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TODAY'S WEATHER—Increasing cloudiness, followed by showers; cooler; southerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 78; minimum temperature, 57; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23.

IN SOUTH AFRICA. Great Britain has begun to punish for treason her subjects in South Africa.

It is not unlikely that these severities will be practiced extensively, on both sides. Such indeed is the determination on both sides that the war may degenerate into a game of murderous reprisals.

Execution of this stern decree upon Cape rebels may be expected to cause the Boers to retaliate upon British prisoners whom they may still pick up here and there.

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from the high and patriotic motive of giving the people of the South the best judges possible by taking eminent Southern lawyers and men of integrity for a position of peculiar trust.

OF SURPASSING MOMENT. It is always difficult to arouse public concern over a public danger until the opportunity for averting that danger has gone by.

Instructive light upon this reprehensible practice is shed by the interview with Paris Gibson, Montana's new Senator, printed yesterday over the signature of Mr. J. D. Whelpley.

The Carr holdings in Southern Oregon, recently attacked in the Federal courts here at Portland, are matched near Great Falls, where one man has 250 miles of fence inclosing the farm lands which he reserves for range.

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PRIMARY INSTRUCTION IN NAVIGATION. The Astorian, convicted of willful and malicious misrepresentation of facts in regard to the alleged expense incurred by delays to the Glenturret and St. Donatien, seeks a further expose of its disreputable methods by printing the following:

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These excerpts show, indeed, a prevalence of what Mr. Booth calls "moral suicide" in the industrial ranks that is deplorable.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, after having spent the interval since last April in visiting the outlying colonies of their future kingdom, are homeward bound.

grain business as it is handled the world over, he would wonder that he was ever so foolish as to print such rot. It becomes tiresome for The Oregonian to see such poor progress made in learning the truth regarding a very simple matter, but it is perhaps worth one more effort to enlighten the Astorian to what "lay days" mean.

In cases where a cargo is sold, the ship is given orders as soon as she is loaded. At other times she is held until the last possible moment, for the reason that the freight is always 30 cents per ton less where the vessel goes to a direct port than when she goes for orders.

MAXIMUM PAY FOR MINIMUM WORK. W. Bramwell Booth, who, in accordance with the Salvation Army scheme for social elevation, employs or finds employment for thousands of poor men and women of London, recently aroused the ire of trade unionists in England.

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posts of the realm. The good Queen of honored memory gave place fitly in accordance with the unshaking purpose of nature to the men of her line, and quietly the order changed, giving place to the new; not only without jarring the sensibilities of the British people, but winning their commendation.

The late Professor Greenough, whose name has long been familiar in the classrooms of universities and high schools, did not enter upon the work in which he was so highly distinguished until about ten years after his graduation from Harvard.

To the few faithful Oregonians who have stood by the Oregon exhibit at Buffalo during the months of the Pan-American fair too much credit cannot be given.

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SUPPLIES OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

One of the difficulties in the way of supplying the schools of the state appears in the following complaint and suspicion reflected from the columns of the Corvallis Gazette:

It was foreseen last July when the official selection of text-books was made, that it would be a very great task to get an adequate supply of books to the numerous depositories in time for the opening of schools in September.

Oregon's state depository is with the J. R. Corvallis Co., Portland. This concern avers that every possible effort has been made to comply strictly with the terms of the contract between the book publishers and the state, but admits that in a few cases it is impossible to make satisfactory arrangements.

Some of the complaints are manifestly captious—not made in good faith. Conditions that were deemed excellent under the old contract are in a few cases put down as intolerable under the new one.

The manuscript of the Oregon section of the geographies was in Portland for revision when the books were adopted. That left only six weeks for this matter to be sent to New York and for the text to be set and the books to be checked in the books and the books shipped to Oregon and put out in the local depositories in time for the opening of school in September.

Publishers have consented to receive in exchange several books that do not legally fall within the definition of those books that are to be exchanged for geographies and readers and of some others. The geographies qualified by law for exchange were Montello's, but the publishers consent to accept also the New York edition of the Lewis and Clark Centennial, which had been introduced after the repeal of the old law and were used merely by common consent.

It is hardly to be expected that a matter of this kind will be adjusted without complaints from some quarters. Some of the complaints are without doubt well founded and drawing attention to real delinquency will bring a remedy for the defective service.

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AMUSEMENTS.

"A Soldier's Sweetheart," a tale of love and war, with the war a long and the rear, was the offering by the Wiedemann Company at the Metropolitan last night.

