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TODAY'S WEATHER - Showers; southerly breeze; maximum temperature, 48; minimum temperature, 40; precipitation, 0.93 inch.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

CURRENT POLITICS AGAIN.

Yes. The Oregonian supported Joseph Simon for the State Senate four years ago. It stated the reasons why it supported him. One was the fact that W. T. Hume, who now has reappeared at Portland as an informer from Nome and San Francisco, was his opponent.

NO CHANCE FOR A GRAFT.

The play of Nicaraguan officials for something in the way of a personal "rake-off" in connection with canal construction is being watched by the United States Senate.

THE OUTLOOK IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The testimony of Judge Taft before Congress is altogether favorable to a cheerful outlook for the future of the Philippines under American rule.

AN INSULTING PRESENCE.

"It is believed," says a dispatch from Washington treating of the Cuban tariff question, "that Mr. Oxnard can be brought to a compromise."

Senate. Our local affairs of highest importance to us—the improvement of our rivers and harbors, legislation for exclusion of Chinese, legislation for arid lands, and whatever else our state has interest in at the National capital—now, now, is the crucial time for all these things.

One word more about current "villifications" of The Oregonian, and garbled excerpts from its columns of four years ago, now presented in the hope of turning them to Mr. Simon's advantage.

MEGALOCOPHALITIS.

Hitherto The Oregonian has not paid any attention to Mr. Wallace McCamant's antics. Perhaps it is beneath its dignity and character to notice him at all.

It is not perhaps Mr. McCamant's fault that he is a ringer in politics. This is not merely a "gift of fortune," but it also "comes by nature."

The Oregonian had hoped it would be able to avoid statements in the present contest of these various things; but the surdulous attacks upon it, forced or paid for by the Simon machine, together with the manifest purpose of the machine to continue its grind in the old way, have caused it to depart from its first wish and intention, and to remind whom it may concern that, though desiring peace, it has not forgotten how to deal with assailants.

THE MOON AND THE WEATHER.

London Express. Scientists are weary of exploding their cherished theories, and they are now telling us that we are quite wrong in supposing that the moon has any influence in controlling the phases of the weather.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

It looks like rain. Borrow an umbrella and go register.

The U. S. S. Subey will probably not be launched this year.

Mr. Hohenzollern should stay over and help us observe the 15th.

If this keeps up, how are we going to recognize April when it gets here?

A good many post-graduates in politics will be able to learn things at the primary.

Congress still continues to leave undone the things it ought to do, as well as the rest of the quotation.

There are only two Generals left in the Boer Army, which proves that two is enough, and more is a crowd.

It seems too bad that Miss Stone did not bring a pet brigand over with her to add to the sights of Boston Common.

It will be well to suggest a successor for Secretary Long till some navigator of the Iowa or Des Moines Rivers has been heard from.

There never was cordially. Like this before or since: From Florida to Oregon. They're stinging. "Hoch der Prinz."

If the Alaska boundary dispute is arbitrated how are the fire-eating members of the Canadian Parliament going to invade Washington?

Governor Van Sant will be compelled to abandon the trail of the octopus, but the Colonel of the Rough Riders will probably keep the animal in sight until it is well tamed.

Mr. Bryan is going on a missionary expedition to Ohio. But the brigands of that state are already overworked, cutting up the spoils captured within their own territory.

There have been four murders in three months at Beaumont, and no arrests. As the victims were white, the inhabitants feel that it is time for some one to take the blindfold from the eyes of Justice.

The scarcity of fish in old times in England made it difficult for the poor to keep Lent. Pepps remarks: "The talk of the town now is . . . whether Lent shall be kept with the strictness of the King's proclamation; which is thought cannot be because of the poor who cannot buy fish." He also says: "Notwithstanding my resolution, yet, for want of other victims, I did eat fresh this Lent!" and again, "Our dinner was only sugar sops and fish; the only time we have had a Lenten dinner all this Lent."

When the "Rain clouds, thick and leaden, from the south-west be leaden" there ain't no sun 'a-shinin' from the dawnin' till the dark.

When the "Frost population looks o'erhead in consternation, wonderin' how soon they'll have to build themselves another ark;

When the "Days and days together there is nothin' but wet weather, an' the streets is rain" tomorrow when they ain't high, bollix' 'em.

When the "Rain-poorf makklotches or umbrellas or sash-lashes keep a man from satisfacin' his liver from the rain to his knees.

When the "Oregonian native, in a humor contemplative, views the sky an' cloud an' landscape with an undignified delight.

And he says: "This here's the season that a feller has good reason for to tell the world around him that old Oregon's all right."

The Rev. J. A. Krings was a witness in a trial at Fort Scott, Kan., the other day, and before he was sworn he asked the Justice if he might be permitted to open his testimony with prayer. The Justice responded that if the jury had no objection he would have none. Thereupon the preacher walked over to the jury, knelt down before them and offered up a supplication. He prayed that the Lord would keep them from all evil and guide them to a right understanding, and he prayed that each witness would be made to realize that if he swore falsely he would be visited by the wrath of God. When the trial came to a conclusion, the church and the preacher stood. Apparently it was another of those mysterious dispensations through which the wicked sometimes triumph.

DI-N'T KNOW PRINCE HENRY.

New York Times. One evening in the middle eighties Prince Henry of Prussia, just returned from the war, was in the Royal Palace in Berlin. Instead of his naval uniform of Commander, he had donned the uniform of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, and he was then a lieutenant. A Captain belonging to the same regiment soon accosted him, and, noticing certain insignia on his arm, said to him gruffly: "Do you know, sir, it is against the regulations to wear foreign orders."

"Yes, sir; but my grandmother conferred this, and—"

"Then, before any other regulation which says that foreign orders are not hereditary, you will report to your Captain tomorrow."

