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TODAY'S WEATHER: Partly cloudy, with winds mostly northerly.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, APRIL 25. LEGAL TORTURE.

The report that Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, had become a maniac in consequence of the treatment of his jailers, is probably true.

In other words, life imprisonment to murderers in Italy means ceaseless legal torture. The prison cell of the murderer is despoiled so constructed as to make the inmate comfortable night or day.

The assassin of the Empress of Austria, who is now undergoing life imprisonment in the Swiss canton of Ticino, was recently reported as showing signs of madness.

The dreadful character of life imprisonment as enforced upon murderers in Italy is well known, and it is so horrible in its results that it would be humanity to restore the death penalty.

MAN AND METEOROLOGY. Dr. William Trabert, French scientist and student of meteorological sciences, discourses at some length in a recent number of Cosmos the question of man's influence upon weather conditions.

Of course, the Missouri Pacific railway will have a Pacific coast outlet, perhaps more than one.

It was in 1834 that a mob of several hundred ruffians made a night attack on a Roman Catholic convent in Charlestown, Mass., sacked it and finally burned it, the fireman being afraid to do their duty when they arrived on the scene.

Every succeeding move in the great scheme of consolidating Western railroads shows the increasing influence of

curvature of the surface; that is to say, with the smallness of the drops.

WHAT COMMON-SENSE DOCTORS THINK. The wife of the Rev. J. C. St. John, a Baptist minister of New York City, traveled from her home in that city to her father's home at Southington with the pustules of the smallpox well broken out, thus endangering every passenger on the train.

Of course, the step from any of these points of assault to the shotgun or the bludgeon—the former the preferred means of whitening in such cases—is not infrequently taken.

A remarkable display of the educational resources and methods of the United States has been made in Manchester, England, the past Winter, and has attracted wide and favorable attention.

To residents of the Pacific Coast the heavy snow storms, frigid temperatures and severe frosts that have prevailed east of the Rocky Mountains, as far north as Vermont and as far south as Georgia, present an April phenomenon.

The military authorities at Pekin are said to have evaded the international fortress at Pekin, which is to be a veritable citadel.

A brewing company is being floated in Manila and in the Philippines (Mexican), and will be known as the American Brewing Company.

Diaz Will Take Recruits. NEW YORK, April 24.—The United States training ship Intrepid is today from Norfolk navy-yard, and went direct to the Brooklyn navy-yard to take aboard stores and recruits for the South Atlantic and Asiatic stations.

Diaz Will Not Meet McKinley. MEXICO CITY, April 24.—The Associated Press correspondent is authorized to say that Diaz will not meet McKinley on account of public business to accept an invitation to meet President McKinley at the border.

Satisfactory to Both Sides. NEW YORK, April 24.—The conference between officials and employees of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, which has been in session for several days, has resulted in the signing of agreements between the representatives of the workmen and the company satisfactory to both sides.

The Plow Combine. CHICAGO, April 24.—Representatives of a new plow manufacturing combine who have been in session here to effect a combination of their interests departed today after formally agreeing to form a big company to control the market in the United States.

International Peace. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 24.—Mrs. M. Wright Sewall, representative of the United States in the International Peace Congress, has issued a call urging the women throughout the country to arrange for meetings in behalf of international peace and arbitration, to be held May 15.

Utah Mine Sold. SALT LAKE, Utah, April 24.—The famous Humboldt silver mine, located at Tintic, Utah, was today sold by Jesse Knight, of Provo, for \$250,000 cash.

Broker Marries an Actress. NEW YORK, April 24.—Walter W. Price, a broker and ex-journalist and soldier, and Miss Isabel Haskins, the actress, were married this afternoon.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, April 24.—The commission appointed by the President to represent this country at the Congress of American Republics, to be held at Mexico City next October, will meet in Washington shortly for the purpose of organization.

Speculative Damage Suits. The California Supreme Court has returned a decision that ought to be carefully considered by the lawyers who have become speculators in damage suits.

Note and Comment. Has anybody seen the Spring food prophet? West Point seems to be as fond of notoriety as Kansas.

General Funston is not coming home. The wily Kansas Kansan where honor is thickest.

Hon. John Barrett has allowed several days to go by without being appointed to anything.

You may beat at a carpet all day if you will. But the dust in great clouds will roll out of it.

Perhaps when those Cuban Commissioners see this country they will wish they were a part of it.

Champion Jeffries says he sleeps a good deal. He lets the other pugilists do the dreaming, however.

The thriving condition of the train-robbing industry is another evidence of prosperity in the Southwest.

Now both the ardent fisherman and the fish are in it.

With his imagination.

The Austrian Reichsrath always stands ready to take up any available space that may be left in the news columns.

The man who interviewed Minister Lockhart is probably the same gentleman who distinguished himself last Summer by publishing the alleged views of Grover Cleveland.

A movement is on foot in Mexico to put the country upon a gold basis. Let us hope that the editor of the Commoner will not be too severe with those who are responsible for it.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, tells of a mass meeting once when a certain resolution was discussed for several hours.

Charles Dickens has been dead for nearly 30 years, but there is a man still alive in Australia who remembers him when he was a young reporter, knocking about London and collecting the material for his first book, "Sketches by Boz."

It has been generally agreed that there is a good deal of "pie" and other desirable things connected with a Government job, but a Chicago man who visited the navy-yard recently says the fact was not so forcibly impressed upon him as on the occasion of his trip to where the big guns are made.

The statement that the widow of Vice-President Breckinridge has, at the age of 75 years, been granted a pension of \$8 per month is his pathetic fate.

The Missouri (entire) kitchen-Jane didn't hear a dish break a minute ago? The maid-I hope you did, mem. It made noise enough. If you hadn't heard it I should have thought you were getting deaf, and that you know, would be awful.—Boston Transcript.

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How Insurgents Were Kept Going. New York Journal of Commerce.

A Reminiscence. Boston Herald.

Pleasantries of Paragraphers. Cecil—What would you give to have such hair as mine? Jean—I don't know—what did you give?—Tit-Bits.

Scene (a restaurant). Two little boys dining at a public place for the first time. Waiter just giving them the menu. One says to the other: "These we don't return thanks when we pay for our dinner, do we?—Puck-Mag."

To the Poor.—Mrs. Newbrite (with an air of triumph)—Really, I was greatly surprised to get a wedding present. It is lovely! Papa. They are so exclusive, you know. Miss Julius—Yes, but they are very charitable, I believe.—Philadelphia Free Press.

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