"YON YONSON" DRAWS CROWDS. Swedish Character Drama Breaking Old Records at Corvallis. "Yon Yonson," the ever welcome Swedish character comedy which is the attraction this week at Corvallis, has thus far broken its record of two years ago.

West's Minstrels at the Marquam Tonight—"Big Bill" Devere. William H. West's minstrels, which this year is almost a new organization, having retained only three of the star features of last year, will be seen at the Marquam tonight.

"Big Bill" Devere. "Big Bill" Devere, whose laughing song in "A Black Sheep" is so well remembered, has this year embarked on the road to success in a new play, "A Common Sinner," which will be seen at the Marquam Friday and Saturday.

LEWIS AND CLARK CENTENNIAL. Eastern Oregon Will Heartily Second the Efforts of Portland.

H. W. Corbett has contributed towards the preliminary discussion of the Lewis and Clark Centennial by the publication of a letter to the effect that the Lewis and Clark Centennial will commemorate the development of the great empire lying beyond the Mississippi River.

And Portland must take the lead. It is for you to follow, and to Portland the East looks for the lead. It is for you to follow, and to Portland the East looks for the lead.

The Promis'n' Man. Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution. "He's a promis'n' man," they tell you when you see him in the street.

Good Bargain. New York Tribune. Is Wisdom justified for her children? It is now generally held that Uncle Sam made a shrewd bargain when he bought Alaska from the Czar of All the Russias.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

However, it is just as well to keep our umbrellas within reaching distance. Kitchener must be careful, or he will not finish the Boers within the time limit.

It is a safe bet that candidate Shepard can do nothing funny in Mark Twain's latest utterances.

The Sultan of Turkey probably cannot understand why so much fuss is being made about just one girl.

Admiral Schley has not retired so far that he cannot come to the front when a vindication is in order.

The coronation will be handsomely mounted and costumed with much attention to historical accuracy.

The Ethiopian may not be able to change his skin, but all colors look alike to the President of the United States.

What will magazine readers do when all the officers now figuring in the Schley case begin to write their side of it in 10-page articles?

Just as the South gets up a burst of righteous indignation at the Booker Washington incident, the President gives another job to a Southern Democrat, and it is up to the indignant ones to kotow.

Girls in Cleveland, O., are employed to deliver telegrams. There will be no gain of time by the new plan, for the time consumed by the boys in spinning tops and watching dog fights along the way, the girls will use before they start in seeing if their hats are on straight.

The number of students enrolled this year at the Auburn, N. Y., Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian institution, is only 72, contrasted with 31 in 1900, 105 in 1899 and 123 in 1897.

In some parts of Peru—for example, in the province of Jaen—a hens' eggs are circulated as small coins, 48 or 50 being counted for a dollar.

The New York Tribune makes note of its receipt of a large, handsomely bound volume entitled "Political Cartoons: Gathered by Their Target, Richard Croker," with a card enclosed on which was printed "Compliments of Richard Croker."

On the title page the baron has placed his portrait, and on the fly-leaf is this inscription: To my friends whose confidence was unwavering when the shafts were barbed with malice and falsehood, and when wit or humor fashioned the arrow, mingled their laughter with mine, this collection of the leading American caricaturists is offered "Gathered by Their Target."

The newest social fad in Paris is to go in a party and act as super at someone's theater. These society butterflies look under the wings of the senator are not called upon to say anything, but they spend an hour upon a stage in a bona fide, money-making play, among professional actors and before a genuine audience, for the theater is far up along the boulevards near the Place de la Republique, and the piece is a strenuous melodrama.

Where does a man live when he is on a boundary? This old problem has cropped up again in the English courts. One barrister solved it by ruling that a man lives in that parish where his front door is situated; but what if the imaginary line crosses the middle of the step and comes out at the back of the house? Something very like this actually exists at Northwick, in England, and as a consequence the occupier of a small cottage for many years has claimed and exercised the right of voting in two parliamentary districts.

Pleasantries of Paraphraser. Mamma—What's the matter, Willie? Didn't you have a good time at the party? Willie—No! "Why didn't you get enough to eat?" Mamma—Didn't you get too much?—Philadelphia Record.

Helpful Suggestion.—Burs—Nagrus, I'm writing a story I would like a name for. It's entitled "The Plan of the Night." Nagrus—How different from that as possible. Nagrus—How would "Elevators That Pass in the Daytime" do?—Chicago Tribune.