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TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy, with probably an occasional shower; cool; westerly wind.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, NOV. 30.

THE SUGAR PROBLEM.

It is not probable that the sugar trust will be able to induce Congress to put raw sugar from Cuba on the free list and retain a protective duty on the refined article.

But Cuba begs us to let her sugar into the United States free of duty; for this, she says, would give wonderful stimulation to her industry and set her on the high road to prosperity.

HOW WE PROTECT FOREIGNERS.

The tariff law of the United States levies a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on hides, and it requires some 300,000,000 pounds of imported hides annually to eke out our home supply.

This case is on all fours with the Continental situation concerning sugar, under which government bounties simply serve the purpose of helping England to cheap sugar.

ful appeal is before us, prepared by and in the interest of the shoe manufacturers. But the objection to granting their request is that the shoe men say nothing about the duty they are enjoying on their own product.

There is a just and simple way to settle this problem. The beef combine can compete with free hides, and the leather men will be satisfied.

This is the real solution of many perplexing tariff problems. Injustice as well as impediments to trade could be destroyed at one stroke by putting sugar, for example, whether raw or refined, upon a revenue basis.

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Nor should we be too greatly surprised that the correct clew in the Morrow case came from a "landlady." The women who follow her vocation are good souls, as a rule, in whom their calling has bred civility as well as keenness.

Altogether, Mrs. Whitlock's navy performance means one episode in as strange a story as ever written in Portland's criminal annals.

No story ever pointed its own moral more clearly or forcibly. The confessions of this brace of youthful accountants from the crooked path in most faithful lines. They hated work and coveted easy ways to live.

W. E. Curtis, correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, writes that the City of Berlin, the capital of Prussia, and the City of Chicago, are about the same size.

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Government compelled the Emperor of Mexico to recall his troops. The assistance of Juarez in 1862 was made effective through the fact that General Sheridan covertly supplied him with arms and ammunition; that is, he placed arms and ammunition at convenient spots along the Rio Grande and then tipped the wink to the friends of Juarez to come over and "remove" them to Mexico in the night without his knowledge.

It seems that Representative Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the House committee on military affairs, at Manila recently swelled and swaggered around in pompous style.

THE ARMY IN GOOD HANDS.

The best Secretary of War before the Civil War was Jefferson Davis; the best Secretary of War since the Civil War is Secretary Root. If Congress enacts his recommendations, so that the National Guard shall be armed, equipped and drilled exactly as is our regular Army, and liberal appropriations are made to aid the states in keeping the state guard in a condition of reasonable efficiency, all that is practically valuable in event of war, foreign or domestic.

The report of the lifesaving service for the current year shows the smallest loss of life from vessels suffering disaster on our coast line since the general extension of the service.

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Every housefrau in Holland was, it was said, engaged in making a pair of breeches for the hoped-for heir to the throne, when the quarrel of the Queen and Prince Consort resulted so disastrous. Prince Henry must be a very stolid Dutchman, indeed, if he feels no pang of conscience over the disappointment that his unregulated life and surly temper have inflicted upon the nation that honored him as the husband of their young Queen.

Socialistic doctrines never seem quite so illogical as when they are preached with murder and outlawry as text and justification. Far-fetched, shallow, strained with each pretension, the wonder grows that ordinarily self-respecting persons are found to voice them. Individual responsibility—not social leniency or the myth called "equal opportunity"—is the panacea for unthrift, destitution and lawlessness.

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THE FAIR IS ASSURED.

Portland has set a worthy pace in subscribing the \$300,000 necessary to get the Lewis and Clark Centennial under way. According to the figures, the first day the committee went forth the necessary sum was secured.

Portland has not done all yet. She has not performed more than a small share of the duty that will be incumbent upon her in carrying out the enterprise goes forward, on the scale its promoters intended.

Portland's bounty has given the work a stimulus that is positively refreshing. When one city opens its purse in such manner, in a moment, what may be expected of the other?

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AMUSEMENTS.

Thomas Jefferson, a young actor who bears a remarkable likeness in face and figure to his distinguished father, pleased a good-sized house at the Marquam last night by his playing of "Tip Van Winkle." It would be hard to find a greater genius than that possessed by Joseph Jefferson himself to create much of an impression in this part, which has been made so famous by the actor's father.

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MATINEES TODAY.

Attractive Bills at the Three Local Playhouses.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"A Wise Woman" at Cordray's.

Manager Cordray has announced the appearance in this city at his theater for the week commencing Sunday of Wilfred Clarke's delightful comedy, "A Wise Woman." The play is a comedy of the exploitation of one of America's dainty comedienne, Miss Marie Lamour, and it is said that she has created the most favorable impression wherever she has been seen.

