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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Occasional rain; 57 to 60; southerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 44; minimum temperature, 27; precipitation, 0.16 inch.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

There is not a power south of Mexico that has treated the United States as an equal in Venezuela.

In spite of all due desire to safeguard the interests of Portland in the transport controversy, it must be conceded that the apparent victory of Seattle is largely due to superior prowess and methods of commercial rivalry which, if not strictly legitimate, are in common use.

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can be shown that the salmon industry has reached the limit of a not burdensome license system. It seems fitting, rather, that an industry producing \$2,000,000 a year should contribute, if more is needed, more than the paltry \$11,000 now realized.

Let us grant, for sake of argument, that the anthracite operators in a given district pay for some 100,000 tons, more or less, of dirt which they are unable to sell.

CUMMINS ON RECIPROCITY. With the general tenor of Governor Cummins' masterly speech at Detroit we are in full accord.

NOT OUR QUARREL. W. Hampton Smith thinks the quarrel of Venezuela is "our quarrel and that we should stand by Venezuela."

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ity of those who wish to "let the tariff alone" now and through all eternity. Reciprocity has done a great work and has work yet to do, though no treaty may ever be ratified.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE. Among the educational efforts that have been evolved from the minds and energies of practical women in this city, aided financially by practical men, is the School of Domestic Science.

The sunshine of yesterday morning lasted for a short time only, but there were no deaths, freezing and the roses are still blooming in many Portland yards.

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The Country Saved Again. Eugene Register. Our country is safe so long as the farmer boy continues to marry his neighbor's daughter.

Could Find No Better Man. Eugene Register. The President will appoint John Barrett, former minister to Japan, as extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Tokyo.

Give Oklahoma a Show. Albany Democrat. As Oklahoma Territory when admitted will have four Congressmen, twice as many as Oregon, it is about time she was given a show.

President Tackles Wheeler County. Fossil Journal. The part of President Roosevelt's message that interests Wheeler County most is the one which promises to send sheepmen written that part of the message themselves they could not have made it more to their liking.

Nonexistent Chances Not Affected. Canyon City Eagle. It must be admitted that Governor Geer used excellent judgment when he refused to call an extra session of the Legislature at the demand of a few people of Portland.

Activity Killed the Pet Measure. Canyon City Eagle. Through the pet measure of some members of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association in matters affecting the future of certain Eastern Oregon counties, they have, unintentionally, of course, killed their pet measure.

Did His Work Well. Corvallis Gazette. The death of ex-Speaker T. B. Reed will create wide regret. For long he was a public figure standing in a strong light.

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Will Cannon Take Off His Collar? Boise Statesman. It has been a habit with Representative Cannon to take his collar when getting into a warm debate in the House.

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Chicago Inter Ocean. In the current issue of the Annals of the American Academy, the Commissioner of Education, Mr. Lindsey, tells us that American "imperialism" is doing for the education of the people of Porto Rico.

There were about 350,000 children of school age in Porto Rico, in the 525 schools under Spanish rule on December 31, 1897, was 22,550. Children whose parents were able were required to pay fees. As these fees went to the teachers, they were collected.

There are many different ways of raising the wind but the least successful is to blow about oneself.

From all reports, there are enough warships in Venezuelan waters to guard the course for a yacht race.

Scientists tell us there are 24,000,000 bacteria in one pound of cherry. This looks bad for the girl with cherry lips.

Can anybody explain why the man who prides himself on saying what he thinks never thinks anything pleasant?

President Roosevelt may now have plenty of holiday reading in the comments of the press on his message.

No wonder the weather man looks sheepish when he sees the fleecy clouds going in flocks in spite of his efforts.

It is reported that a chorus girls' union has been formed. This will give them, it is supposed, better footing on the stage.

Now that gold has been discovered on the streets of Indianapolis the lot of the street contractor will be even more velvet than before.

According to observation, most of the women are doing their Christmas shopping this week. Next week they will do their Christmas buying.

The gamblers are displaying much public spirit. They think they can pay all the taxes. But of course they must first collect them. From whom?

The New York American asks editorially: "Why is New York doomed to perpetual dirt?" The yellow journals seem to be responsible for part of this doom.

If there are many more stories told of starving miners being put to the door with their families, the public will begin to think that the operators have hearts of anthracite.

What is described as "the best portrait of Martin Luther in existence" has just been discovered in Wittenberg. Now, how do they know it is so good a likeness? Possibly it was a speaking likeness.

While the East is wrapped in snow and praying for coal, Portland slumbers peacefully in her valley and demands nothing of heaven but a continuance of present conditions—with, perhaps, a slight improvement in the streets.

In Roland B. Mollneux's new book one may read and catch a glimpse of the tortures this man endured. It is not healthful, it is not a story that will appeal to all, but here and there the unfortunate man strikes a chord in the human heart that does not vibrate often.

It would be most interesting to know why people are so wild to see the news every morning as soon as they get out of bed. Is it because yesterday's news was bad and they hope for better today? Is it because they desire to read the record of and succumb to the utter truth. Yet, a suicide that can be induced to listen to the President's message? Perhaps it is mere human interest, the ancient longing for the horizon. Possibly we all of us are peering into the future, and we read our own course by the experience of others.

Senator Simon, of Oregon, is the only man in the Senate who is shorter than Senator Spooner. The Wisconsin Senator is inclined to be touchy about his stature.

A short time ago he was sitting reading a book in his committee-room, when Dr. Heenan, Consul at Odessa, was brought in by a friend for an introductory talk.

Heenan is a giant, 6 feet 4 inches tall and broad across the shoulders. When Senator Spooner looked at him and said: "And this is Senator Spooner?"

"Great Scott!" flared Spooner, "you don't think every United States Senator must be 11 feet tall, do you?"

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. At the Club-Caller—is Mr. Wainwright Butler—the club is not over—Baltimore American.

Mrs. Lovejoy (quaintly)—I never express a wish that I do not get. I have only nine dogs—Oh, all right. I thought you had children—Life.

Biggs—It strikes me that the fool-killer is neglecting his business. Diggs—His best profit comes from the fact that he might want his own address.—Chicago Daily News.

Dier—They told me Fred had been playing the races. Knickerbocker—He thought he was; but he turned out to be a good loser. The races were working Fred.—Boston Transcript.

Teacher—Bessie, name one bird that is now extinct. Little Bessie—Teacher—Duck. What sort of a bird is that? Little Bessie—Our catbird—the cat tickled him.—Pittsburgh Press.

The Housing Problem—First Lady—They tell me that Corporation houses is to be a few cheap two room and kitchen for twelve people. Let them try to see how many. Second Lady—Nae bath!—Ma—, an' what are we to do w' our coals?—Gloucester Evening Times.

It is the way with all of us. The world is very different from the way it is.

When some one else has found the world that makes the cheering spark; When some one else is riding, where we simply have to follow.

It causes quite a lot of this week-end destruction talk.

But now the world is rosy, and the combs with honey drip.

When some insider shows us how To profit By a tip.

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