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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair and continued warm.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, APRIL 16.

WORK AND LONGEVITY.

That the average longevity of men, especially of the highly civilized races, is increasing is a fact which is beyond dispute or cavil.

In the whirl of modern life men live their lives quickly and pass away early, if they are not mindful of right ways of living; but it was so in former times, and even to greater extent, when life, as compared with life today, was inert and stagnant.

WE MUST EXPECT REPRISAL.

It is a bitter pill St. Louis has to swallow in the appointments that have been made for United States Commissioners of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

When it is remembered what grand work a commission of men of the caliber which has been expected to accomplish, not only for the success of the exposition, but for the industrial and artistic interests of the country, the throwing away of such opportunity is extremely irritating.

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statements, just as the hope of the South in our Civil War lay with the copperheads of the North, so the only serious obstacle in the way of American arms in Luzon has been in the ranks of the Nation's enemies at home.

JEFFERSON'S GREATEST WORK.

Of the many speeches made at the Jeffersonian banquets held throughout the country on Saturday last, it is doubtful if any orator pointed out the fact that Jefferson's greatest glory was not the Louisiana purchase, but his prompt exploration by Lewis and Clark.

What Jefferson originally sought was the purchase of a strip of land between the Mississippi and the Florida, and when Spain refused to sell, he turned to France.

The real glory of Jefferson is the fact that the idea of the exploration was original with his capacious and far-seeing mind as early as 1782, more than ten years before Louisiana Territory became ours by purchase.

THE MINNESOTA PLAN.

The Minnesota Legislature has extended the Minnesota primary election law with some changes over the state for all elections save those for Governor and other state executive officers and for Judges of the Supreme Court.

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"expansionist," but his greatest glory is that which attaches to him as Jefferson the explorer; for while the unexpected decision of Napoleon to throw the apple of Louisiana into the lap of the United States would have made any sane President perform an expansionist, the prompt exploration of the new territory by Lewis and Clark, directly ordered by Jefferson, is the brightest rose in his chaplet.

TRUSTS THAT FAILED.

The California fruit market is full of prunes, and the owners thereof are engaged in the difficult task of forcing them on a public which has already supplied its needs from other sources.

LIVE PIGEON SHOOTING.

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by all the people of the state. It has locally proved a most satisfactory reform, for it sweeps away caucus and convention machinery, effects nominations in a single day directly by the people, and greatly reduces the power of the professional politician.

The proposed acquisition of the Burlington route is of vital interest to the Pacific Northwest, not only because of possible addition to our close traffic connections with Chicago and St. Louis, but also because it is impossible to regard without some trepidation the miscarriage of this splendid railroad's long-cherished plans of extension to Portland.

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CORBIN, WHO BELITTLED FUNSTON

Kansas City Star. In 1877 Adjutant-General Corbin, then a Captain, was assigned to duty at the White House. Three years later he was transferred to the staff. He has been an office soldier in Washington for 24 years.

Another fighting soldier, Lieutenant-Colonel James M. Lee, who is doubtless a prevalent opinion in the line when he declared that Funston ought to be rewarded, and added: "He has done it."

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AMUSEMENTS.

That the frequenters of the Marquam have not forgotten the Neill Company, and that the recurring visits of that excellent organization are regularly set aside as events to be awaited for with a patience seasoned by the pleasure of anticipation, was abundantly demonstrated last night when a packed house spent the evening in enjoying "A Social Highwayman."

The company has been changed in personnel since it last visited Portland, and has suffered a severe loss by the departure of Ben Howard, who is undoubtedly one of the best of his kind, and it was never more warmly received than last night.

"A Social Highwayman" is a play which depends for its interest on its ability to excite an unworthy sympathy; it places upon a pedestal one of the worst of blackleg Courtesans who have adventured a high social position to ply successfully the trade of a pickpocket and a thief, and because he falls in love with a noble girl, the audience is called upon to worship him as a hero.

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The American officer who bribed seven Filipinos with seven cigars used the campaign variety, he need not be surprised to wake up some morning with seven bolos in his back.

General A. B. Leeper, of Orwaco, Ill., has started a paper called the Lunatic Herald, designed for circulation among lunatics. In his salutatory he says that he has the best record in the country as a first-class lunatic, having been declared insane three times and having been committed five times to the Illinois Central Hospital for the Insane.

The impenetrable sport of slaughtering live pigeons is being extensively practiced in Portland. There is something so refined, so ennobling, and so gently indolgent in the pursuit that it warmly commends itself to all high-minded marksmen.

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