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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain, with fresh to high wind from southwest.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 49; minimum temperature, 28; the wind, S. by E. 14 to 16 mph.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 1902.

PORTLAND'S ATTITUDE.

If there be one reason above all others why Portland exists as a commercial city, it is its relationship to the Columbia River. Its whole future rests upon the maintenance of the Columbia river as a commercial highway.

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mouth would soon become un navigable for deep ships. The obligation of the Government in the matter of the river channels below Portland is precisely what it is in the matter of the upper river. Portland has a claim for ship-channel improvement between her wharves and the mouth of the river.

McClellan confronting Lee was always Sir Forebitch Feeble. "When Lincoln removed me I was on the eve of a great victory over General Price," said Fremont.

PEARSON'S BATTLE.

A terrible battle is raging at Evanston and throughout the West over the case of Professor Pearson of the Northwestern University. He is an able man, devout, conscientious and learned.

Not that Pearson is right. Bless you, no! In so far as he makes things uncomfortable for the church and school, those institutions are to be hated.

AN EXPEDITIOUS DESPERATE BUT FUTILE. The managers of the Simon machine at Portland, stung to fury by exposure through The Oregonian of some of their practices on the County Treasury, attempt to retaliate by issuing a circular in which they allege that The Oregonian Publishing Company has drawn, corruptly and unjustly, large sums from public moneys during seven or eight years past.

While the woolgrowers in session at Helena are undoubtedly just, justice in their attack upon Statistcian North, for his activity in behalf of free wool, it is to be regretted, perhaps, that they did not improve the opportunity to go on record in favor of moderation in wool tariffs.

Its charges were only its usual charges, just and fair, and though the money was paid by warrant on the County Treasury, the larger part of it has come back, or is coming back, to the treasury through collection of penalties imposed by law on delinquents.

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AMUSEMENTS.

It was a typical matinee audience that crowded the Marquam yesterday afternoon for Josef Hofmann's return concert, a wildly demonstrative audience, not every critical approval, but an echo, encoring every number several times over, whether mazurka or sonata, sentimental love song or martial polonaise.

It was interesting to note the effect of this absence of the critical faculty in the selection of the Mendelssohn Scherzo a Capriccio was another evidence of Hofmann's good judgment.

Attractive Bills at All Three Theaters. Willson's Juvenile Minstrels, which have been pleasing audiences at the Marquam for the last two nights, will be seen at a special children's matinee.

Who's a Baby Are You? at Codrady's. Few modern farce-comedies have been so successful as Mark E. Swan's "Who's a Baby Are You?" which will be seen at Codrady's Theater the week beginning Sunday night.

The Valkyria Family at the Baker. Among the star features of next week's vaudeville program at the Baker is the Valkyria family, equilibrista, whose acts are being given with a success which is remarkable ever seen on the stage.

Ellis Island Scandals. Philadelphia Bulletin. Many complaints have been made recently regarding the existence of alleged gross abuses at the great immigrant receiving station at Ellis Island, New York harbor.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The burlesque Portland citizen goes plodding over the coast. New facts to rattle a patient smile. No matter what his land. But he's not the poor, faded slave. The gentle spirit lacks. To bear that last but crushing straw. The gallant carpet tack.

The Empress Dowager has wept. Senator Teller please copy. Even General Alger's approach to death did not seem to be successful in booming his book.

It will be of no use to tell Miss Stone that she has been released. She will not believe it now. Kipling has turned out enough poetry to win ten wars, but his style still lacks a pagan victory.

Admiral Sampson sends word to the President that he was in command of the fleet at Santiago. He was the fleet that did the business, however.

Prince Henry has announced that he is not going to be difficult to please. This should be taken as an intimation of a more frank frankness, a plain of sauerkraut and a stein will be all that is necessary at the White House luncheon in his honor.

"Yes," said Alexander J. Linn, in answer to a New York interviewer's question, "I acknowledge I am the man responsible for the 'redheaded woman and white horse craze,' but I suppose that the time for running me down had gone by long ago. You see it was this way. I was sitting with a couple of friends at a window of the New York Union League Club, a good many years ago, when one of them said: 'See that coal wagon? By Jove, but there are coal horses in that wagon hitched to it. It is a row. You don't often see that.' No," I answered. "Nor do you often see three handsome redheaded girls like those on the sidewalk." Then as a joke of the moment I added, "But then you never see a redheaded woman without seeing a white horse near her." The statement was unchallenged. We watched. Along came an open carriage. One of the horses was white, and in the carriage was a woman with Auburn hair, and looking frowny.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

She—Have you never been tempted to give up literature? Author—No such luck—I've always been compelled to stick to it—Life.

Patience—What lovely hats she wears! Patience—Yes, you know her husband is a landscape painter, and he designs them—Tomker's Statesman.

An Important Point—Mrs. Acum—So you're going to send your daughter to Wellesley. Why not to Yassar? Mrs. De Style—The Yassar colors don't become her at all—Philadelphia Press.

"Oh!" said the poet, faintly, "if you don't accept my verses it doesn't matter much. I have other irons in the fire." "Ah! They put these verses with them, by all means," said the editor—Philadelphia Record.

The Favorite Picture—There are plenty of candidates for the Secretaryship of Commerce and Labor," remarked Squidley. "Yes; quite a number of witty statements are having their photographs taken in California," added Mc-Swigglin—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Neighbor—Do you think Tommy disturbs our wife with his drum? Husband—I'm afraid so. For the matter, I don't see a special if subordinate officials have taken advantage of them there should be no mistaken leniency in the policy adopted toward the culprits.