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TODAY'S WEATHER: Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by light rain during the afternoon...

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER: Maximum temperature, 47; minimum temperature, 34; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, DEC. 20, 1901. HOCHI MARCONI.

At first it looked as if the Anglo-American Cable Company, poor struggling infant industry, threatened by Marconi's brain and the powers of the air, had the courage of its convictions.

The cable people became alarmed at Marconi's receipt of messages from England, and told him plainly he must get out of their Newfoundland preserve.

There is but one recent parallel to the retreat of the Anglo-American, and that is the rush of Northern Securities directors to cover from the fire of Western Governors.

It is a consoling thing for the grim old earth this Christmas time that soulless corporations, in their purse-proud high and mightiness, can occasionally be brought up standing by so gentle and frail a thing as human sympathy and human imagination.

COERCION IN IRELAND. The Irish agitators have succeeded in obtaining the notoriety they sought, for they have been convicted and sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

There has not been any "coercion" in Ireland of magnitude since the days of Gladstone, in 1852, before he made peace and formed an alliance with Parnell.

The President is reported to have said that he wants a man in the Alaska Collectors office who will attend to business with honesty and fidelity.

Who is Jarvis, anyhow? When did he ever stand outside the rails all primary day, handing out a ticket with each \$5.00 gold piece?

came the beginning of the end for the Irish home rule movement. Parnell's death soon followed. The Irish home rulers split into groups...

The average Englishman, Liberal or Conservative, considers the issue of Irish home rule a dead end.

JACOB BRUGGER'S WILL. The will of old Jacob Brugger went to probate at Hillsboro Wednesday.

Hard as Jacob's life was, he kept his eyes and ears open as he went along and never closed his heart to domestic duties of the domestic duty.

What a lesson there is in good old Jacob Brugger's will for those who have so much bigger bank accounts than his, but narrower minds and smaller hearts!

Gradually the true state of affairs regarding the pilooage and towboat service at the mouth of the river is coming to light.

The earnest effort to stifle the scandal in the royal house of Holland has resulted in raising a doubt in the Prince Consort's favor at the expense of the young Queen.

ON INADEQUATE GROUNDS. We dislike to criticize the President, however culpable his acts may appear, because of the labor it imposes upon those kind friends who daily scan these columns for some chance expression that may be marked and sent to the "Help." for the President's special benefit.

PRINCE KHILKOFF, Russia's Minister of Ways and Communications, is, it is said, in active correspondence with American engineers in regard to the feasibility of proposed undertaking to span Behring Strait with a steel bridge to connect the Siberian Railway with an American system.

Christmas bells, Christmas trees, Christmas odors on the breeze. And with Christmas cheer in every face and a touch of gold in the air that gives reasonable reality to the proceedings up town, down town and all around. A dash of snow is needed to make the young people entirely happy.

but their elders will be better satisfied with a slight freeze or a gentle rain. However, this is no time to carp about the weather.

CHILE AND ARGENTINA. There are persistent reports of probable outbreaks of war between Chile and Argentina, but the most intelligent observers in both countries do not expect it.

PREFERY AT LAST SMOKED OUT. The patient and resourceful hunter had waited for a number of months of the case, continually adding fresh fuel to the fire.

COMMISSION ROUTE TO DEATH. The New Hampshire statesman who was in favor of a prohibitory liquor law, but was opposed to its enforcement, set the pace for that connection of manufacturers now in session at Washington.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. But if the one great opportunity of his life to win a naval victory was thus lost by no fault of his, another greater opportunity had been achieved.

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RESULTS OF IGNORANCE. Seattle occupies a unique position in the maritime world. Without doubt there is no other seaport of relative importance in the world where there is so little general knowledge of the ocean carrying business.

The object of the Civic Improvement League—to improve and beautify the city in every possible manner—is worthy of the consideration and promotion of a later date.

According to recent advices received in Pekin, the Empress Dowager is failing rapidly. This statement, it should be observed, relates to the physical weakness and not to the political influence of this sagacious old woman.

The roses buds that are found in brave profusion in the dooryards of Portland here, it must be admitted, the pinched, pathetic look that belongs to things out of their time.

Now comes Captain Robbins, of the Falkland bank, in a statement printed in another column, and states that the pilot cutter does not carry a sufficient number of men to look after the needs of commerce.

But now appears the amended and revised Hay-Panefote treaty, superseding the original one, and providing that the canal shall be operated, controlled and protected shall be exclusively American.

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AMUSEMENTS. The Grau opera company, stronger this year than it has ever been, returned to the Marquam last night, and both surprised and pleased an excellent house.

"Carmen" will be the bill at the Baker Theatre tonight, with the new comedy in the title role. The company has sung the opera often, and promise a very good production.

"At the Old Cross Roads." Arthur C. Alton, under whose management "At the Old Cross Roads" will be brought to Corday's Sunday and all next week, is one of the regular visitors to the Grand Opera House.

Ben Hendricks. Ben Hendricks was the legitimate successor of Gus Hesse in Seattle's comedy success "Old Chicago," which will begin a week's engagement at the matinee at the Baker Sunday.

Primrose and Dockstader's Minstrels. The sale of seats will open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for Primrose and Dockstader's Minstrels, who come to the Marquam Grand Opera House on Tuesday next and continuing Christmas matinee and night.

Effect of Sugar Export Bounties. A German writer has taken the trouble to compute the amount of money the governments of France, Germany, Belgium and Holland pay to exporters of sugar.

Commission Route to Death. Chicago Tribune. The New Hampshire statesman who was in favor of a prohibitory liquor law, but was opposed to its enforcement, set the pace for that connection of manufacturers now in session at Washington.

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A recent contest over the election of a Supervisor in the town of Perinton, Monroe County, N. Y., brings to public attention a fact which the New York Tribune thinks may prove of interest to the Southern press.

It is that the political boss of the town named has been for the last 10 years a negro barber, "Abe" Taylor. Visitors to the State Capitol may remember him as janitor of the Senate.

He was a great friend of the late Senator Cornelius R. Parsons, and owed much of his political preferment to his efforts. Senator Merion E. Lewis has now assumed the role of protector, and will see that "Abe" is not forgotten.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. A Serious Case.—"My boy," said the proud mother, "never use slang."