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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair, with northerly winds. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 68; minimum temperature, 58; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, 1902.

WELL DESERVING RECOGNITION.

The exceedingly low rate which the Southern Pacific has made for an excursion to the State Fair on Portland day, September 18, should induce large numbers of residents of Portland to visit the fair on that occasion.

Portland business men have much to gain by spending a day at the State Fair. Nearly all of them stay closely by their desks twelve months in the year, with the exception of a few days spent at the beach in the summer.

There is a need of closer relations between the city and the country—a better understanding of the interest which each has in the other. Country people are too ready to look upon residents of the city as a class who live upon the farmers without rendering a just return.

No better opportunity for a profitable holiday has been presented than in the establishment of Portland day at the fair, with the added inducement of a low excursion rate.

The people of Montana are, literally speaking, up in arms against the proposed pardon by Governor Toole of Harry Clarke, a noted highway robber and one of the most dangerous criminals doing time in the Penitentiary at Deer Lodge.

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It will be seen that the law practically puts it in the power of the miners to say who shall be employed in the mines, and the operators cannot import and employ green men who have no certificates without violating the law.

short, including some at least of homicidal tendencies, might as well not have been taken into custody at all.

LITERARY JUDGMENTS.

Who shall decide when critics disagree? Well, every reader must decide for himself. Perhaps the safest way is for him to do this in any case.

Every great poem there and no poem can be read without the feeling—its also treasure-house of the intellectual powers, and can be studied, like a universe, from that point.

With these and with other quotations of like content, Mr. Howe shows that the reader, if he depends on the critics, will be hopelessly at sea; and also that the teacher, whose pupils are known to consult authorities for themselves, must be very careful, and is in danger of being hurried as well.

It is our purpose to challenge Mr. Howe's conclusions, which are sound so far as they go, or to belittle in any way the side which he espouses in an ancient controversy.

Mr. Howe has himself supplied the grounds upon which the general irrelevance of his Tennysonian enterprise is to be established; for he shows how the surpassing art of Tennyson earns the blue ribbon from a worshiper of poetry.

Mr. Howe's essay will perhaps gain in independence of thought and certainly in self-reliance, but it will not be moved to that more important thing, reliance in faith and affection upon the judgment, in fundamentals, of the great and good whose voice in these matters should become the earnest student's guide and friend.

DO MINERS CONTROL THE SITUATION?

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in a speech made before 7000 strikers near Scranton, Pa., a few weeks ago, declared that fully 90 per cent of the American people believe the strikers in the great anthracite contention right, and the operators wrong.

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The selection of the site for the Lewis and Clark Fair is very generally indorsed by the citizens of Portland who have taken the trouble to inform themselves in regard to the location.

represents street railway interests in Cleveland, and is likely to support Hanna's project, and it is possible that this scheme of perpetual monopoly franchisees in the public streets may be enacted.

Opposed not only to the Massachusetts system, but to the Governor Nash scheme of twenty-year franchises is an immense body of capital under the energetic and astute leadership of Senator Hanna.

GAINS OF DEFENSIVE WARFARE.

The war game played between our land forces on the New England shore under General MacArthur, and our fleet attacking under command of Rear-Admiral Higginson, is a suggestive reminder in its incidents of the progress we have made in scientific warfare.

When the Civil War closed it cannot be said that we had many seagoing ironclads worthy of comparison with our modern battle-ships.

It is not unlikely that he has reached this conclusion. He is not blind to the fact that the progress in the construction of ironclads is being made by the fire of Fort Sumner.

There is little doubt that a man of this temperament ever seriously considered himself a politician in today's world.

No carnival could be quite complete without a human monstrosity shuffling along the streets or stationed upon a conspicuous corner—legless, armless or otherwise without bodily members or proportions—to excite the disgust and the pity of the passer-by.

THE PASSING OF HANNA.

The appearance of Senator Hanna as the champion of perpetual franchises for street railroad companies means that his name can be marked out of the list of possible candidates for President in the Republican party.

Here is the way the Seattle Times figures on the Congressional campaign in Washington:

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Burning Gold.

Reports from southwestern Oregon from Southern Oregon, in Siskiyou and Klamath Counties, from Central Oregon, in Grant and other counties, and from various portions of Western Washington, British Columbia and Idaho, show that, if anything, more than the usual amount of fine timber is being destroyed by forest fires this season.

It follows this method on the forest reserves of Washington and Oregon. Would it not be profitable in the end if an apparatus of extravagance in protecting the open country timber was indulged in?

Anything to Beat Wilson.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review scarcely attempts to disguise its desire for Democratic victory. It says: "The Republican trustees for the Legislature nominees to vote for John L. Wilson until they may be released by unanimous consent, and the Democracy has directed their nominees to vote first, last and all the times for Governor Turner."

Upon the other hand, Wilson at no time has expressed approval of these partisan doctrines of President Roosevelt.

Political Annulments 100 Years Ago.

After the late election for Norwich, Mr. Windham happening to meet one of the electors, was told by him his reasons for not voting for him.

SPRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS.

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Tilden and Watterston.

St. Clair McKelway, regent of the State University at Brooklyn, and Henry C. Watterston, had listened to a politician tell why certain men should be nominated because the people wanted them.

PERSONS NOW KNOWN ABOUT.

Lord Kelvin is the richest of British inventors. He is now receiving royalties on 14 of his patent appliances, which are being used on board the latest Japanese warship.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

Up-to-date—He-I think that, in order to make a good husband, a man should present himself. Very simple, he answers. "I pay for something that I can't get, with money that I haven't got, and then sell what I never had for more than it ever cost."—Life.

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LOVE STAR AND RED TOP.

New York Sun.

The other day Dr. Edward Everett Hale called Texas a "physical paradise." From the pen of a Yankee the Yankees this seems generous praise, but it is cold comfort with the truth as the Texas people see it.

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