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TODAY'S WEATHER—Rain; brisk to high, cloudy southern. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 57; minimum temperature, 47; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, FEB. 20. NO CHINESE WANTED. The demand that no Chinese shall be permitted to come into the United States is a reasonable one.

A GRANGEVILLE INNOCENT. To Mr. A. P. Parker, conveyancer, etc., of Grangeville, Idaho, we are indebted for the appended effusion: I note that The Oregonian persistently quotes Senator Money, of Mississippi, as stating upon the floor of the Senate chamber, in referring to the Philippines "Let them go to the devil."

COLUMBIA IMPROVEMENT PROBLEMS. Singular ignorance regarding Columbia River improvements and Portland's relation thereto is displayed in the following from the New York Evening Post: Against the effort to find Government aid for the improvement of the Columbia River, representatives of Oregon have already been noted in Washington dispatches as among the chief opponents.

Cuba as a Stage. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. If the United States held Cuba by the same tenure as that by which it gained Porto Rico, as it would have done but for Teiler's pernicious activity, immigration and capital would have flowed into the island and in broad streams just as soon as the Spanish troops evacuated it at the end of 1898.

British Supremacy in Shipbuilding. New York Herald. British shipyards turned out last year the largest tonnage and the greatest number of hulls that have ever been recorded in the annual returns of Lloyd's Register.

Irreparable Loss at Mount Athos. Nothing less than an archaeological calamity has happened on Mount Athos, where 11 centuries of Byzantine art, architecture and tradition have perished utterly in the flames.

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traded, to yield to the argument that prevails with economists, traders and chambers of commerce. Suppose the Congress of the United States should repeal the exclusion act...

succession, is that more care must be observed in the little details from which great fires grow; that better safeguards for egress from buildings of the more inflammable character be provided, and fireproof construction be generally adopted.

There are, as is well known, firetraps in our own city, in the very heart of its business center, in which men sleep—not unconscious of danger, but reckless of it. One of the most welcome signs of progress in building for the present year thus far foreshadowed is found in the statement that the dilapidated, long since outdated buildings on at least one slightly business corner in the center of the city are to be replaced by a modern fireproof structure...

Mr. Mohler's presentation of the O. R. & N. side of the tugboat controversy in his letter to the Chamber of Commerce is an interesting contribution to a subject of much importance to the port. The facts set forth will come nearer carrying conviction as to the sincerity of the O. R. & N. in its efforts to provide a good service than anything that has yet appeared.

The Rose Society may plant roses; the Civic Improvement Society may paint electric wire poles, be instrumental in planting trees, in a department otherwise carrying out advanced ideas of beauty, comfort and utility in the city's behalf. The equipment of the fire department may be practically perfect and the firemen themselves ready, competent and courageous, but as long as unsightly shacks, reeking with filth and inviting combustion, occupy prominent corners in the heart of the city, cleanliness by fire will be invited, civic pride will be completely demoralized.

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The amendment to the sundry civil bill offered by Senator Foster, of Washington, appropriating \$15,000 for the creation of additional buildings, wharf, prison wall and repairs to the McNeill Island Penitentiary, is more than timely. Portland, according to the report, is the escape of eleven prisoners from that institution, their capture after an exciting chase, and the inhuman punishment that was inflicted upon them "because the insecurity of the prison made it necessary to make an example of them," are matters of recent date.

There is no hostility in Portland toward what is known as the Lake Washington Canal, so long as that canal is for the enlargement of the Pacific Ocean takes its turn along with other projects which will benefit the States of Washington, Oregon and Idaho as well as the City of Seattle. The City of Portland needed a deeper channel from her wharves to the sea, and, despite the fact that the recent Washington products carried by that canal was fully as great as that of Oregon, no help could be secured from either the State of Washington or the General Government.

The little tugboat Fortuna is soon to start from Charleston navy-yard on a tour round Cape Horn to Puget Sound. This is notable because it is the longest trip ever attempted by a vessel of her class. The boat is small, but powerful. She is 75 feet long and about 35 feet beam. Her engines register 250 horsepower, and she has a single propeller. While her performance has not been so important service, she has never engaged in a trip so adventurous as the one for which she is now scheduled.

The effort to bring the Pacific States Company's telephone wires underground has after long delay, reached a conclusion on a basis which seems fair to all concerned, and in the ordinance passed at yesterday's Council meeting the salutary precedent is set of revenue to the city in return for corporate enjoyment of franchises. The settlement is a subject for congratulation all around, including the public, which has been a sufferer by the long procrastination of active work in needed improvements.

