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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain continues this afternoon; broken rain showers westward.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 57; minimum temperature, 41; precipitation, 0.34 inch.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21.

SIX DEADLOCKS.

Yesterday's ballots in various State Legislatures resulted in six deadlocks. In California, Spooner is re-elected...

Other notable re-elections already held or foregone conclusions are ten in Wisconsin. Clay in Georgia, Pettus in Louisiana, Hansbrough in North Dakota...

DOES OREGON WANT GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION?

Sixty days have passed since the meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Commission, and the committee has not yet reported...

Oregon will not get Government money for reclaiming arid land unless it shall put forth intelligent effort in that direction. To call a meeting and adopt burning resolutions will not do the business...

stupid. People of the semi-arid districts are as much alive to their needs now as ever. What they lack is organization...

QUIET LIVES.

So peaceful and unassuming a body as a Y. M. C. A. convention is unable to restrain our strenuous President from enforcing his familiar philosophy in vigorous terms...

With the general tenor of Mr. Roosevelt's Washington address, and with most of its specific utterances, all good citizens will be in full accord.

As we have frequently remarked, it is not our own country that we love, it is the world. It is for the world that we live, and it is for the world that we die.

THE SYSTEM AND THE MAN.

It is entirely in keeping that the Lieutenant-Governor of South Carolina, nephew and associate of Senator Tillman, member of the inside governing ring upon occasion prove himself a cold-blooded murderer.

When there came a time when South Carolina cared nothing for the opinion of the country; when she organized her politics upon the motives of "white-man rule" by whatever means the work should require.

But there came a time when the ruffians of South Carolina politics discovered that they were doing the work of state politics while their aristocratic associates were merely its ornamental attachments.

posts and "honors" naturally belong to the noble. But, recalling the noble history of South Carolina in her better days, one could weep for the pity of it.

A STATE SECRET.

Young Mr. Hobson replies to those who criticize his absence from office duty that he has a private understanding with the Secretary of the Navy by which he is to continue his lecturing tour...

The popular enthusiasm created by the Civil War did not much attach to the naval service. Farragut, Cushing and Porter were, indeed, for a time names to conjure with on patriotic and sentimental occasions...

This was the situation when, nearly fifty years ago, the great disaster at Samoa, with its incidents of heroic conduct on the part of American officers and men, attracted public attention to the poverty of the naval service.

The divorce colony of South Dakota has doubtless been set in a flutter by the decision of the United States Supreme Court that divorces procured abroad are not valid.

Testimony accumulates showing that the bubonic plague has found a favorable and officially concealed breeding place in San Francisco.

The way of the transgressor is being trodden by a large number of boys. Naturally, they find it hard. It may be feared, however, that their feet will all too soon become accustomed to the penalties that beset the way.

The Seattle grand jury is getting down to work in the indictment of gambler in a way that promises some good results. The pursuit of the irresponsible, wholly discredited developer has been abandoned.

There are indications of a purpose at Manila to make Major Edward P. Glenn, of the Army, the scapegoat of a situation in which he appears at least not more blameable than others.

SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS.

Their Thirst for Notoriety. Eugene Register. The Tillmans continue to agitate the country. One shoots an editor and the other fires blank cartridges at Congress.

Protection First, Consistency Afterward. Melford Southern Oregonian. Our new policy of imperialism is responsible for our lessened force the Monroe Doctrine may have.

About \$35,000 Too High. Eugene Guard. The State Board estimates that the general expenses of the State of Oregon for 1903 will be \$350,000.

Uses a Forceful Leadership. Salem Journal. In Iowa Governor Cummins has taken the stand for a reasonable revision of the tariff. He has definite ideas and convictions.

Negro Behind the Fence. Albany Democrat. An Oregon official this week has been dismissed, and the reason is that he has been in the habit of getting drunk.

Might Be Some Excess, Then. Weston Leader. If Oregon were a bankrupt state instead of a prosperous commonwealth, whose coffers are bursting with idle gold, then a great advertising project such as the Lewis and Clark Centennial would be in- expedient and unwise.

A Movement for Progress. Pepperc Gazette. The Gazette has the opinion that the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation will have a hard struggle in the Legislature.

A Duty of Portland. Moro Observer. The term "inland regions" was originally applied to regions tributary to the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Kipling Reveals His Character. Astoria Astorian. Rudyard Kipling is pleased to permit the Ladies' Relief Society of Oakland, Cal., to publish a calendar containing excerpts from his works.

The Day Will Surely Come. Coville. As it has been with the coal trust, so in time will it be with the steel and other combinations.

Murderer Tillman has made a mistake in resigning his office just as his character as a hero under the South Carolina political system has been established.

The campaign for the Lewis and Clark bill in the House at Salem was evidently headed with unusual judgment, prudence and skill by Representative Maloney.

