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TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy, with fairly strong southerly breeze.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 57; minimum temperature, 47; precipitation, 0.25 inch.

THE CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR.

The demand for alcoholic liquors in their various forms is based largely on physiological conditions. A poorly fed and poorly lodged population will spend more money on drink than a population well fed, well clothed and well lodged.

Of the four great nations of the civilized world, our own is the one which, as might be expected from the foregoing circumstances, consumes the least amount of alcoholic liquor.

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Thus it appears that in comparison with other countries consumption of liquors in the United States is moderate—being less than one-half that in the other countries named.

A JOURNALISTIC MISFIT. Such ignorance and such stupidity! It simply amazes one. The Oregonian showed that improvement of the Upper Mississippi was practically useless under modern conditions.

view of a subject but a small part or no part of the factors of it are included. He belongs to the journalism of some back country, say in Minnesota or Missouri, and his assumption of the functions of an editor in a coast city that has an intelligent population is a spectacle that is impressive only for its effrontery.

TRIBUTE TO REAL WORTH. How often, as we tread the dreary desert of life, we are ready to blame but slow to praise; how many kind words of appreciation that might have been spoken in the busy groups of the wayside are unspoken, for often is the hand outstretched in appreciation and gratitude only to find that the expected recipient has gone on in ignorance of our generous belated purpose.

Oratory and deliberation have held high and proud in the House for two days. As to whether or not the Indian appropriation bill should pass, Mr. Burleson submitted the attitude of President Roosevelt, before taking and after taking the Presidency, toward the trusts.

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the superintendent and employees of the Insane Asylum with every change of state administration, goes on and on permitting and tacitly endorsing this procedure, to the despair of the sane man. No, not the despair, also would Dr. Smith, and those associated with him in the work of caring for the insane cease to present well-known facts to the public and substantiate them by figures laboriously compiled.

No justification appears for the passage by Congress of the bill which proposes to pay the estate of the late General Fitz John Porter nearly \$150,000, which during his life he would have received had his name remained without interruption on the Army Register.

Recent remarks in these columns about the use of newspapers in school have elicited a surprising amount of favorable comment.

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For the purposes of an open door for commerce in the Orient the United States will undoubtedly sympathize with the alliance entered into between Great Britain and Japan. It is an alliance for maintenance of the political as well as the commercial integrity of China and Korea; and though there is no probability that the United States will formally join the Anglo-Japanese alliance, it may be accepted as certain that the diplomatic influence of our country will be against Russian aggression in the Orient.

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