following article from the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, throws light on this question. It says in substance: "The United States came out of the Civil War with one of the heaviest national debts recorded in history. It was reduced rapidly and largely by the exports of agricultural products, and possibly the largest factor in this respect was the export of wheat and flour.

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THE MINCHIN CASE.

If Minchin's style of preparing an oration is not to be criticised, and is the proper one, then Oregon would better give up its oratorical contests entirely.—Albany Democrat.

College professors should insist on all the originality possible in the productions of the students under them. It is what develops the mind for the future battles of life. Read broadly and carefully, but take man's language as his ideas that are individual, only those that are general. We read books to acquire knowledge, and there is a certain acquisition that goes into our heads, and we are to be followed, and students should be careful to find it.—Albany Democrat.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Edward is having a stormy reign with Dewet. Sampson never really understood how much mightier the pen is than the sword until he attempted to use it.

As a gentleman, Aguinaldo, if he is dead, certainly ought to let his dead friend Bryan know about it. Russian tariff retaliation may not be wrong, but it can't be right in the ethics of American protection.

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