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TODAY'S WEATHER: Increasing cloudiness, followed by showers, possibly attended by thunder. Cooler. Winds shifting to southerly.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, AUGUST 11.

AN INTERESTING EXAMPLE.

The City of St. Louis, after a long sleep, is again coming to the front as one of the greater American marts. With the rapid development of Texas and the Southwest, over which, by reason of geography, she has a limited monopoly, she is coming into a business great enough to recompense her for the loss in earlier years of the Northwestern trade to her Northern rivals of Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City.

The wheatgrower of the United States, however, is now confronted by a situation which is increasing in importance rapidly that it undoubtedly has a more potent influence in the present weakness than any other single feature thus far presented. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a speech at London a few years ago, alluded to Canada as "the granary of Great Britain," the phrase was generally regarded as an overdrawn figure of speech, conveying no serious meaning.

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they have depended wholly upon the general market. The beginning and the "know how" is most important elements in matters of this sort; and Portland appears to have both of them. More and more as competition works out its natural results and establishes new conditions, communities on this Coast as elsewhere will find their chief success in those lines of trade in which they are original producers.

A CHRONIC FAULT-FINDER.

The open letter to the President which was written from the Summer home of Carl Schurz and is signed by him and others will recall the fact that during the Civil War Carl Schurz, then a General in the Union Army, addressed an open letter to President Lincoln severely criticizing his political and military policy.

NO SALVATION IN STATUTES.

The incapacity to distinguish between the function of a sermon and a statute, between education to upright citizenship and punishment and restraint for public turbulence, is the earmark of the incapable enthusiasts who, like a swarm of wasps, are ceaselessly busying in your ears, that the time are out of joint because the laws do not please the few, but are devised to enact the public opinion of the many.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Tracy rests from his labors. Time moves faster than the 1905 Fair. Lewis and Clark board: "You'll have to hurry."

Easier lies the head that wears the crown. If the Democratic party has no issue, what is it doing with all of them? And the coronation came off just the same as if Whitlaw Reid had been there.

When Hanna says trusts are here to stay, it must be a great satisfaction to him. The Coos Bay Railroad shows us that it is a wise railroad that knows its own promoters.

Slings is defended because it aids fluency of speech. Why then condemn swearing? We don't believe they are so busy fighting down in Panama, else where would we get all these hats?

Colonel Hawkins thinks only the Lewis and Clark board should choose the site. What, and run the risk of not getting any site? Bryan has not been offered the leadership of the Democratic party, but he has refused it. He must be in a hurry; for fear it will not be offered.

Although Bryan would not make himself King, he would be the power behind the throne. If this doesn't smack of imperialism, we don't know what does. Another boy has been playing with matches and now in that dizziness when he abides the man who shawed the dynamite and the fool who rocked the boat.

Attorney-General Knox had a flat-fight with some trust sympathizers. He wouldn't have succeeded so well if he had stopped to get out an injunction. Wonder if what the Czar of Russia said to the Emperor of Germany was anything like what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina?

The 1905 Fair board perhaps has great admiration for Lewis and Clark, who first explored fair sites in this country. Do we need men like Lewis and Clark to explore the country all over again? The government forces of Hayti are said to be much agitated by the arrival of a quantity of contraband or war from the United States which the rebels have secured. It consists of ping pong balls.

The good people of the United States who demand reciprocity to Cuba now see the result of their selfishness in the Cuban loan. The final outcome is annexation. They will pay for their failure to give reciprocity by having to give free trade. Are we getting ready to postpone the Lewis and Clark Fair until 1907? If so, Portland may hold the celebration this year with as much propriety as the other.

Lewis and Clark spent the Winter of 1806-7 near Clatsop, near Astoria, and left that place late in March, 1808. On April 2, 1808, Captain Clark discovered the site of Portland. He came up the Willamette River to a place where it was 500 yards wide. Many people believe this place was where the Steel Bridge now is. Settlement at Portland might, therefore, be served better to hold the fair in 1906 rather than in 1905.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(By a belated correspondent.) King Edward was crowned today, but, like a bridegroom at a wedding, he was the little potatoes of the cereonites. The Duchesses of Portland, Westminster and Marlborough and their diamonds commanded all the attention. The Duchess of Westminster had a diamond the size of a hen's egg, which so blinded the Archbishop of Canterbury that he almost made a contretemps in crowning His Majesty.

All the ladies of distinction struggled to outshine each other. They had on all kinds of rich furs and there was so much of it that His Majesty could get a peep out only once in a while. He recognized, however, that it was an affair of the ladies, and looked pleased although bored. Lady Chesterfield's coronet was too large for her head at first, but during the exercises her head swelled until there was a perfect fit.

The Duchess of Marlborough (Mrs. Vanderbilt) showed much aristocratic taste, although she hid behind her husband's fan. The coronation was marred by the fact that the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz stood just one-half an inch to the left of the spot she occupied when Victoria was crowned. She was in hysterics about it afterward. Another blemish occurred when all the peeresses put on their coronets. The white, "Is it on straight?" became so loud that it greatly disturbed the aged Archbishop of Canterbury. Such confusion was never seen. The only peeress who did not contribute to the confusion was Lady Stratford, who didn't care whether her coronet was on straight or not. She is said to believe in woman suffrage.

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