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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain, with brisk to high southeast winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 49; minimum temperature, 41; precipitation, 0.26 inch.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

THE CALAMITY OF TRADE.

Those unhappy souls who imagine that the more international trade one country has the less some other must have will find food for reflection in an article contributed by Mr. H. Morgan Browne to the Contemporary Review.

We are all familiar with the walls that go up from Britain over the increase of American commerce, notwithstanding the fact that most of this commerce is with Great Britain, profitable to each party to the transaction, and the further fact that most of it is carried in British ships.

Since 1873 the British coal output has doubled and the production of pig iron has increased from 6,500,000 tons to nearly 9,500,000. In the meanwhile the average annual number of paupers has decreased from 1,125,000 to 1,005,000.

We are, in fact, approaching an ideal basis of commerce when merchandise shall freely flow everywhere from surplus to deficit, whether it be in food-stuffs, raw materials or finished products.

QUICK DISPATCH EXPLAINED.

The Tacoma News, which is still in the kindergarten class regarding nearly everything connected with the shipping business, prints the following:

"What do the Portland papers really mean by 'quick dispatch'?" Last Saturday it was reported that there were 14 ships all loaded and ready to go to sea, but that had been impossible for any ship to get out of the river since November 6.

"Quick dispatch," as it is understood in this port, is discharging and loading vessels and getting them back to sea in less time than is required for similar work at any other port on the Pacific Coast.

One of the Portland ships has been here for thirty-five days to fifty-seven days each. The remainder of the fleet has been in port from two days to twenty-nine days each.

abolished as soon as the jetty can be extended a few miles farther seaward. Of the Puget Sound grain fleet, one ship has been in port sixty-eight days, another thirty-four days, a third twenty-eight days, while the latest arrival has been here only four days.

When it gradually dawns on the Tacoma searcher for information that he is not receiving the kind he expected, he may explain the Tacoma delays by stating that most of the vessels in that port had inward cargo, while the greater part of the Portland fleet was in ballast.

This shows an advantage of nearly a month in favor of Portland, but, in order to show Tacoma in the best possible light, we will take the cargo ships which have been in Portland in the longest time.

From that portion of the disputed territory lying west of the Rocky Mountains that borders on the Pacific Ocean, have been formed three maritime provinces, the oldest and largest, with unequalled resources, containing the financial and commercial metropolis of the continent.

It is a pleasure to find that Mr. Kauffman has reformed his errors and talks more like a sensible business man than he should.

UNREASONING AND RIGHT.

The National W. C. T. U., in session at Fort Worth, comes out strong against saloons, and especially directs its fire at the present more liberal liquor laws for New York City.

We all have subjects on which we are deaf to reason—the amiability of our temperance, for example, or our good taste in neckties.

The right kind of a man wouldn't sit down calmly to argue over the truth of an assertion upon his wife's profligacy; no valiant soldier would stop to reason with one who should denounce his country's government and flag.

Comment on the Pan-American Exposition and the coming event at St. Louis may be summed up in two brief phrases—first, Buffalo's mistakes, and, second, size is not everything.

There were specific mistakes at Buffalo, doubtless; but as regards the Lewis and Clark Centennial to be held at St. Louis in 1905, the bearings upon it sustained by Buffalo's mistakes are the only object in advertising to them.

There is inquiry, how and through whom, the money subscribed for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition is to be expended.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is consistent as usual when it is advocating an open river above the Cascades. It announces editorially that the entrance to the Columbia River never can be permanently improved so that it will be safe for vessels to enter the mouth of the river.

"Married or not married?" That is the question which some half dozen couples hereabouts are seriously considering at this time.

water-level route in reaching the market. Of course, if Seattle could close the mouth of the Columbia by withholding money needed for improvements, the inland Empire producer would be a vast gainer by an open river above Portland.

mere advertisement of size. In all the preparations for the Lewis and Clark Centennial should be borne in mind the counsel of Mr. Corbett—"Cut your garment according to your cloth."

