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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair and slightly warmer; northwesterly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 71; minimum temperature, 50; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1902.

CHURCH AND STATE AT EGENE.

The Oregonian has just received a copy of the Eugene Divinity School catalogue for 1902, from a perusal of which it appears that that institution has maintained itself upon the State University and seeks to grow with state aid.

The first announcement made in the Divinity School catalogue is that "the university department of Greek under Professor John Straub is so complete and thorough, including New Testament Greek, that it meets all the requirements in the Greek department of the same way as all of the departments with which we have associated our course of study; such as the departments of history, Latin, mental science, literature, geography, philosophy, biology, sociology, etc."

In the effort to attract students to the Divinity School is stated in the special consideration that "in addition to the several courses of the university, we provide instruction in sacred history, Scripture exegesis, hermeneutics, homiletics, pastoral theology, Hebrew, church history, etc.; that by attending school here you will be associated in literary and religious work with several hundred of the brightest and best young people of the Pacific coast, and that among the advantages of our university are a library of several thousand volumes, a well-equipped gymnasium, a reading-room where are kept many of the leading newspapers and periodicals, Professor Condon's great geological collection, and several literary societies for debate, parliamentary procedure and extempore speaking."

burden of the theological school is lightened. By permitting its name and advantages, the ability of its instructors and the excellence of its equipment to be used as an advertisement for the Divinity School of the university authorities give that institution a prestige such as no other religious school enjoys.

It is true that the university doors cannot be closed against a student because of his religious beliefs, and no one would advocate such a measure. The Divinity School should be willing to sever its connection with the State University and care for its students alone.

AN OLD MYTH REVIVED.

The glorious civilization of "prehistoric America," transplanted here from Egypt and degenerated into the primitive condition by the Spaniards, was at one time an unexcusable hoax, later an excusable rhapsody, but today is nothing but a sensation of yellow journalism, although encased between the pretentious covers of Harper's Monthly Magazine.

Mr. Hallock's fundamental errors are three: The nature of American "civilization"; its antiquity, and its origin. He calls the life he describes a "civilization" reached on the basis of scientific knowledge, given his readers for truth nothing better than the old Spaniard, innocently or at least naively, and Prescott afterward with exuberant rhetoric, imposed upon mankind in their grossly overdrawn picture of America.

Equally erroneous is the high antiquity Mr. Hallock attributes to the American culture. The "appreciable date when this civilization was at the acme of its glory" he puts at 10,000 years ago. Nothing could be more foreign to the conclusions of scientific men than this theory of degeneration, which Mr. Hallock admits "is not popular with evolutionists."

This great antiquity and this degeneration from 8000 B. C. to 1500 A. D. are partly accounted for by the necessity Mr. Hallock feels for drawing his civilization from Old World sources. The New World was undoubtedly peopled from the Old, or, perhaps more correctly, both hemispheres were occupied in common by early man when one day he was taken from the European coast and drifted from the Bering Sea to Siberia and from Halifax to Paris.

done elsewhere, so he perverts the evidences of parallel development into arguments for Asiatic origin. Similarity of customs in Old World and New has long been recognized as the most striking and beautiful corroboration of the scientific view of human progress.

The errors that this magazine article makes, or its errors, rather, for its falsity consists in its central apprehension of human annals, should receive the widest possible correction and reproof. The masses read little of authoritative writing on ethnic problems, and what they do read is likely to be confined to newspapers or popular periodicals.

Deploable conditions. The little encounter between two young men in this city Saturday evening, in which one of them was killed, is an occurrence that is shocking to the moral sense—the civilized sense, so to speak—of the community.

The man who goes gunning for his fellow-man and brings him down to it all intents and purpose, a cold-blooded murderer, who should, in due process of law, be hanged.

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Winning at Vice in Cities. Chicago Record-Herald. There seems to be a tendency on the part of the police in many of our cities to look at saloons in cities for fear that a town's business interests will be injured if its citizens raise an outcry concerning the saloons.

Time hurries by so fast that it comes with something of a shock to be reminded of the present polar expedition of Peary, who has just sailed, entered the ice upon his present polar expedition to full four years ago.

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BOURKE COCKRAN THE THIRTY.

Harper's Weekly. An esteemed correspondent of West, jumping to the conclusion that, because he was allowed to make a windy oration on the Fourth of July, Mr. Bourke Cockran is to become a potent factor in Tammany Hall, collected an editorial party upon "the return of intellect and character to the councils of the organization."

Our opinion of Mr. Croker as a political leader is well known. No influence has been so beneficial or hurtful to the Democratic party as his since the days of Tweed, but nobody who knows him has ever denied his possession of certain political qualities that are only admirable in themselves. He also formed the basis of his extraordinary political power. His notions of public morality are crude and false, but in a personal way he is to Mr. Croker as an angel of light. In point of intellect, moreover, strange as it may seem to some of our readers, he is immeasurably superior.

