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TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy; north to east winds. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 85; minimum temperature, 50; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1902.

OREGON IN BAD COMPANY.

The Oregonian fully recognizes and has repeatedly pointed out the futile character of nearly everything that passes in the name of expediency; yet it does not approve the course of those Senators from the Pacific Coast and elsewhere who have joined hands with the Oxnard trust to defeat the Cuban programme of the Administration and the Republican leaders.

IS THIS AN EXAGGERATION?

There has seldom, even in former years of muckraking farming and farmers in Oregon, been so strong an arraignment of the Willamette Valley farmer as a non-progressive, pessimistic, selfish individual as that made by a correspondent over the signature of a "True Friend of Oregon," published in The Oregonian a few days ago.

THE "ACTUAL SOONERS."

The Department of the Interior should have had experience enough with land openings by this time to be able to conduct one without injustice either to the old settlers on reservation lands or to newcomers who desire to file, in regular order, upon these lands for homestead purposes.

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line for a few feet or rods of ground, a claim-jumper who catches the owner off guard, or a reservation rasher who ruthlessly files on land regardless of the technical rights of the man who has built houses and barns thereon and cultivated and perhaps planted it to trees and shrubbery, depending upon the Government to give him first chance when the time comes to file upon it.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MOB.

These Paterson riots should serve as a warning to the peace officers of every community where labor troubles are at hand or impending. Their lesson is so plain that their reproduction anywhere else would be without excuse.

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though an imperialist, with the views of the Canadian editor. In the May Nineteenth Century he says: "Such suggestions as the Zollverein scheme involve the certainty of injury to both colonies and the mother country, with the uncertainty of any advantage whatsoever."

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THE ANNIHILATION OF DISTANCE.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The time across the continent by rail is about to be shortened further. It takes in the neighborhood of four days and four hours now to make the trip between New York and San Francisco.

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"IMPORTANT" AND "TRIVIAL."

Kansas City Star. In a curious essay in the current Atlantic on "The Newspaper Industry"—directed ostensibly against newspapers, but really against the policy of expansion—Mr. Brooke Fisher exclaims: "Think what it means that the Congressional debates are no longer read by the daily papers."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Maybe the Portland baseball team can play marbles. Maybe the Portland baseball team can play ping pong. It is the open season for convicts, but the game is scarce.

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Maybe the Portland baseball team can play drop-the-handkerchief. Mount Pelee is determined to magnify fame's little day as much as possible. Up to a late hour last night the outlaws were still leading the procession.

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Paterson, N. J., taken for all in all, is about as unhealthful a place of residence as St. Pierre. Every man thinks he was intended by nature to put up a screen door until he tries the job once.

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It begins to look as if a thermometer race might be made one of the features of the Fourth of July celebration. Every once in a while a tank of gasoline forcibly demonstrates that it was not meant for a metropolitan existence.

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Perhaps the convicts will try to climb Mount Rainier and fall down a crevasse in a glacier. Then we shall have the villains. Ah! Personal—Harry Tracy and David Merrill, two former residents of Salem, are now sojourning in Cowlitz County for the benefit of their health.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The wreck of the Maine is to be removed from Havana harbor. It ought to be donated to Spain and erected in Madrid, lest the Spaniards forget. One thing is sure, and that is there will be enough troops in London to prevent any uprising which may occur while the coronation ceremonies are in progress.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Roosevelt and Van Sant and an anti-trust platform would form a combination that might succeed even without drawing on M. A. Hanna & Co. for campaign expenses. Grover Cleveland is willing to give the Democrats the benefit of his political knowledge, but will not give up any of the secrets by which he catches so many black backs.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Ingram, the brave convict who saved Grand Girard from the bullets of the escaping assassins, has been pardoned, but the state cannot restore his missing leg. It can, however, prevent another outbreak by taking proper precautions. Now is the time to begin.

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A dispute recently arose at a beer table in Germany between a group of university men as to which science was the oldest. A representative of the law declared that it was jurisprudence, for this science must have been known in Paradise, seeing that Adam and Eve were evicted therefrom.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

"This year," said a Philadelphia young man, who haunts the theaters, "there doesn't seem to be any one popular song that has caught on, to the exclusion of others. This condition of affairs is really remarkable, when you come to think of it. Of course, the Summer is young yet, and it may still come, but the conditions are against it. In previous years, wherever you would go, you would be sure to hear the popular song of the day, played by bands in the various parks, whistled from the streets, sung by the colored by the negroes, and sung by the white by the white on street pianos. We had lots of good musical comedies during the past season, with lots of good songs, but no one seems to have just caught on to such an extent as to be 'it'."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Representative Lacey, of Iowa, has contributed to the Congressional Record the following essay on the buffalo: The buffalo was the noblest of all the wild animals that inhabited this continent when America was discovered. The ages in which this wonderful creature was evolved into his peculiar form and size are inconceivable in duration. How admirably he was adapted to life upon the Western plains. When he had fed he traveled with his fellows in long lines, single file, to the favorite watering place. There he did not spread abroad in a trample down and destroy the grass in long journey, but in long and narrow trails the journey was made, and when the drinking place was reached and thirst was sated the buffalo never defiled the pool in which he drank.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

He was a gentleman among beasts, just as the game hog is a beast among gentlemen. Havana Lottery Revival. Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. Cuba is contemplating the establishment of a National lottery as a means for raising revenue for the government. As no possible question, so far as the United States is concerned, of the right of the new government to do as it pleases in this regard, but it could scarcely do anything of the sort if it were not for the fact that Cuba was under Spanish rule, and will be so again under the republican regime. The Cuban authorities will not show much wisdom by taking a step, inimical to sound policy and public morals, that will tend to lower the American people's estimate of Cuban fitness for self-government and seriously embarrass the postal relations between Cuba and the United States.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHS.

Head of Firm of PARAGRAPHS—Can you do anything else but whistle and loaf? "Yes, sir, I can play craps."—Life. Startling—Strawhead—Did anything happen while I was in the jammer? "Yes, sir, we could not collect a bill."—Life. Classifying It—"Is that poetry or verse?" "Verse, of course. Why, you can understand what it means."—Chicago Evening Post. An Experienced Angler—Eh—Would you consider Percy Monckton a good catch? Madge—Certainly!—if all the others got away!—Puck. Invy.—Scene—Miss Semple and Dasher standing near his picture. Miss Semple—Why, there's a crowd in front of Madge's picture! Dasher—Some one faints. I suppose!—Puck. The clergyman's little boy was spending the afternoon with the bishop's children. "At the rectory," he said, "we've got a hen that lays an egg every day." "Pooh!" said Master Blubb—"my father lays a foundation-stone once a week."—Tit-Bits. "A Very Good Day's Work"—39 Wills—3 "les" put in a good day's work in 20 minutes. Frayed Fingers—Explains every. Wears Wills—wills with his fingers a pair of daughters, and four jars of preserves. Dat's a good day's work for any woman.—Judge.