Expansion of American Capital. Philadelphia Record. American capital is not yet adequate for the country's industrial opportunities.

YAWNING AND THE HIGHER LIFE. Kansas City Star. A new prophet has arisen in Chicago—Mr. Tomlins. Mr. Williams, of Tomlins, former director of the Apollo Club, "expert in musical training."

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHER. Flora—Somewhat, Jack cannot seem to get courage to propose to me. Dora—Perhaps he afraid you'd say "bizzard" Philadelphia Evening Post.

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THE TREATY WITH CUBA.

Now that the text of the treaty with Cuba has reached the public, it is easy to estimate at its true value the opposition to it which is shown by the extreme protectionists in the Senate and which the sugar-beet lobby threaten to aid.

From the point of view of the protectionist the treaty is as one-sided as the traditional jug handle, and the United States gets the better of the bargain with its new sister republic.

As we have said, it would seem that a treaty of this sort would secure the stability of even the most hardened and greedy protectionist. Its benefits, however, are still greater when we consider the reductions of 25 per cent, and 35 per cent, and 40 per cent, on the various kinds of American exports to which they relate.

As our readers are well aware, we do not ourselves regard these reductions on either side as for the advantage solely of the other side. We are confident that they will be for the decided profit of the country making them; that they will help the consumer, and promote trade and prosperity.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

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Those coal barons who have money to burn are about the luckiest men the public has its eye on these days. If Mr. Bryan wishes to study the money question any further, we advise him to delve into the Delaware Senatorial contest.

King Alfonso may be bored to death, as a recent dispatch says, but this should not be taken as news that he has gone up against a garrote. It is only a level-headed man who looks well in this new brand of hat that the heartless manufacturers are trying to make Portland wear.

The current financial reports advise that everybody hold on to railroad stocks. Most of us would like a chance to exercise our grip in this way, but the material is lacking. Oregon has more baseball clubs, more candidates for the United States Senate, and 117 more kinds of weather than Colorado, but in the matter of Legislatures we are beaten by one.

Rev. C. F. Spaulding, of Des Moines, says he may accept a call to Portland. We hope he will. There is something about his name which makes one think he will get along well here. Ambassador Joseph H. Choate had dressed clothes while traveling on a train from Dover to London. We extend our condolences, but it is with some satisfaction that we recall how few suits Mr. Choate has lost.

Minister Bowen will have no reason to be disappointed. He has introduced a bill in the Legislature yesterday requiring that the constitution of the state and Nation be read in the public schools of New Hampshire every year—New dispatch. The school children of Concord have probably been snowballing Winston, but he is taking a pretty mean way to get square.

"Away back in the Dark Ages," said the Koback philosopher in Puck, "a baked trout in a silken bag was prescribed for rheumatism. In the enlightened present we resort to the faith cure, magnetic healing, the mud bath, electricity and one sonorous sounding opathy or another. About the only advance I can detect in our present method beyond those of other days is that they ain't as tough on the food."

Stirred by Gabriele D'Annunzio's good example, Mark Twain announces that he is giving his skull to Cornell University, where it can be studied for the enlightenment of future generations. "I am getting pretty old," said Mr. Clemens, speaking on this subject, "and shall probably need the skull after next Christmas. But if I should I will pay rent." He modestly declined to state what rental he thought a skull like his ought to bring in the open literary market.

The Dutch who founded New York were not the lazy folk Washington Irving described for us in his Knickerbocker history. Mr. Thomas A. Janvier gives just due to this thrifty and energetic race by his "The Dutch Founding of New York," which opens in the February number of Harper's Magazine. Incidentally Mr. Janvier explains how the Dutch West India Company was primarily intended for use as a weapon against the power of Spain, and only secondarily as a commercial experiment. The plan was to utilize this small but well equipped company in carrying Spanish vessels and sacking remote Spanish colonies.

Hugh O. Pentecost, who fell out of orthodox several years ago, and since then has been climbing laboriously and not very effectually back again, told a story that was sent to his Twentieth Century by a contributor. Although the point was against his atheistic opinions, Pentecost was sufficiently "liberal" to state his force.

It seems that a certain Parson Goodloe of Kentucky, was detained one wet night at a small tavern in the wilds of the West. Among those who gathered about the stove was a youth who greatly "fascinated himself," and when the talk turned upon matters of religion, gave utterance to some very heretical views.

"Why is it," said he pompously, "that it is that Jesus didn't answer some of the honest, brainy folk like me?" "Young man," said the dominie, quietly, "you seem to have read the Bible to little purpose."

"How so?" interrupted the young inquirer. "I've read the Bible and there's nothing in it like that."

"Oh, yes, there is," answered the parson. "You'll find the quotation in John, tenth chapter, fourteenth verse."

"And what does it say?" asked the youth, scornfully. "It says," replied Goodloe, calmly, "and Jesus, when he found a young ass, sat thereon."