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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Cloudy to partly cloudy, with showers; variable winds, mostly southerly.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 52; minimum temperature, 45; precipitation, 0.05 inch.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 1901.

PRIMARY LAW DEFECTS.

The City of Duluth has just tested a primary law something like the one to be put into use in Portland next Spring, and two complaints are made that may be expected to apply here.

The Oregonian has never ardently sympathized with the precipitation hypothesis by Mr. Bingham and others in their retreat under the fire of California decisions.

Under the Duluth system, as under the Oregon system, the voter at the general primary election is not called for the ballot he intends to vote.

There is also a good deal of dissatisfaction at Duluth over the long time intervening between primaries and elections. The time allowed at Duluth is seven weeks, which is pronounced too long.

In a late Massachusetts Bulletin of Labor a carefully tabulated statement shows the great place occupied by women in the industrial or wage-earning life of that state.

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AN INEXPLICABLE SILENCE.

It has occurred to several Americans of high position that we are under obligation to treat Cuba with generosity.

The latest undertaking on Cuba's behalf is General Leonard Wood's article in Independent, in which he discusses the importance of perpetuating moral confidence between the two peoples.

A GIFTED CHAMPION OF LABOR.

John Swinton, who died in New York City on the 15th inst., at the age of 72, was one of the ablest newspaper men of New York in the last half-century.

DISCIPLINE MUST BE MAINTAINED.

The rebuke of General Miles by the President not only was just, but it was most timely.

THE CHILD IN THE MANGER.

France is enacting a new subsidy law. It does this, presumably, because of the tremendous satisfaction the two it has already tried have not produced.

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