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TODAY'S WEATHER-Partly cloudy, unsettled weather; cooler. South to west winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER-Maximum temperature, 82 deg.; minimum temperature, 57 deg.; no precipitation.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.

CUBAN EMBARRASMENTS.

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ATTITUDE OF THE EMPLOYERS.

The great Pennsylvania coal strike has now lasted three months. People in New York City who must have coal are now paying from \$5 to \$10 a ton for it.

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AN EPOCH IN FREIGHT RATES.

President Stickney, of the Chicago Great Western Railway, has issued an illuminating statement touching the relations between the packing-house interests of the country and the transportation companies.

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CONDITIONS OF THE PUBLIC LEDGER BY A SUNDAY ISSUE OF THE COMBINED JOURNALS.

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"IMMORAL AND SACRILEGIOUS."

Denver has been swept by a moral wave. A dispatch dated August 11 reports: "Huckleberry Finn," Mark Twain's story of boy life on the Mississippi River, has been excluded from the Denver Public Ledger on the ground that it is immoral and sacrilegious.

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BRITISH FOREIGN TRADE.

Chicago-Record Herald. The commercial department of the British board of trade has reached the conclusion that Great Britain cannot expect to maintain her past commercial supremacy, at any rate without strenuous effort and careful, energetic improvement in business methods.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Success is the nucleus of a failure. Must we send for Lewis Clark to come back? Tracy is dead, but the money keeps on.

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