PROGRESS IN TACOMA.

Mr. P. C. Kauffman, who makes a specialty of addresses before the National Bankers' Association, is evidently growing wiser with advancing years.

It seems to the Oregonian quite useless to expect that the judiciary has no right power to declare legislation unconstitutional, or to insist that the rule shall be changed.

No one is better qualified than is John Hay to pay a tribute to "American diplomacy." The belittling criticisms and comparisons to which our part in controlling this element in the affairs of nations has been at times subject fall before the straightforward and simple dignity of Mr. Hay's presentation.

This is going still. Again we quote: "That it is impossible in the limited time at my disposal, to give any adequate idea of the resources, products and commerce of that foreign country is not a new discovery."

All of which makes very good reading, and the Pacific Coast is especially congratulated itself on having its progress so cheerfully set out in the hearing of the country's bankers.

When Ambassador Choate, in his recent speech in New York City, said that the people of London and England "have little use for gush and chaff," he at times seem to go well with you here.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Yesterday's weather is the kind the post ought to be full of. Congress will soon be in session, and the Treasury surplus is trembling in its vaults.

The safety bicycle appears to be in need of a successor in the shape of a safety automobile. A good many Sunday schools would be pleased to hear from Mr. Carnegie along about Christmas time.

The cigar trust is hoping and praying that King Edward's physicians will not insist that he quit smoking. All is quiet at Colton. The revolutionists probably made a mistake, and came to a full stop when they reached it.

The Sultan has excluded comic papers from his domain. He is certainly justified by the turkey jokes in the pre-Thanksgiving numbers. The Spanish Minister of Finance has resigned. Had it been the Minister of Marine, the work of finding a successor would not be necessary.

Like a good many politicians, Mark Twain is now in retirement. He took long chances of losing his grip on fame when he went into politics. "Inquiring Correspondent" is assured that there is no prize for the man who discovers a frozen water pipe except the one drawn by the plumber.

Another girl is going to take chances with the Bulgarian brigades. She will have to lower the prevailing rate of ransom if she expects to get back home again. Salaries paid to municipal employees in New York aggregate \$4,000,000, or nearly one-half of the total budget.

The United States Army, with 80,000 men in 1900, cost less than \$5,000,000. New York's police force costs two-thirds as much as the regular Army. The extraordinary salaries paid are instances in the fact that 466 men draw \$4000 or more, 68 of them \$10,000 or more, and cost the city in the aggregate \$2,022,000 yearly.

Every one knows that the Arkansas Legislature enacted some years ago that the proper pronunciation of the name of the state was "Arkansaw." It is not so well known that there is a unique law on the statute book of Nevada, the object of which was to clear from stain the name of an Indian chief, who, although a strong temperance advocate and an abstainer, took a "pick-me-up" one day in a local saloon.

In Atlanta, a small town in Illinois, lives Frank Clawson, a fiddler, whose chief bid for fame lies in the fact that he is without hands. Several years ago he was caught in a blizzard and both hands were so badly frozen that they were amputated at the wrist. Being that what of a mechanical genius, he evolved a contrivance out of heavy wire, which enabled him to wield the bow. The matter of fingering was more difficult, but by hard practice he trained the stump of his left hand to make the necessary shifts from one string to another, and from position to position.

The latest snake-ensation in the New York Zoo is a two-headed milk snake, which is a few days old in the Bronx. It is 10 inches long, but about one-fourth of an inch thick at its greatest diameter, where the body begins to separate to form its two necks and heads. Its age is estimated at between 3 and 4 months. The two separate and perfectly formed heads are a little over an inch in length. The heads appear for most of the time to exist in perfect harmony, but when food is offered to the snake, the antagonism of the two heads is plainly seen. Whenever one nourishment from being given the creature, whenever one head attempted to take food offered the other would resent the act, and a quarrel would ensue. The keepers fear that unless some method of contracting a truce between the two jealous heads can be devised they will lose their rare specimen from starvation.

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