"Yes, Captain," humbly replied the Prince. "I said my grandmother conferred this—she did not 'give' it."

"Ah, and what do you call it, young man?" inquired the officer with a slight touch of curiosity.

"The Order of the Arrow, Captain."

"Never heard of it. Must be some fake decoration. I shall look into this matter myself. Who did you say your grandmother was?"

"I didn't say, Captain. But she is called Queen Victoria."

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

Bobbs-I shall have to wear glasses. Bobbs-What's troubled with your eyes? Bobbs-What did you think I was going to wear them for—binoculars?—Philadelphia Record.

Mistress—Do you know, Carter, that I can actually write my name in the dust on a table? Carter—Faith, ma'am, that's more than I can do. Sure, there's nothing like education, after all.—Punch.

Why He Wept.—Man—Why are you crying, my boy? Boy—Oh, sir! I've just had de-oh-ah and here I stay out at school for a month! Man—Never mind. You can't have them again. Boy—Hully gee! Dat's w'y I'm cryin'—Puck.

Too Late.—"When I was your age I didn't have the advantages you have had in the matter of education," replied the son. "It's too late to kick about it now. You should have thought about those things at the time."—Ohio State Journal.

Manifestly Wrong.—"Yes," said the head of the firm. "Miss Adelle is a good bookkeeper, but she makes some queer mistakes. 'What, for instance?' asked the client partner. 'Well, she enters our messenger boy's wages under the head of 'running expenses.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Equally Erring.—"Prince Henry (looking about him)—This is your Senate chamber, is it? Washington Guide.—Yes, Your Highness, I am very sorry to see you here. But if you don't mind, please to show your way, but if Your Highness will step into the hall in the other wing of the building, you will probably hear Mr. Wheeler, or Stantley, make a speech.—Chicago Tribune.

In Washington.—Down Pennsylvania avenue came a paternal and torn man. His eyes were blacked, his nose was bleeding, and his cheeks were bruised, while he limped painfully, and had one arm in a sling. Did the astute detective observe the man's stop him and ask which direction the footpads had taken? Not he. He said: "Good-morning, Senator."—Baltimore American.

FIRST AMERICAN LESSON.

Chicago Chronicle. Time: After Prince Henry's return to Germany. Scene: Private apartment of the Emperor, Potsdam.

Kaiser—You are brown as a nut and bright as a berry, after your voyage. Did you learn anything in the United States? You remember the Oriental saying, "A traveler without observation is a bird without wings."

Prince Henry—I learned many lessons. Kaiser—Where did you learn the first? Henry—At a dinner with 1200 American editors.

Kaiser—What is it? Henry—That the President of the United States has no recourse against libel except such as is afforded by every other citizen of the United States.

Kaiser—Can he not imprison those who speak disrespectfully of him? Henry—No. If the disrespect should amount to a crime, he could seek a remedy like the humblest citizen, through the courts.

Kaiser—Why has he no other recourse? Henry—Because freedom of speech and of press is guaranteed by the Constitution, and is subject only to the judicial branch of the Government.

Kaiser—But the President can suspend the constitution at his discretion, can he not? Henry—No. In time of war, which Congress alone can declare, or during other form of public peril, the right of the citizen to free speech is temporarily suspended.

Kaiser—How, then, is homage for the head of the state maintained in the United States? Are not the editors too free? Henry—An editor who would abuse the freedom of the press in the United States for the purpose of reviling the President would be a convict for a conviction in the refusal of the people to read his paper.

Kaiser—Are the people of the United States so deeply devoted to the President? Henry—Not to the man. They revere the office. In the contrary, they consider him the highest servant of the Nation. Their worship of the office of President is rational, rather than sentimental.

Kaiser—What do the people generally call the President when he is not present? Henry—"Teddy." At the same time, he is called "Bully" by the people who are devoted to the President. He is called "Bully" by the people who are devoted to the President.

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BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. Great Britain will omit neither cost nor effort to keep her naval power as strong, numerically at least, as that of any two other nations.

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THE GERMAN PRESS.

New York Times. One of the most gratifying evidences of the benefits of the new construction to the United States is the cordial and appreciative tone of the German newspapers.

The press of Germany has not always been friendly to the United States. The official, or quasi-official, organs have invariably been either agreeable or conservative, but a number of other newspapers, especially in the past three or four years, have shown a disposition to find fault with American methods and to impugn American motives.

Some of these were slow to recognize the importance of the proposed visit of Prince Henry, but after witnessing the cordiality and extreme popularity shown by the visit to the United States, especially by President Roosevelt, the German papers are practically unanimous in showing their appreciation and good-will.

One feature of the comments is a little surprising. There is evidence that the general public of Germany was not prepared for the popular manifestations of interest and courtship which have been shown Prince Henry. There seems to have been a feeling that while he would be received with all the attention and formalities due him on the part of the officials of the United States, there would be a lack of public accord with the various ceremonies.

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WOMAN'S WORK AND MAN'S WORK.

Chicago Chronicle. At brief intervals, the eye is set up that "women are crowding into men's places," or that they are "invading man's industrial sphere."

It is true that women are doing many things that were formerly done by men, but it is equally true that men have been steadily encroaching for many years on the old domain of women. Men have transferred the home employments of women—sewing, cleaning, ironing and most of the sew—into the factory, where the machine does the work.

Men, not women, control the making and selling of women's clothing of every description. Some of the drudgery goes to women, who work for pitifully small wages, but the profits go to men. Not even the washub has escaped this change. The laundries, owned by men and having men in all their best-paid places, have driven the washerwoman to the wall. One can see in any American city men in robust health, and some of them weighing 300 pounds, doing the work which was formerly done by a lack of public accord with the various ceremonies.

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