"La Mascotte" at the Baker.

At the Baker Theater at the matinee Sunday afternoon and evening, and until Thursday night the Wheeler-Kirwin Opera Company will present the jolly "La Mascotte," which is one of the best birth-provoking operas on the stage.

"Shore Acres."

The sale of seats opened yesterday morning for James A. Herne's "Shore Acres" at the Marquam. The Grand Theater next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. This play of James A. Herne is one of the most popular ever produced on the English-speaking stage, and bids fair to witness the same enthusiasm with which the matter is taken hold of.

SCARED BY CARTOONS.

It is most fortunate that some of the papers have taken the pains to correct the likeness of the new President. Had it not been for a proper correction of those fearful and blood-curdling cartoons which have been printed in the Cuban as well as the American press, Cuba would have been in danger of losing some of her citizens.

An Era of Political Sanity.

The Thackeray proclamation of Governor Geer of Oregon in encouraging the reasons for National thanksgiving, lays stress on one especially. It is the circumstance that "at no time within 15 years has our country been less bitter, or our country so harmonious in matters concerning its domestic welfare," as it is this first year of the twentieth century.

PARTISAN PRAYERS.

General Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers of America, told a story, at the annual meeting of his organization last week on the East Side during the Mayoralty campaign. In the midst of a prayer, he related, one pious brother said: "O Lord, we pray thee that the Democratic party may hang together in the coming election."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The San Francisco highbinder was promised to be better than an exclusion act. Just how a condensed milk trust expects to get water in its stock is hard to understand.

A pull is deemed necessary by a good many naval officers, but Admiral Schley has managed to struggle fairly well without one.

A Syracuse boy is said to have a bracelet that looks like a watch. He is one of those Sunday school boys who are always full of good works.

The Bulgarian brigands keep themselves before the public with such persistence that we are led to believe they intend to star in comic opera next season.

It is fortunate that circus does not come in December. The small boys would all be writing letters to Santa Claus to send them elephants for Christmas presents.

Joseph Jefferson suggests that the United States should have two Presidents. Good idea. One of them could be kept busy sitting down on office-seekers.

British railways are said to be in need of money. This probably means that they will all be harmonized by Mr. Moran as soon as he has time to get a buyer over there.

A negro has just died in South America who lived to be 160 years old. She must have been one of the soubrettes who were such familiar figures in the 'coon shows.

The Salvation Army is floating an issue of \$25,000 of bonds to provide homes for the worthy poor. The bonds are secured by colonization lands of the army in Ohio, Colorado and California, valued at \$250,000. On file are applications from more than 1000 families anxious to leave the city and settle on farming land.

Sir Richard Newell has managed to serve Charles I. Cromwell and the succeeding Kings. His papers contain much of an antiquarian interest. Thus Sir Richard describes the heretic but unsuccessful treatment he followed in the case of illness.

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For the first time on record the Vienna university has elected as its rector for the year a teacher of English language and literature—namely, Hofrath Professor Jakob Schipper. The rector's inaugural address was largely devoted to a comparison between ancient and modern culture, and he came to the conclusion that the lion's share in the achievements of modern culture belongs to the Anglo-Saxon race.

An Army officer, back from the Philippines, tells the following story of a callow young officer, whose mistakes are a frequent source of amusement to his comrades. Early in his military experience the Lieutenant was awakened one night by the entry of a woman who had come to the barracks to see the rector for the year a teacher of English language and literature—namely, Hofrath Professor Jakob Schipper.

Three Philadelphia men discussed in a bar the sums of money which pawnbrokers will advance on articles of apparel. "The rates are low," one of them said. "You'll get, as a rule, \$2 on a \$30 overcoat." The second man nodded his head in assent, but the third said: "Oh, you fellows aren't wise. With tact you can get a good deal more than you claim."

Perils of the Pavement. Dangling apple boxes. Scrambling on the ground. Stepping on pedestrians. Bless me, this is wretched! Dangling under awnings. Moments at my disposal. Dangers of the street. Walking on the street.

Turn to see a pretty girl. Keeping on my way. Smash into a blackboard. A check in my pocket. Rushing home to dinner. Shunning merchandise. Run into a showcase. Oh handkerchiefs and ties. Collars vary before me. Liza's new dress. In spite of myriads of ties. Turn my neck to save. Tiring, twisting, doling. Amen, my dear friends, and conviction and to prolong the period of political repose and sanity in which this Republic now lies.

Portland, Nov. 28. —More Pedestrian.