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TODAY'S WEATHER. Partly cloudy and occasionally threatening with rain. Tomorrow's weather: Maximum temperature, 65; minimum temperature, 56; precipitation, 0.17 inch.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1902.

HIS WORTHY EXAMPLE.

Judge Williams was against fusion last election, and he is against fusion this year, when the regular ticket is anti-Simon.

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AN ATTRACTIVE DREAM.

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If this proposal could be carried out, several birds might be killed with this one particular stone. It would mitigate the race difficulties in the South.

ment, and, like ideals in general, it is too good for real life. With one simple stroke, behold the Philippines developed, the negro problem solved, the solid South broken up, sectionalism eradicated.

A LITERARY HACK.

Bret Harte was a man of literary genius who lived and died a literary hack. He was the first man to discover the literary mine which Kipling has since so successfully worked.

Dickens recognized the touch of genius in Bret Harte without knowing California, even as intelligent Americans were prompt to appreciate the genius of Kipling, not because they knew East Indian life by reading or experience.

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Howells is a literary hack today, and so, for that matter, have been most of our notable men of letters. That is, they have kept on writing for the market long after it was clear that their best work had been done.

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our naval strength is practically confined to eighteen battle-ships, eight armored cruisers and twenty-one protected cruisers. The residue of the fleet, that is to say, the rest of the 125 built and building) would be of very little actual value in war.

THE BLACK BASS OF NORTHERN NEW YORK. The black bass of Northern New York New York and Massachusetts are conspecific. The waters are descended from the few adventurous youngsters that straggled long ago from Lake Erie through the Erie Canal.

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PARTIAL VIEW OF FREMONT.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is interesting that the President is especially anxious for the passage of the bill just introduced in Congress for the appropriation of \$50,000 for the erection of a statue to the memory of John C. Fremont.

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ON RECEIVING A BURGLAR.

Letter in New York Times. I had never been burglarized before, and, therefore, had no practical knowledge of the business.

It so happened that in the instance I am about to relate the burglar had entered my room about 3 o'clock in the morning, when I was sleeping peacefully.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

They are blocking Fourth street in more than one way. Among the most pleasant coming events is the sweet girl graduate.

Perhaps the Queen of Holland thought that enough prominent people had died for one week. For some reason or other no vacancy has occurred on the fusion ticket for more than 24 hours.

The Boers will consider the British peace proposals, if they can spare the time from the field. The Cubans seem determined to make their President feel as much at home as Prince Henry did in America.

After all, the officers of the Chicago have reason to be thankful that they were not arrested in Madrid instead of Venice. Those who have not yet received their invitations for the coronation should remember that there is often a delay in the mails.

Investigation has proven that the meat trust has been raising prices. Somehow, people have been suspecting it for several weeks. The Southern Pacific is going to manage its own eating-houses.

Senator Hanna says that the Oregon election is of great importance to the Republicans. Some such impression as that is very general over here.

The Governor of Arkansas has pardoned a negro criminal on condition he go to Massachusetts. If Governor Taft will try this plan on Filipinos for a while it may do something toward abating the enthusiasm of the anti.

High prices were paid for first editions at the Hibbert sale in London. Defoe's 'Robinson Crusoe' in three volumes brought \$100. A record price: T. D'Urfey's 'Songs Complete,' \$30; Westmacott's 'The English Spy,' with colored plates by R. Cruickshank, \$35; Horace Walpole's annotated copy of Gray's 'Poems,' \$30; Keats' 'Poems,' \$35; 'Endymion,' \$35; and 'Ismia, Isabella and Elyve of St. Agnes,' \$25; Middleton's 'A Trick to Catch the Old One,' \$25; Henry III's copy of Paolo Paruta's 'Della Perfessione della Vita Politica,' Venice, 1575, \$150; Robert Burns' 'Poems,' chiefly in Scottish dialect, \$45; Boccaccio's 'Decamerone,' the first English translation, 1620, \$35; S. Butler's 'Hudibras,' \$30; Byron's 'Poems on Various Occasions,' \$50, and 'The Waltz,' \$30; a set of Dickens' novels, 30 volumes, \$15.