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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair, northerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 70; minimum temperature, 50; precipitation, 0.00.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1901.

IRRIGATION IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON.

Washington was ahead of Oregon in her attempt to take advantage of the Carey anti-land act...

Washington is now in an awkward position, and increased the state's debt...

This unhappy experience is not, however, chargeable against the Carey act...

Oregon has not spent a cent to avail itself of the benefits of the Carey law...

A start has been made in Oregon, and this morning the operations in this state under the Carey act...

discharges by means of storage reservoirs about the sources to hold water for irrigation purposes.

PRAYING FOR RAIN.

A noteworthy incident of the terrible season of drought which for several weeks past has prevailed in several states of the Trans-Mississippi West...

Some of the Missouri clergymen have not hesitated to discountenance the movement "to put God to a physical test," as they express it.

To pray for rain is as absurd and ignorant as it would be to pray that the sun may not shine when we feel too hot...

George Eliot, in "Middlemarch," describes a man who vowed to lead an upright life in future if the Lord would only prosper him in the crime in which he was then engaged...

There was no lack of public prayer meetings for the recovery of President Garfield, and while the mood which dictated the offering of these prayers may have exceeded a subjective effect...

THE OREGONIAN IN A RECENT REVIEW OF PENNYPACKER'S BOOK ON "GENERAL MEADE."

The Oregonian in a recent review of Pennypacker's book on "General Meade," which is an attempt to exalt the victor of Gettysburg above all the great generals of the Union Army...

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sary attributes of a sound soldier, do not give a man reputation as a General of first rank; the capacity to take the offensive against the enemy and maintain it in a campaign is the test of superior generalship.

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POINTS ON BIBLE STUDY.

Letter in New York Times. The announcement is made that the work of revising the New Testament has been completed, and reference is made to a report of 300 pages issued by the eminent and reverend revisers explaining their work.

With regard to only three passages in the New Testament has the commission felt called upon to make any critical notes. In these instances the commission has simply stated the fact, not unreasonably, that the passages in question are not found in some of the earliest manuscripts.

It is to be feared that greater frankness may be required to satisfy critical readers of the excellent work which they desire to have overlooked in their revision of the New Testament.

The first critical edition of the New Testament was published in 1831 by Jacob Griesbach. His method was to compare all the ancient manuscripts, and, if possible, harmonize them.

Thus he found in the First Epistle of John (Chapter 5, verse 7) a defense of the doctrine of the Trinity, which they do not accept as an authoritative argument against the Arians, who bitterly opposed as dividing the substance, and "a monstrous heresy."

There is no portion of the annual report of the Chief Engineer of the United States Army stationing without improvement that is of greater interest to a large number of our people than that which treats of the work done during the year covered by the report upon the Willamette River, together with estimates of the future requirements of the work.

The difficulties that follow an ambitious attempt to crystallize a matter of personal opinion into history and the dangers of attempting to fasten it upon the public in this guise now confront Mr. E. S. Maclay, author of a "History of the United States Navy."

The "Leaguers" now in this city compose a large and intelligent army of peaceful invasion which our people are glad to have quartered here, even briefly.

The poor fellow who "could not succeed in this world" after prolonged effort covering a period of twenty-two tedious and toilsome years may be excused for taking passage by the caribolic acid route for a new country.

Those having in charge the Schley inquiry are wise in postponing all consideration of the matters at issue until the hot weather is over.

Elsewhere we print Mr. Maclay's strictures on Admiral Schley. It is not history, and is beneath the dignity of magazine writing or the highest newspaper standards.

AMUSEMENTS.

"D'Arcy of the Guards," the charming comedy of the time of the Revolution which Henry Miller has been presenting at the Marquam last night, Mr. Miller has a better opportunity than has hitherto afforded him in Portland.

At the luncheon given in honor of Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt by the New Vagabond Club, of London, the actress followed her almost invariable costume, in a very large fancy assembly, of the most elaborate and costly.

While in London the "divine Sarah" had her hand read. Here are some of the predictions of the palmist: "You will live to a remarkable old age."

George Ade, the popular writer, is writing a comic opera book. Charles Hoyt's last successful play, "A Day and a Night," is to go on the road.

Rose Brahman will play Tabitha Drinker in Mary Manning's "Janice Meredith" company.

Mr. Henry Miner, formerly well known on the stage as Anne O'Neil, denies the report that she is to act again.

Uncle Sam as a Business Man. National Review. The United States is jumping with enormous leaps and bounds into the twentieth century, and has become recognized as a factor which must be reckoned with in all matters concerning the nations.

A Remedy for Sectionalism. M'INNIVILLE, Or., July 26.—(To the Editor)—I have read the Oregonian for 10 years and I have got some grand ideas from the editorial staff.

The Horse Doesn't Know It. New York Times. It is gravely stated in the columns of one of our esteemed contemporaries that a certain horse named "Whisper" was captured by means of Christian Science.

How to Oust a Corrupt Gang. Washington Post. It ought to be easy for honest, self-respecting Democrats and Republicans to combine to depose a corrupt gang.

Reciprocity Merely a Makeshift. Kansas City Times. So long as the political complexion of the Senate remains as it is now it will be a perfectly safe proposition for the high protectionists to have reciprocity dangled before the eyes of the people.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The steel workers decline to be harmonized. We all have our troubles, but the watermelon is considerably of a consolation.

After all, the case of Admiral Schley is not so bad as it might be. No one has made him the hero of a historical novel.

Even the builders of the Constitution do not believe that she will meet the requirements of a hundred and more years from now.

There is some cause for congratulation in the statement that mosquitoes carry yellow fever germs, for the fever must get in its work on a certain number of the mosquitoes.

Reports from Kentucky indicate that there will be no failure of the whisky crop, and the railroads are going right on with arrangements for excursion trains for fishermen.

Mr. Dooley's observation that the most attractive Summer resort is the one that is handiest to watermelons, ice carts, soda fountains and roof gardens is an allopathic dose of philosophy.

A Chicago man has rigged up a traveling van propelled by a 4-horse power gasoline motor, which is intended for a home for its owner and his wife during their wanderings about the country.

An advertisement recently appeared in the London Times, offering for sale "the best authenticated residence of George Washington, near Hanbury, England, containing seven bedrooms, three reception-rooms, kitchen, office, with stabling and outbuildings, and 20 acres of land."

A new poet, a woman, has arisen in Kansas, who has consecrated her muse to the better observance of the Sabbath. This is one of the best words of products.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. The Don—And what part did you take in this disgraceful proceeding of holding Mr. ...

After the Dinner—Dunleith—it was an awful trial for me to see that great man ...