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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain, possibly part snow; slowly rising temperature; southerly wind.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 46; minimum temperature, 30; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Wall street professes inability to understand the reasons for the \$50,000,000 protective pool of leading banking houses, and various inadequate explanations are offered.

Raising railway rates is to be defended on the ground of general increase in prices, which is partly explained by property and partnership laws.

American critics who rise from their reading of General Dewet's military memoirs to describe him as the peer of Cromwell as a self-taught soldier.

knowledge of the country and efficient spies. He did the work that Forrest, who was busy with the Southern army in the Civil War.

The English City of Nottingham has a population of 240,000. It owns its own markets, cemeteries, water works, gas and electric service and street-car lines.

Castro's appeal for arbitration at this late date means that he is willing to make peace on the best terms he can get from the allies.

It is the British policy never to consider the cost of a war which is undertaken to enforce protection for the life liberty or property of British subjects.

A statement of this kind prevents human nature in its most unfavorable light. It depicts individual selfishness that hesitates not to grind the face of the poor in the most grasping, sordid fashion.

George W. Tillson, of the Brooklyn bureau of highways, in a recent lecture on "Street Paving" at Springfield, Mass., gave a brief review of the use of wood paving and other methods.

When Thomas Nast called for Guayqui, he sent to the New York Herald a farewell cartoon which now seems to have had a prophetic cast.

range to submit her claims against Venezuela to arbitration, but the claims of France are peculiarly distressing in character.

The sugar crop in Porto Rico for this year is the largest, with one exception, ever produced. There has been considerable increase in the area of tobacco culture.

"A CONSUMERS' TRUST." The public has been led to suppose that the trust business is in the hands of capitalists entirely, and that it represents solely the greed and selfishness of corporate power.

After detailing at some length the difficulties under which transportation companies labor in their efforts to relieve the stress caused by a midwinter shortage of coal in these cities.

The serious illness and seemingly impending death of Cornelius Vanderbilt have, it is said, had a tendency to close the breach in the Vanderbilt family.

New Hampshire proposes to abolish the title of "His Excellency" as worn by the Governor. It ought to have been abolished long ago.

A cousin of King Alfonso has been arrested for gambling. His father-in-law, in the scale of inheritance as head of that branch of the Vanderbilt family.

Expansion by Assimilation. Baltimore Sun. The process of assimilation has developed a curious, but not a new, custom.

The Duty on Coal. Boston Herald. President Roosevelt seems to have mustered courage to interfere with the sacred Dingley tariff sufficiently to recommend the removal of the duty on anthracite.

The statement was made before the Senate committee on immigration at a hearing on the proposed amendment to the immigration bill recently that the state insane hospitals of New York contain 24,000 inmates.

SPRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS We all lean by Experience. The President trusts that it is only the shots that hit that count, possibly having in mind all the ammunition he has wasted upon the trusts.

Sauce for the Goose, Etc. Eugene Guard. That Police Judge down at Portland is to be commended for the stand he has taken in refusing to sentence Chinese gamblers who may accept your money when they see a police fall to arrest white gamblers.

Incredulity at the River's Mouth. Astoria News. There is an agreement between the Union and Northern and the Great Northern, whereby the Astoria Railroad will be used by all three lines as a trunk line.

The World's Worst Business. Albany Democrat. Perhaps the worst business in the world is gambling. It is a dishonorable way of making money, even when conducted along fair lines.

Yes, but What's His Name? Dallas Times-Mountaineer. So far as Eastern Oregon is concerned it has not or at least should not have anything to do with Eastern Oregon.

Make It Half a Million. Tillamook Independent. There is quite a division in the minds of the people of the state with regard to what would be a sufficient amount of money to be appropriated by the Legislature.

They Deserve Pay. Grant's Pass Courier. Away back in 1856 the Territorial Legislature of Oregon passed an act, or more rightly made a promise, to pay all the soldiers of the war of 1855-56.

In Defense of Grant County. Canyon City Eagle. Outside papers comment on the proposed organization of Grant County cattlemen and sheepmen to preserve the range of this country for recent stockmen.

With No Bad Habits. Spare Moments. A merchant in one of our Northern cities lately put an advertisement in a paper headed: "Boy Wanted."

The West Wind sings a song to me and sings a song to you. Of mighty cities yet to be. The West Wind sings a song to me.

MANNERS AND MORALS OF ENGLAND'S VERY SMART SET Good morning! Going shopping? The Christmas tree is being discussed in all its branches.

Bloodless surgery is being successfully practiced by wives on their husbands' pocketbooks. How many fond men are pondering whether to get their high-born sons steds or skates?

When the cousin of King Alfonso of Spain was arrested in a gambling-house he immediately challenged the Prefect of Police to a duel. In Portland the man who is arrested gives a good reason and poses as a martyr.

A small girl who has just begun to attend school recently brought home a pumpkin seed and told her brother that the teacher said that although the seed was white the pumpkin would be yellow.

On every corner one sees the uniform of the Salvation Army and the sign telling that contributions will be received for Christmas dinner.

Senator Hanna knows how to point a joke or an anecdote, relates the Washington Post. He was bantering Senator "Billy" Mason the other day about nursing a Presidential boom.

How will you fix it about your seat in the Senate while you are running for the Presidency yourself? retorted Mr. Mason.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHS Your daughter is a great belle in your household, eh? Yes. She starts away from home so much.—Brooklyn Live.

Physician—Madam, I find your husband has pneumonia in its worst form. Mrs. Newcomb: "I can't understand that. We are certainly rich enough to afford the very best there is.—Chicago Daily News.

It was since the coal famine began. The boy had been to church, and was still shivering when he reached the cheerless hearth.

San Francisco Bulletin. The suit of Sir Charles Craddock Hartopp vs. his divorce gave the vulgar public a peep into the manners and morals of the extreme smart set of England—the set that hunts in Leicester-square.

For Lady Hartopp it must be said that that testimony proved her very immorality directly, but Lady Hartopp called on her at her hunting cottage, spend the whole day with her in hunting, return home with her in the evening.

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It had touched 308 in 1900, but began to fall off while the Sherman law was still in operation, and it is perfectly evident that no expedient of the Government could have maintained prices, in view of recent developments.