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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair, with northwesterly winds.

TEMPERATURE'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 71; minimum temperature, 53; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16.

ALL ABOUT THE LOOP.

Every one with adequate cognizance of the theory held by Admiral Schley's accusers knows that the Brooklyn made her celebrated loop at Santiago for two separate and distinct reasons: First, Schley was scared and was running away from the enemy; second, he was excited he didn't know what he was doing.

But at the court of inquiry on Monday the mystery of the loop was unraveled, by the man who brought it. He tells how he did it, and why. That man is Captain Cook, of the Brooklyn, who gave the orders himself, who knew they were being obeyed, who accomplished it just what he wanted to, who adhered to the evolution in spite of other suggestions, who saw the Texas and reassured an inquirer to the effect that he knew what he was doing.

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tion to its owners. Whatever it has earned it has given back to the community, augmented by their personal labor. If there has not been able to publish newspapers here the simple explanation is that they have been unwilling to undergo the unremitting drudgery, without reward.

The Oregonian has at all times paid full prices for labor, and habitually more than those who have attempted to compete with it. Nor, since its owners have not made fortunes, nor spent money in luxurious living, have they oppressed those who have done business with it.

It is ridiculous to attempt comparisons between things not comparable at all.

REMEMBER YOUR BLESSINGS.

Sweet, from afar, is the noise of battle, and entertaining in the extreme may be the labors of political conflict to those who are not compelled to mingle in the blood and mud of the arena.

Three thousand miles from New York City, Mr. Shepard is known and recognized as a most estimable gentleman, an Oberlin student, a civil service reformer, a useful crank on forestry, a vigorous and successful prosecutor of election frauds, an Episcopalian, member of church clubs, trustee and regent of philanthropic institutions, author of writings on history, literature and economics.

It is not an enviable accomplishment under ordinary circumstances, but in the hour of strenuous conflict nothing so much endears the leader to his followers.

"Full speed ahead until you strike the help, and then full speed astern," was the general order said to have been given by the superintendent of a large Alaska steamship line to his captains regarding the operation of vessels in a fog.

Lack of fog signals, lighthouses and other safeguards to which mariners are entitled has been the main cause of the greater part of the disasters which have occurred in the north since the rush for the gold fields sweetened the marine traffic into big proportions.

The path of the mariner to the Alaskan ports is beset, even in clear weather, with hidden rocks and treacherous currents, which at all times make navigation difficult and perplexing.

The Oregonian is a great newspaper. It is a valuable receipt. In a way, it is the Carnegie of Oregon journalism. It was built up by the labor of men working for wages. Other newspapers, paying the same wage to labor, have lost thousands of dollars for their proprietors.

Eight stations in the far north. People inclined to censure the navigator in charge of the Ha Ting and other vessels which have met a similar fate might insist on a vessel anchoring during a fog which shut out landmarks in a dangerous locality.

The contention of the Portland water front presents some peculiar aspects. No dissatisfaction is expressed over wages, which, as a matter of fact, are higher than are paid for most of the skilled labor in other lines.

COFFEE NEEDS NO DUTY.

Senator Burrows, of Michigan, whose Napoleonic intellect and Washingtonian patriotism have been repeatedly recognized in these columns, came out with a new suggestion that is fully abreast of his former exploits in constitutional interpretation and gold-silver finance.

Why should we have a duty on coffee? We don't need the revenue, there is too much revenue now. We don't want to discourage trade with South America, Arabia or the East Indies.

The cowboy method of slaughtering wild horses, whose only offense is that they have to eat, by running them over precipices, as reported in a dispatch from Albuquerque, N. M., causes the humane to shudder.

The State Supreme Court has decided in the suit of the Title Guaranty & Trust Company vs. Caleb A. Aylsworth that when an assessment is ably void on account of the omission of some prerequisite of a good assessment, there is no necessity for making any tender of any taxes due, and no penalty can be collected.

This decision would seem to fit misdescriptions of property on the assessment roll, which might generally be said to be void for want of materiality, and, if so, it would have an important bearing adverse to the legality of the curative act passed at the last legislative session, and aimed to cure imperfect assessments.

The purchaser at a tax sale is a volunteer taxpayer of delinquent taxes, and under this opinion in case of a bad assessment it is doubtful if he can recover the money he has paid for the county or any other governmental agency.

LIQUOR TO MIXERS.

There are upon our statute books stringent laws with contempt penalties for violation against selling or giving liquor to minors, or harboring minors in or about saloons where intoxicating liquor is sold.

