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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 66; minimum, 56. TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair; westerly winds.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1902.

GENERAL WOOD'S INDISCRETION.

There seems to be no doubt that General Leonard Wood, while in charge of American interests at Havana, paid out of the Cuban treasury some thousands of dollars for the purpose of influencing sentiment in the United States favorably toward Cuban reciprocity.

Nobody will believe that General Wood has done an intentional wrong; and certainly nobody will suspect him of being the gainer by so much as a single illegitimate penny through this or any other operation in Cuba. Nevertheless, a wrong has been done, and General Wood is responsible for it.

On the whole, there need be no surprise over this incident, because it is precisely what might have been expected under the circumstances. General Wood is not a "practical man."

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a large public service eminently well suited to the consequences due to indiscretion.

W. W. McFarland, writing in the Engineering Magazine, declares that Cervera's fleet would probably have escaped had it not been for the inefficiency of its engineers. They should have known how the American ships were equipped and what their capabilities were.

And this fatal deficiency was no accident; it was no mere unfortunate personal change. On the other hand, it was in a typical fact—a fact characteristic of the modern Spanish race.

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Each of the mammoth freighters which Mr. Hill expects to have in the trans-Pacific trade next year has a capacity for more freight in a single trip than has been carried by all of the liners running out of Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver in the past three months.

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The Republicans of Oregon, of South Dakota, of Kansas, have already passed resolutions in convention emphatically endorsing the Administration of President Roosevelt.

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The coronation chair, soon to be used again in Westminster Abbey, after the lapse of sixty-five years, is a huge, clumsy, wooden structure, plain to positive ugliness.

If the Portland strikers, both employes and employers, will not take steps to harmonize their differences, why not let the public name a committee to examine into the merits of the controversy.

The gain to the Boers of South Africa by their defeat will be as great in proportion to the issues at stake as was the gain to the people of our Confederate States through their subjugation.

THE ABANDONED HUSBAND.

Brooklyn Eagle. The run for the country begins early this year—a pleasant token both of the prosperity that allows people to have long vacations and of the revival of the country.

How long will the peace that was patched up in China last year endure? Evidences multiply that that overture agglomeration of families, tribes and clans into a nominal empire has no inherent stability.

President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, says that the Northern Securities Company expressed its regret that the State of Washington should have gone out of its way to attack his great railroad.

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The assertion has been made by many persons that the recent contest for the Governorship was the closest ever witnessed in Oregon. This is an error. Mr. Chamberlain has about 250 plurality.

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VITAL POINT IN TARIFF EVILS.

Chicago Tribune. Congressman Hopkins says "a great many complaints have been made because iron and steel products have been sold abroad at prices lower than in this country."

It is not the mere selling abroad at a lower price than at home that Americans complain of. It is the coincident export of the surplus steel.

The legislation of the future must be pro-railroad instead of anti-railroad, and it must develop confidence between the public and the transportation companies.

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