Mr. Cockran is not an able man; he simply has the gift of gab, as indicated in his Fourth of July harangue. And his character, or lack of it, has come under electric light very distinctly of late in litigation which developed the fact, on his own testimony, that he got for himself and associates more than \$200,000 for causing a suit to be brought to prevent a combination of business interests, and then causing it to be dropped.

The Chinaman of the Future. Atlanta Constitution. Popular opinion that has taken but little account of the Chinaman beyond the laundry profession and knows little about him than is contained in San Francisco's salubrious and exclusion bill.

It is hard to see on what grounds the volunteer pension claims are made. Undoubtedly the volunteers had a good deal of sickness—much more than the regulars. Neither they nor their officers knew the same so well as the regulars did. Consequently they were not so well able to take care of themselves. They were unseasoned men. Even this consideration, however, will not account for the difference between the 267 claims made by the unseasoned regiments and the 764 made by the regiments which really sustained losses.

Does Congress Represent the People? Harper's Weekly. The political paradox presented by the fact that the President is elected by the people and the demand for his renomination is so imminent, is the subject of the latest issue of Harper's Weekly.

A Nobby Visitor. Denver Republican. Mr. Schwab's brother-in-law, a wealthy resident of the \$400,000 family, evidently when opportunity knocked at the door of the Schwabs it was a visit from the West.

Reputed Too Late. Boston Journal. Four of the Michigan beet-sugar Republicans "insurgents" have already been named by the nominating convention. By all means let the good work go on.

Wisconsin and Spooner. Kansas City Journal. It may look queer at close quarters, but at this distance it appears as if Wisconsin was unduly crowding her one really great statesman.

PERSONS NOT KNOWN ABOUT. Baron Yanoska Iwanski, the richest merchant of Japan, has started on a trip around the world. He is now in Chicago, and will spend a few months there before coming to America.

It will be difficult for the young couple to live in the same house, but it is not impossible. The young man, who is a well-to-do man, has a large fortune. The young woman, who is a beauty, is also well-to-do. They have just been married, and are looking for a suitable residence.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

At all events, the tariff laws will not be any worse until Congress gets another whack at them.

Fitzsimmons has everlastingly demonstrated his unfitness for a seat in the United States Senate.

Alfred Austin is taking a long rest, which is almost as badly needed and enjoyable as that of his readers.

Interests in the coronation flags. The press agents should begin announcing that everything will positively be given as advertised.

Judging from the amount of matter which has been written about it lately, even the Sphinx has acquired the press-agent habit.

What with tropical mosquitoes and revolutions, the men who dig the Panama Canal will be justified in demanding full union wages.

Somehow or other, there is a very general feeling that the country will struggle along, even after Hon. W. T. Fang has returned to China.

The number of statesmen who dine regularly at Senator Hill indicates that Mrs. Roosevelt must be a right smart hand at cooking a dinner.

It is said that Chauncey Dewey has been laughing at his associates as loudly as he did during the halcyon honeymoon days.

If the stogie trust has the effect of making people smoke cigarettes, the all-powerful W. C. T. U. ought to be able to get a bill through Congress which will smother it.

With a wild west show and a circus coming to town, there is some hope that the youth of the Northwest will in time be content to forget their desire to become outlaws.

General Smith, it appears, objects to his retirement. Perhaps he had on hand several hundred gallons of ammunition he was anxious to get rid of before leaving the Philippines.

M. Verne, the fictionist, says that the newspaper in time will supplant the novel. If the novel of the future is to be the historical variety, the supplanting cannot take place too soon.

Some hint of the numerous applications for peerages and other honors which have been made in connection with King Edward's coronation may be gained from the correspondence of Sir Robert Peel, when he was Prime Minister of Great Britain. Mr. Robert's accession to power in the early '60s brought him, he said, "claims from half the gentry of England to be made either peers or barons." The birth of the present King of England was not marked by the bestowal of titles. "I do not mean to advise the Queen to create any peers on account of the birth of the Prince of Wales," wrote Sir Robert. Thus it was that all applicants for honors the reply was a negative.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. What Ought to Be—Victor—And what was such offensive, you good man? Convinced, I'm doing time for reckless automobile. Brooklyn Life. Wise Prescription—Bibb-I see young De Coteau is a victim to his passion for mountain-creeping. He and his auto were killed in crossing a dangerous piece of ice while on an Alpine expedition. Miss Alice Balfour, a maiden sister of the Premier, is a well-known writer. Her "Twelve Hundred Miles in a Wagon," published in 1894, had a large sale. The name of Mr. Balfour's home is enough to puzzle the wayfarer—Whittingeham, Prestonkirk, Haddington, St. Ninian's, etc.