The mistake in this case, and in all cases where boys are plied with drink, was in waiting until serious trouble came before taking action against the lawbreakers. The father who permits one such violation to pass without vigorously prosecuting the lawless liquor vendor is remiss in his duty, not only to his family, but to the state.

British Columbia Mines. The report of the Minister of Mines of British Columbia, for the year 1900 bears the following interesting and important information in that province of the Dominion of Canada.

The output of gold, silver and lead in 1900 was by no means unsatisfactory, but it was with the mineral first named that the prosperity of the Province seems especially connected.

It is well known that coal is found in many parts of British Columbia. To the west near Fairview, in the Okanagan Valley, there are outlying indications of the mineral at Swan Lake, at Okanogan Falls, up the north fork of the Kettle River and in the Fire Valley and Okanagan districts around Wauchope.

The high church wing of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Convention has carried its point. By a vote of 37 against 23 the decision of the convention should prohibit the remarriage of divorced persons save where the divorce was obtained for cause existing before the marriage—that is, where the first marriage was null and void.

The adoption of the canon which the House of Bishops has approved would have to be followed by a rule for the discipline of those who violate it. The Episcopalian ministry is not married, and the church recognizes as valid marriages performed by clergymen of other sects, and other clergymen do not object to marrying divorced persons, provided they are the innocent or guilty party.

In an article on the recent cup race and the international college races, the London Express says: "England and America are better friends today than they have ever been since the Declaration of Independence."

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MISSIONARIES AS ASSETS.

It would be a mistake to say that white Christians are making it much more difficult for the barbarians themselves are securing no advancement.

China only recently has been taught to place a greater value on missionaries than she was disposed to do—that is, on dead missionaries. While a living missionary is scarcely more valued in China than a peck of rice, a dead one, if it should result from Chinamen, and more especially if the dead missionary was a German, is known to be the equivalent of many square miles of territory.

This policy is certainly a great advance over the method of putting a missionary, or over the method of giving up vast areas of real estate for the privilege of putting him out of the way.

Even China, as slow as she is, will no doubt realize the superiority of this missionary policy to her own, though she may not be so ready to do so.

CEMENT WALK VS. SHADE TREE.

Portland, Oct. 15.—(To the Editor.)—You have sounded a timely warning against the sacrifice of the shade tree in the interests of cement walks and columns to an expression of opinion from the public if you care to know how completely you are in touch with Portland residents on this question.

President Roosevelt said at Buffalo, and he has said elsewhere, that he intended carrying out during his administration the policies of President McKinley.

The sugar trust is one of the worst in the world, and they are all bad enough. This one is particularly obnoxious because it preys upon everybody, and no sugar, which is practically the entire population of the country, its exactions fall with especial severity upon the middle and poor classes, with whom sugar is one of the necessities of life.

Decadence of Hanna's Influence.

When President McKinley had breathed his last the Hanna boom for President was dead. The Ohio politician, whose name had been high in the air of the Republican party, had shrunk to the proportions of one of our United States Senators, and not the greatest one, either, unless Senator Lodge's influence with the new President had been overestimated.

A Fair Field, but No Favors.

We have simply to do for the ocean-carrying trade as the German Government has done by the Hamburg-American line and as the British Government has done by the British India line.

A Damper on Annexation.

Have the sugar-refining companies been lowering the price of sugar in order to get a better market for their product?

NOTE AND COMMENT.

General Kitchener reports with the usual accompaniment. Why all this row-over about the purity of milk? It's too thin.

There has been a run on a Buffalo bank. This seems to be about the only thing which could not be put off there.

The glorious football game now comes forth to make the war in the Transvaal look like a game of drop-the-handkerchief.

It is too bad that Mark Twain cannot have the assistance of those well-known reformers, Scotty Briggs and Buck Fanchaw, in his work of reforming New York.

A Pennsylvania Sheriff made a row because the street-cars would not carry him free. Things are growing serious when an ordinary Sheriff expects to be treated like a policeman.

The "Articles of War," which is the official title for "rules and regulations for the better government of the navy (either foreign or home), are often subject to amendments to meet new conditions.

Captain Allan D. McLean, surgeon at the United States Hospital at Manila, in the Philippines, writes thus to a friend in Detroit: "At present the general topic of the day is, 'What is Uncle Sam going to do with the new white elephant—'700 school teachers recently sent here—so philanthropically or unknowingly saddled upon himself."

PLEASANTNESS OF PARAGRAPHERS. A First Office-Boy—'Wore Jimmy's' first Second Office-Boy—his grandmamma's dead, and going to be buried on a holiday—'Tis mine.

Driver—Water, this ship is very small. Water is a raw hand—'Yes, sir, but you'll find it will take a good while to get in—'Glasgow.

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