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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Rain, with southerly wind.

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TO REGULATE IMMIGRATION.

We do get many "undesirable" immigrants in these United States. Many are ignorant; many are beggars; many are helpless, through disease or accident.

The bill received a favorable report from the committee on immigration of the House of Representatives, but it failed to pass because of its introduction so late in the session.

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GOOD ROADS.

It costs more to move a bushel of wheat or a ton of hay ten miles over the average country roads of the Union than to transport the same burden 500 miles by railway or 2000 miles by steamship.

BACK TO VIRGINIA.

Captain William H. E. Peck, late of Pasadena, Cal., has been appointed treasurer of the United States Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va.

It may be that I come back here to the Peninsula, which was the scene of so much experience of war to you and me forty years ago.

roll, and two are on the retired list of the United States Army. The sons of Union and Confederate veterans have fought side by side and shed their blood together under the flag of the restored Union.

LATEST NICARAGUAN DEVELOPMENTS.

By the terms of the convention of 1867 with Nicaragua, the treaty is to expire twelve months from the time when notice of intention to abrogate is served by either of the contracting parties upon the other.

The treaty in question was signed at Managua, June 21, 1867, by T. B. Dickenson, resident minister, for the United States, and Tomas Ayon, Secretary of State, for Nicaragua.

The chief of the convention was concerned with the canal. It contains a large number of provisions, some of which are of a general character, some concerning amity, commerce, "most-favored nations," discriminating duties, privileges of travel, Consuls, etc., but in articles XIV and XIX inclusive the canal subject is directly attacked and fully covered.

The chief of this treaty, as with the treaties with New Granada and Colombia concerning the Panama isthmus, has to do with the rights of the United States for protection and interference.

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JEROME AND PLATT.

Justice Jerome's savage attack upon "Boss" Platt did not prevent his election. Perhaps it helped it, for a good many voters knew that Jerome's indictment of Platt was absolutely just, so far as the interests of the country are concerned.

NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURE.

New England agriculture is adapting itself more and more every year to the changed conditions brought about by cheap transportation and the opening of the Western country.

It may be hoped that the makers of the new charter for Portland will not make provision for salaries for members of the Common Council.

ly increased in New England if ex-Governor Smith, of Vermont, could secure the enactment of his proposed law for colonial cities.

The New York Sun explains the facts that the world's wool clip increased 150 per cent between 1875 and 1898, and that the price of wool has declined in all markets since 1890.

POPULAR SUFFRAGE.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt, of New York City, in a recently published letter, declares that he does not think that universal suffrage is the best form of government for large aggregations of men.

The New York Evening Post holds that the day of currency legislation is not over. Not only is there no prospect of the redemption, retirement and cancellation of the "backbacks," but today Republicans who believe in the gold standard oppose for mere political reasons the enactment of a law directing the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange gold for legal-tender silver dollars when presented to the Treasury in sums of \$5 or any multiple thereof.

Dr. J. M. Buckley's article in the Century setting forth the results of an interview with Guitauze he classed him as among "the responsible insane," recalls the fact that Dr. McBride, who was then superintendent of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane, also examined Guitauze and came to the conclusion that Guitauze was insane; that his brain would be found diseased at the autopsy.

BURYING THE HATCHET.

Mr. Schmitz promises to give the city a conservative administration and be fair to all classes. Such words from the Mayor-elect are very encouraging, and tend to cheer that divided majority of the voters who did not vote for Mr. Schmitz.

HENRY W. CORBETT.

If every man in Portland shows his public spirit in proportion to his wealth as Mr. Henry W. Corbett has done, the Lewis and Clark Centennial will be a great success.

THE BUFFALO EXPOSITION.

It remains to Buffalo's credit that her exposition was really a more magnificent and marvelous demonstration of human progress than any of these, its more financially successful forerunners.

The result in Maryland is no better for Gorman than is the news from Nebraska. Bryan is out of the way of his Presidential ambition.

THE NEW MAYOR. San Francisco Call, Nov. 6. As his comfortable and attractive home on Fillmore street, San Francisco, Mr. Schmitz last night outlined the policy of his administration.

"I believe that one result of my election will be the establishment of more friendly relations between the employers and employees, and it will endeavor to bring about a feeling of harmony in this line, believing that it will conduce to the welfare of San Francisco.

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A Real Work of Art. Portland Catholic Sentinel. The Handbook of Oregon issued by The Oregonian is a valuable advertisement for this state, and should be widely circulated by our people among their Eastern friends.

Great Historical Significance. San Francisco Call. The Oregonian Publishing Company has just published a very interesting and valuable pamphlet apropos of the Centennial Exposition of Oregon to take place in 1902.

Covers Every Important Topic. Los Angeles Times. In preparation for the coming centennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition, The Portland Oregonian has published a valuable little book on the history and present industries of the state.

Of Value for Reference. New Bedford Standard. The Morning Oregonian, of Portland, Or., publishes a little handbook about that city and the vast tributary country, of which it is the chief distributing center.

Bound to Prove Valuable. Honolulu Advertiser. In commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition, which took place in 1902, The Oregonian Publishing Company has issued a most attractive handbook of Portland and the Northwest.

Railroads and Good Wagon Roads. Chicago Railway Age. The Iowa railroads have been asked by the Railroad Commission that state for low rates on crushed stone and gravel to be used in constructing and improving the country roads in Iowa.

Pessimism, Agnosticism. Westminster Review. The chief difference between pessimism and agnosticism is that the pessimist may believe in a creed, but an agnostic has to live without the aid of any religious system or ism.

The Choice Inevitable. George Eliot. O may I join the choir invisible Of those immortal dead who live again In minds made better by we who survive.

This is life to come, Which married men have made more glorious For us who strive to follow. May I reach That bliss beyond, be to their souls. The cup of strength in some great agony, Enkindle generous ardor, fed pure love, Delect the smiles that have no cruelty, Be the sweet presence of those loved and loved, And in diffusion ever more intense! So shall I join the choir invisible, Whose music is the gladdest that the world Unread forever.

NOTE AND COMMENT. The Sultan's motto, "Never give up the cash." The prospective cracker war will, of course, be carried into Georgia.

Sometimes a man is more willing to stand for an office than the office is to stand for him. After examining the question from every side, the Turkey can't exactly tell where Thanksgiving comes in.

Now Li Hing Chang is dead, there will be nothing to send from China but the daily reports of the demise of the Empress Dowager.

A meteoric shower which has been predicted for several years is again due this month. When it comes to predicting showers, however, astronomers fall into the error that has made weather forecasters such excellent preys for paragoners.

A bronze statue of General Albert Pike was recently erected at Washington, D. C. He was a thirty-third degree Mason, for many years grand commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction.

Last Winter Mme. Patti was staying for a few days in an isolated village at the extreme end of Yorkshire. To kill the monotony of the place, the prima donna went one night to a concert given in aid of a certain village institution.

"We've had first-rate luck with servants lately," said the landlady. "Two good girls out of ten. The funniest thing happened a few weeks ago, when I tried to get a cook while my wife was away. Now, my wife has a doubtless unreasonable but deep-rooted objection to Scandinavians.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. An Inquiry.—Uncle Hiram—I see the editor of the Banner has a long article on the subject of the "Sis-Tee-So." Is he for or against it?—Back.

Modern Romance. (Henry M. Woodcock.) Information, speculation, fluctuation, ruminations, Disposition, degradation, reformation or starvation, Disposition, situation, occupation, restoration, Concentration, starvation, nerve-prostration, A vacation.