Freocious children may be entertaining, but there are numerous people of the old-fashioned sort who take small pleasure in entertainments given by little tots, who, according to all rules of hygiene and humanity, should be in bed by 8 o'clock and soon thereafter sound asleep. Parents of show children may, perhaps, be congratulated on this position on a monetary basis, but the infants themselves are objects of just commiseration.

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"THE BRITISH MYTH."

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Did you say you had registered? Miss Stone—but then you wouldn't believe it. February seems to be stealing March's climate.

Are the vagrants registered before or after they are locked up? Yes, it looks like it, but don't soak your overcoat for a while yet.

Dewey's forces have been dispersed with heavy loss to the dispersers. The fleet under Evans' command is now prepared to welcome Prince Henry.

The President ought to have appointed tabacosis immunos on the West Point board of inspection. The Standard Oil Company has been buying hoop iron, presumably to "hoop up" the petroleum market.

Now is a chance for some rising poet to achieve fame by making a sonnet on Portland's lady bartenders. Captain Hobson is to retire, but he will probably line all his friends of the fair sex up for a good night's sleep.

Kipling hasn't given the War Office any advice for several days, and yet that institution is still issuing orders. The Daughters of the Revolution are again in session in Washington, and Congress is getting pointers on the strenuous life.

Ernest Hogan, the negro comedian, has challenged a Hawaiian Prince to fight a duel. There is a very dark look to this affair. Now that the Indians all have their hair cut the paragonographers are patiently waiting for Commissioner Jones to make another move.

The Captivi at Washington is full of germs. They probably are lobbying for the restoration of General Egan and another chance to colonize in the Army ratings. President Roosevelt appoints a white gold Democrat, William Fleming, Postmaster at Athens, Ga., to succeed a negro, "Pink" Morton. The people began to hold mass meetings against Morton as soon as the question of his reappointment arose, and so the President concluded to try another color.

The cremation of the body of the late Dr. Robert Grimes, of Cheyenne, has revealed the bullet received by him at the Meeker massacre, where he distinguished himself, as in many other Indian engagements as "Fighting Bob, the doctor." Then it was thought the wound would be fatal, but Dr. Grimes recovered and for 20 years carried the missile which the surgeons were unable to locate. The lead button weighed more than the ashes of the deceased.

United States Senator Platt, of Connecticut, decided to yield to the pressure of the home tobacco interest in relation to the Cuban tariff, and is thus quoted: "I think that the cause of protection is now in far more danger of being wounded in the house of its friends than it ever was in danger of being injured by its enemies." And he is further represented as saying that if the Republican party does not deal fairly with Cuba the result will be an uprising against the whole principle of protection, and the party will suffer.

After a determined effort lasting over a period of months Sarah Bernhardt has given up trying to learn English. All her brilliant talent was not sufficient to give her mastery over or even fair proficiency in the composite language. Mme. Bernhardt at first attempted the task without aid, but soon found it was more difficult than she had imagined. Then she secured as tutor an American actress. The latter worked long and faithfully with the tragedienne, whom, to her amazement, she found a stupid pupil. Bernhardt tried very hard, but it was no use.

The members of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, colored, in New York, point to their pastor's record and say: "Where do you find one like him? They have given him the honorary title of 'The colored John the Baptist.' The Rev. T. C. Walker took charge of the church two years ago, when it had a membership of but 40. Now it reaches 300. In one day he baptized 154 persons and gave the right hand of fellowship to enough more to bring up the additions to 408 new members. On Sunday last he baptized 69 men and 65 women as the result of a revival that has been running for some days.

Professor McGee, of the bureau of ethnology, it is said, owns and uses the largest and the most complicated vocabulary in Washington. A colleague in speaking of one of the professor's recent essays said it is written in "words of one sentence." The most recent achievement of invention of a new name for the American Indians. The redmen are now known as "Amerindians." There are many kinds of Indians in the world, and the bureau has long felt the need of a distinctive name for the American kind. The problem has been solved by combining the first syllables of American and Indian.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Maude—When you refused him my hand, papa, did he get down on his knees? Patience—No, I didn't notice just where he lit—Chicago Daily News.

Mr. Bacon—I see by this paper that he is inches thick with support a man. Mrs. Bacon—I always said there was an enormous profit in it. John—Yonkers Statesman.