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TOPIKAW'S WEATHER—Cloudy, with occasional rains; southerly winds, possibly becoming brisk and gusty.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 54; minimum temperature, 48; precipitation, 0.05 inch.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, NOV. 28.

"IT WILL GO."

Citizens of Portland during the past three days have pursued with the same spirit the work of getting the stock subscribed for the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

There are many sources from which large subscriptions are expected which it has not yet been possible to reach.

There are few who refuse; but there are many who promise subscriptions, yet request a little time for consultation with others interested with themselves.

On the part of those whose possessions are but moderate or small there has been a general and generous response; and from this class large numbers of subscriptions are still to come.

The canvassing committees have, as yet in no case, completed the work assigned to them; but enough has been accomplished to afford assurance that the subscriptions proposed will be secured.

The country may depend upon it that Portland will be prominent in the list of contributors to the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Portland is going to ask the co-operation and support of the country in this undertaking, and there is assurance that it will be given.

Meanwhile, let citizens of Portland congratulate each other on the fine spirit shown in subscribing to this fund, and on the splendid progress made in this first stage of a great undertaking.

The capital stock should be increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000, and there can now be no doubt that the additional stock will be subscribed.

Portland has raised \$300,000 in two days—a thing without precedent in her history—though the canvass is not yet nearly completed.

We shall attempt no imitation of the Buffalo or the St. Louis Exposition. That would be madness. But we can have an excellent and useful celebration and exposition—an occasion that will bring out the historical significance of the expansion of the United States across the continent to the Pacific Ocean.

VACCINATION AND LOCKJAW.

About ten children of Camden, N. J., who had been vaccinated were subsequently attacked with lockjaw. A million and a quarter of people have been vaccinated within thirty miles of Philadelphia the past month, and yet only ten cases of lockjaw occurred.

many precautions are observed in performing the operation and the wound is properly cared for, there is no greater danger of lockjaw from vaccination than that which comes from any abrasion of the skin's surface.

When lockjaw is in the air, any cut or scratch is likely to give it lodgings. The bacteriological examination of the vaccine virus used at Camden proved it to be absolutely free from tetanus.

A period of nineteen days elapsed between the vaccination and the appearance of the tetanus, while acute tetanus develops in five days. The fact that lockjaw suddenly developed in one city of the land, though vaccination has been practiced all over the country, shows simply a very unfortunate prevalence of the lockjaw germ coincident with a period of vaccination.

When tetanus is known to be prevalent, hospital surgeons suspend all operations, except in the most urgent cases. There is no more danger from lockjaw through vaccination than there would be from any slight abrasion of the skin through which the specific germ causing this disease may enter.

CUBA OUR IRELAND.

Cuba should not have free trade unless she consents to annexation. This is a proposition economically untoward, perhaps, because the freer trade is between the United States and Cuba, the better for both.

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Porto Rico has paid the price. She is governed from Washington, she pays internal revenue taxes just the same as our domestic producers pay.

Now, the real peril of Cuba to us lies not so much in economic grievances, while she is independent, as in the discontent we shall encounter under annexation. It is doubtless true that nine-tenths of the property and business of the island will be satisfied with nothing short of annexation.

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A NATIONAL FESTIVAL.

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Your interesting "Symposium" on Thanksgiving has been read, and should engage the attention of all your readers.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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