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TODAY'S WEATHER. Cloudy to partly cloudy, with showers. Wind southerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. Maximum temperature, 52; minimum temperature, 38; precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., .38 inch.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, JAN. 6, 1902.

THE ASPHALT EXPLOITERS.

Asphalt has become so common and so necessary a material for use in paving the streets of the cities of the civilized world that general interest is felt in the status of the companies that have endeavored to monopolize this material.

Under the name of the Asphalt Company of America, stock was issued to the amount of \$30,000,000, and bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 more. The bonds were sold mostly in Philadelphia, New York and other cities.

But the clever manipulators who got up the scheme and sold the bonds have cash accounts rivaling those of the Count of Monte Cristo, and are living in great style in the capitals of Europe.

THE FRENCH AT SEA.

Evidence is rapidly accumulating by sea and shore, that the bounty-fed French merchant marine is making an intolerable nuisance of itself in more ways than one.

The latest and most serious case of this reckless navigation is that of the French bark Walla, which sank the steamer Max while on a coasting voyage.

It is so close in shore that it is a decidedly dangerous place for a sailing vessel in thick weather.

hove to immediately, lowered her boats and began picking up the unfortunate passengers who had been crowded from the lifeboats and rafts by the cowardly French sailors and firemen.

It is perhaps unfair to credit the loss of the French bark Ernest Reyer to carelessness on the part of the captain, but the disaster will be figured in to swell the list of losses which have become so great that underwriters have advanced the rates on all merchant sailing vessels flying the French flag.

TROUBLES AT PANAMA.

It is certainly true that the Isthmian Canal Commission dismissed the Panama route with a curtness which would have been inappropriate had its members not felt that the exhibitor price asked by the Panama Company excluded it from consideration.

Of course, a canal can be built at either place. Given money and time enough, and a canal could be built across the widest part of the North American Continent. It is idle to pretend that either Panama or Nicaragua is an engineering impossibility.

Then there are irremediable difficulties that will be permanent in either case. Earthquakes, falsely asserted as possibilities at Nicaragua but not at Panama, must be expected at either place.

But a canal is to be built, and the question is, Where do we want it when it is done? Panama is shorter, it is nearer for trade from the west coast of South America to either New York or Europe.

There are other considerations. Panama is in the belt of equatorial rains, and in view of the renaissance of the seller, the route would be increasingly annoying and impracticable.

Though it is aside from the merits of the question, a weighty bit of circumstantial evidence in favor of Panama is the fact that the Panama route is not unlike that in Turkey.

CIVIL WAR OR SLAVE INSURRECTION.

The publication by the Richmond Dispatch of a bundle of letters addressed to John Brown, and recently found in the Virginia State Library, adds nothing to our historical knowledge of the famous raid on Harper's Ferry.

Secretary Root, in his annual report, which President Roosevelt laid before Congress, said: "The same considerations which led to the war with Spain now require that a commercial arrangement be made under which Cuba can live."

raid; Governor Andrew never aided Brown outside of the Kansas struggle of 1856. The crime of Brown had so little popular sympathy at the North that the Union minister refused at his funeral in New York City.

While it is true that Brown had no political party, not even the abolitionists, behind him, nevertheless the South probably believed that he had a large secret following, and was naturally alarmed for the future.

But if the South had won, Lincoln would be under no constitutional obligation to foster and protect slavery in foreign states.

A CAUSE FOR ADJUDICATION.

It certainly becomes the German Government to address Venezuela in terms looking out to an ultimatum with peremptory time limit, but to progressive adjustment, with due regard to the Monroe Doctrine.

The row in the Port of Portland Commission is inopportune and fraught with difficulty to the port. It harks back to our old controversy here in making every view a subject for other countries.

Concerning the Philippine clergy, the Boston Herald (Independent) has this sound suggestion: "If these Spanish friars could be sent back to Spain, and their places could be taken by Roman Catholic clergymen of American birth or training, even if our Government were compelled to pay a large sum of money in liquidation of land claims, it would be a highly satisfactory change to have brought about."

An esteemed newspaper of Eastern Oregon renews the complaint that that section of the state "has not its right share of state patronage."

By a slip made yesterday in an article about the Astoria News, the name of the News, and the name of the Astorian did not belong to it.

The wholesale trade of Chicago for the year 1901, according to the Tribune, amounted to \$52,800,000. Pretty big; but Portland's wholesale trade was bigger, in proportion to population.

On Her Own Record. Mr. Buggins-Fifty dollars for a bonnet? No, madam, it's a crime. "Yes, Bug." "Well, the crime is on my own head."

that fully 800,000 tons will be produced. This enormous mass of raw sugar is almost unobtainable today under our present duty and the tremendous fall in price; so that without a change in the present industrial conditions in Cuba her plantations will become as desolate as those of Jamaica and Barbadoes.

