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TODAY'S WEATHER—Clearing; warmer; westerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 64; minimum temperature, 46; precipitation, 0.64 inch.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4.

A BRIEF REVIEW.

There are reasons why Mr. Furnish was not in himself a strong candidate for Governor. He is not a public speaker, and there are persons who think little of the ability and worth of a candidate for public office.

Loss of the Governor is unfortunate, for many reasons; but the substantial results of the campaign have been secured. A strong Republican majority in the Legislature and the two Representatives in Congress, the state would still be in the Republican line.

It is easy to say that Furnish ought not to have been nominated. But it was Furnish or Geer; and they who were resolved to shake Simon's hold upon the party and had won a complete victory in the primaries of Multnomah and other counties were unwilling to give the Simon machine the advantage of retaining its position.

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All these things were considered by the convention, which, in the circumstances, preferred Furnish to Geer, as it had a right to do, though Geer and some of his supporters thought otherwise. There was talk that Geer was "settled to it" and Geer thought so himself, no doubt, forgetting that he had not held that idea when Governor Lord wanted a re-nomination.

mon in conventions, whose rigorous law is that none who enter them must accept their usages and obligations; in other words, must "play the game."

The content this year has been a troublesome one, but it might have been worse. Suppose Mr. Simon had carried the Multnomah primaries, had nominated his legislative and county board delegates to the state convention, as he could and would have done, to cast its vote for Governor Geer.

These remarks are made for the purpose of showing that there is another side to the subject which it would be well to look at today, while the subject is still recent and before interest in it shall have been superseded by other things or dulled by time.

THE ACTOR.

The story of success, rising from poverty and obscurity by resolution and patient toil, so familiar to us in business and political life, is exemplified in a widely different field by Mr. Richard Mansfield, America's greatest actor, who begins an engagement tonight at the Marquand Theater.

Without detracting from the peculiar and dazzling gifts which Mr. Mansfield possesses by Nature in voice, mien and nobility of feature, it is nevertheless true that, as a man, he is not so singularly his own as that quality of genius which dwells in the "infinite capacity for taking pains"; because, while he is an actor, he is something far more than an actor—he is a great producer, a thorough and devoted student, not only of his art, but of his art in its relation to life.

With the excitement and the bitterness of a political election all about us, it is well to be reminded of that serene realm where dwell the votaries of an art which, in its own way, gives themselves not so much to wealth or power or battles with rivals of commerce and finance as to the dispensation of pleasure.

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franded ones, mere infants in years, will furnish. The first step will be to close the factories of the state to children of tender years; the next, and much the more difficult, undertaking will be to compel the parents to feed, clothe and send them to school.

The American stage has few more charming traditions than the familiar story of how at the last moment the veteran Stoddard asked Mr. A. M. Palmer to excuse him from the part of Baron Cheri in the "Parlanian Romance," how Mr. Palmer thereupon assented to Mansfield, who made that untried but powerful creation the dramatic sensation of the season of 1882-83.

The development of the country and the increase of its population will depend upon the occupation and working of the land. Nine-tenths of South Africa is practically treeless, so far as wood is concerned, that has any value for building or fuel.

The war will leave, of course, some race antagonism, which perhaps may endure until a new generation shall arise who can forget the Colenso campaign, Magerfontein and Cronje's surrender. This will probably be a federated South Africa under the British flag, something akin to the Dominion of Canada.

A pathetic figure during the first fifteen months of the war in South Africa was the aged, feeble, sorrowing Queen of England. To a woman's instinctive horror of war were added the apprehensions of age, the helplessness of senility, the sovereign's responsibility, bitter grief for her own who died in the fray, and anxiety to see her country at peace before she surrendered the scepter to her son.

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as high as 500,000 whites, men, women and children included. But this population cannot be regarded as permanent, nor mining as a permanent industry. Fifty years of work will exhaust the deposits of the "Rand" district, the chief gold-mining district.

Extremely significant, also was what Mr. Curtis went on to say, and the reception of his remarks by the convention. "We will stay there until it is passed," he continued, "and President Roosevelt's opinion on this subject is our leader in 1904—when this occurred:

"He got no further. The convention cheered and cheered again. Long stood still while the delegates shouted. Your hearts were throbbing with it, I told President Roosevelt when I left Washington that Kansas was with him all the time, and I think he will know it, as I have reported."

Both Mr. Roosevelt and the Republican politicians who want to nominate somebody else in 1904 will do well to study this incident. The Washington correspondent of the subject as an example of political writings had to wait for the present generation and Monro D. Conway for adequate editing, because of the popular anathema against his works on religious subjects.

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HIS STRENGTH WITH THE PEOPLE.

New York Evening Post. Two encouraging indications that public sentiment is right on the question of reciprocity for Cuba were afforded yesterday.

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JEFFERSON'S LIFE OF JESUS.

Minneapolis Tribune. How many know that Thomas Jefferson produced a Life of Jesus of Nazareth, which remains in the original manuscript and never has been published? There is only one copy in existence.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

He who bolts is barred. What is so raw as a day in June? Ballots speak louder than words.

After all, the G. O. P. is a good thing to stick to. Senator Simon has heard from his constituents again.

England's war was not a very big one but it cost a great deal for its size. It will not do to tell the judges and clerks of election that they don't count.

It doesn't always pay to leave a party just because it nominates its own candidate. Perhaps the volcanoes in the South Sea were merely celebrating the proclamation of peace in advance.

A Danish police official is to study American police systems. If he applies them at home there will soon be something rotten in Denmark.

With two Republican Congressmen and a Republican Legislature, Oregon may perhaps be forgiven her step aside on the Governorship.

An amusing incident occurred the other day in a Brookline, Mass., electric car, which was comfortably filled, when a well-dressed young woman entered and took a seat next to a man.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church South, which has just closed its sessions at Jackson, Miss., adopted the following declaration:

"We can say positively that children of believers who are included in the covenant of grace are saved, but in regard to the children of unbelievers, especially the children of the heathen, it would be difficult to prove from the Scriptures that they are safe."

Good for Ohio.

From the Republican State Platform. The American Army has taken up a work of establishing order and maintaining authority in the distant Philippines.