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TODAY'S WEATHER. Fair, with probably light rain in afternoon; warmer during afternoon; northerly wind.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, APRIL 15.

THE ANTI IN ETHNOLOGY.

What the anti is he doubtless cannot help. Who can change his temperament?

To such a man—and Professor Ross, of Nebraska, and late of Stanford, is his typical representative—political and social science becomes a mere tool to work with.

We shall fall in the Philippines, he wishes to convey, because we cannot live in the tropics except as we make slaves of their native populations.

As for his endorsement of the ignorant superstition of the "yellow peril," it is a humiliating thing to come out of American university life.

Chinese conquest of Western industry is as much a thing as Chinese military conquest of Europe.

An impression prevails somewhat widely in political circles of Europe that the Kaiser's health is falling through the constitutional troubles.

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suspiciously near the imperial carriage. He has made it plainly understood that he has confidence no longer in the common people, and that he looks entirely to the military for protection.

Another blow at the sailer. The doom of the sailing vessel has been predicted so often in this age of steam that we are gradually becoming accustomed to the withdrawal of the winged argosies of trade from the ocean routes where they once held full sway.

For generations their surveyors in various parts of the world have been shipmasters whose practical training in the service gave them perfect knowledge of the construction of a ship and what was needed in the way of repairs when she came into port.

Engineers, as a rule, take but little interest in the navigating end of a ship, and the man appointed of Lloyd's might make a mess of handling a sailing ship.

Iron and steel are the successors of wood and canvas in the construction of ocean carriers, and it is more necessary that a Lloyd's surveyor should know all about engines, boilers, etc., than about masts, sails and yards.

The British engineers are first class machinists, and they not only know how to repair their engines, but their knowledge of steel and iron enables them to determine just how many bolts are needed in a certain plate, angle or beam to secure the greatest strength.

The murderer, James G. Green, who, after the almanac manner of the drunken man, wandered to the place where his victim was spending a pleasant evening in company that had rejected association with him, shot through a window and killed E. V. Benjamin, revealed at his trial the erratic mind by which his actions were governed.

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the exponent of public opinion, has prescribed the penalty, and, though human people may and do regard the victim of self-indulgence with compassion, they do not question its justice.

SOCIALISM DEFINED. Mr. R. A. Raver writes us from Prairie City:

Of late I see considerable talk about socialism and socialists. As a constant reader of The Morning Oregonian, I would like to have you explain, through the morning paper, what socialism is, and what socialists are trying to accomplish.

No definition of socialism will satisfy both its friends and its foes, and among its adherents it is very differently understood and applied.

The Oregonian's use of the term "socialism" in the articles to which Mr. Raver alludes is probably peculiar to its columns, and should be explained.

A suggestion of real benefit to the stockholders of eastern sections of the state is the visit now in progress of an agent of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of studying the poisonous plants indigenous to that region.

A statement derived from the Naval Intelligence Office ranks the United States fourth on the list of naval powers on the following tonnage comparison:

THE TARIFF DUTIES AND THEIR EFFECT ON NEW YORK PORT.

THE STEEL COLONY. Sol Smith Russell's "Peaceful Valley" was the bill presented by the Cooley Company at the Metropolitan last night.

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SOME ALASKAN COMPLAINTS. San Francisco Call.

Among the memoranda published in connection with the report just issued by the Federal Department of Washington upon the salmon fisheries of Alaska there are a number of letters from Alaskan natives urging reforms.

A large number of residents of Wallowa County have joined in a petition to the Secretary of the Interior, asking that official to confine the Indians of that section of the state to their reservations.

Another thing of which the natives complain is the destruction of fish. One writer says: "We have seen a number of fish boats in the public that all the fish in Alaska is getting few year by year by the big canneries are putting up throughout the Alaskan coast."

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AMUSEMENTS.

"The American Girl," a play crowded full of craven villainy, oppressed virtue, hard luck and the ever-recurring triumph of the right played at the room at Washington last night.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Any agreement made by the twin trust will of course be binding.

Dr. Parkhurst calls the voters in New York "sheep." This is probably because the voters say "bah" when they think of Dr. Parkhurst.

Richmond P. Hobson, the naval contractor who sank Merrimac in the entrance of Santiago harbor and gave occasion a stimulus for awhile, is now a Captain instead of a Lieutenant, but he does not draw a Naval Captain's pay, which is \$600. Mr. Hobson receives \$200, and under the rules of the Construction Bureau his pay will be increased \$300 a year every five years he remains in active service.

Augustus Hare tells an amusing story of one of his visits to Rome. He had convoked his little flock, which included at least one live Prince, through the palace of the Casars and had gathered them near the Forum, when he observed a stranger who had attached himself to the party.

The death of Rev. John Samuel Sidebotham, the distinguished English churchman, which occurred recently, has awakened a flood of recollections among his career relatives in London.

A Webster Centenary.

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