According to the latest estimates by competent authority, English-speaking inhabitants of the globe number 320,000,000. The only populations of greater numbers than that speak any other single language are those of China and India. By their superior activity in commerce, the English-speaking peoples are spreading faster and farther, and are increasing their numbers more rapidly than any others.

EXPERIENCE THE GREAT TEACHER.

Portland, Jan. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Experience has taught the fruitgrower of Oregon much within a few years which they are turning as rational men are expected to do—to their profit. This fact is manifestly shown by the success of the farmers' institute held at Cove a few days ago.

Almost twice that number of years ago this tendency to plant unprofitable, unmarketable varieties of fruit was developed in the Willamette Valley. Tons of greenings, of sweet Summer apples, of early peaches, were raised during these early years.

Mr. King County, Washington, is making a record too long delayed for the just punishment of criminals for the crime of murder within its limits. Last August Charles Nordstrom was hanged for a most cowardly and atrocious murder committed nine years before, and now the execution of William Seaton, who set in to kill an entire family of his relatives with an ax in December, 1900, and brutally wounding a little niece and his sister, has taken place.

The Chicago Tribune publishes lists of donations and bequests to educational institutions, libraries, art museums, charities and religious foundations of various kinds in the United States during the year 1901, which reach the extraordinary sum of \$13,888,732; and it is certain that the whole of these additions is not representative of the total of this great sum.

The orchardists who exchanged experiences and reflections at Cove last week have in their relatively elevated and absolutely virgin country a fine basis for fruit growing. The fruit of most profusion and specialty will probably be the apple for which Oregon has a world-wide fame.

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AMUSEMENTS. Broadhurst's well-known comedy, "What Happened to Jones," was given at Cortlandy's last night by a well-balanced company to a house that filled the theater.

James Durand was a good Professor of Greek at the University of Chicago, but when Goodly was trying to bear the presence of the drummer as best he could, was particularly clever.

Wards in "The Mountbatten" at the Marquon tonight. Tonight at the Marquon Grand Theater Frederick Wards will open an engagement of four nights presenting the latest and greatest success, "The Mountbatten."

"The Burgomaster." The engagement next Friday and Saturday nights, with a matinee Saturday, at the Marquon Grand Theater of "The Burgomaster" will doubtless be hailed with pleasure by local theater-goers.

"Crimping" on Puget Sound. The point of view from which a subject is considered frequently makes a great difference in the interpretation of the fact.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Mr. Shoopers will come to town Tuesday.

Mr. Weather Prophet, we told you it would rain yesterday.

Mrs. Gallup seems to be setting a pace that the London literati cannot follow.

The proceedings of the Port of Portland Commission begin to promise war news.

Carriage is getting to where he can see the porchouse lights on a particularly bright night.

The novelist who will insert the January prices of dress goods in his works will find readers.

Generala Kitchener and Dewet are yet undecided as to the heavy-weight championship of South Africa.

If Edison isn't inventing anything more useful and less noisy than the phonograph the reporters who are hanging about his premises might as well go off watch.

Hanna and Foraker have decided to divide Ohio between them. The citizens of the state will have to content themselves with going w-y-b-k and sitting down.

Miss Stone's press agent must have been sworn off or neglected the New York Herald, for Miss Stone has been sent out on a line for the last day and a half.

The Shakespeare-Bacon controversy has arisen again. Why not send a Marston dispatch to a grantee. Honestly about it? He knows who wrote the plays by this time.

It has been ascertained that Croozoa was fully responsible for his crime. As the public is willing to take full responsibility for its punishment, why not let it go at that?

Our carload of poems on "Beastful Snow" has arrived safely, and Manager Lyons, of the Terminal Company, notifies us that he will send it up here as soon as he can get the Council to give him permission to lay a sidings on Sixth street.

Edward F. Nishwitz, who was discharged from the New York police force in 1896 for being absent without leave, has been reinstated, with back pay amounting to \$4000. Nishwitz has been working as a machinist during the interval, and now that he has been reinstated and paid he has resigned from the force.

George and Henry Jacobs, two unbelievers at a spiritualistic seance in Austin, Tex., made preliminary arrangements whereby a departed spirit returned and resorted to the haunts of men, stepped on a large and sharp carpet tack. The mediums immediately shook the dust of Austin from their feet, lest some of the people who had helped them do a profitable business might want their money back.

A new system of railroad operation is soon to go into effect on the Burlington. It will be conducted on the same plan as a department store. In that every representative of the company will keep a strict account of the receipts and expenditures of his own office and return a balance to J. J. Hill every month. He will be the sole manager of his department, and his profits and losses will be charged to his account on the company's books.

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