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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Generally fair; north wind.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 49; minimum temperature, 41; precipitation, 0.05 inch.

JUSTIFICATION OF WATERWAYS.

The portage railroad around the dikes of the Columbia is not conceived in any quarter as a permanent solution of the difficulty...

The farmers of the Columbia Basin compete in the markets of the world with the poorest lands of Asia and South America.

SHRINKAGE OF SALT LAKE.

Great Salt Lake is subject to remarkable alterations of rise and fall in the level of its waters.

Mr. I. H. Murdoch, Section Director of the United States Weather Bureau, in an article in the National Geographic Magazine, writes that the present area of the lake is about 1750 square miles.

SNAKE RIVER INTO THE COLUMBIA.

If so, it was a vast body of fresh water, which began to sink only when by deficiency of precipitation or other cause it became a closed lake.

ELIOT ON POPULATION.

President Eliot's strictures on excess in athletics and his opinion that post-graduate students continue to collyberry may be unreservedly indorsed.

The fertility of the human race is in inverse ratio to culture, possibly to intelligence. This is a universal law.

There is no great loss. The highly cultivated are not necessarily more fitted for perpetuation of the race than are the children of the soil.

IMPENDING WAR IN THE BALKANS.

If Turkey refuses reform of political and civil abuses in Macedonia upon the present terms, the present accession to the treaty of the Balkans will produce a war.

TRY AGAIN, SENATORS.

What is the matter with the Senate committee on elections? Its members for the most part profess interest in the reform of primary elections and the direct nomination of candidates.

APPEAL FROM CENTRAL OREGON.

Cook County, one of the best and most prolific counties in the state of Oregon, is suffering from two sources, which, when combined, will in the near future...

The Harriman system still objects to the extension of this road then let them commence a road at the Dalles to run into this county, as such a road would not be compelled to enter the Harriman system...

The Oregonian has little doubt that the direct nomination system has commended itself to the people of Oregon and to the members of the Legislature.

The New York Financial Chronicle publishes the annual estimates of the world's production of gold and silver for the year 1902.

WHAT IS ARID LAND?

It would seem that the difference between timber land and arid land ought to be sought to prevent such a mistake as appears to have been made in the Walker Basin, near the headwaters of the Deschutes.

The rush for city jobs is unprecedented. This is saying a great deal, but it is, according to veracious testimony, true.

RELIFF BY PORTAGE ROAD.

Information comes from Washington that the House Committee cannot pass the bill on this subject.

RAISING THE PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

It is very generally admitted that the head of the executive branch of the greatest and richest nation on earth does not receive the compensation which the dignity of the office demands.

GROWING TIRED OF TRUST RULE.

Many men who have sold out to trusts have grown weary of fiducion or a salaried place or submission to a board of directors and have gone back into their old business with the capital which they had paid them for the works—almost invariably more than they are worth.

AN ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE.

Senator Keam has moved because of the filibustering of opponents of the statehood bill.

SAMPSON'S HEROIC DEATH.

It has transpired that the name of Admiral Sampson is to be added to the brief roll of the heroes of the Spanish war, who have lived down their names in the annals of the Spanish War.

The facts revealed by the publication of Admiral Sampson's medical record are breaking out in all the papers that were hostile to him, with the veiled intimation that the Government was at fault when it intruded important command to one afflicted with a malady almost certain to prove mortal.

His military record was justly honored by the people. The brave warrior and patriot yet he accepted the assignment with his heavy weight of responsibility, its increased strain upon his failing health, and its almost certain sentence of death.

IN RE HOBSON.

It is not likely that the Navy will ever lack men ready to attempt such brave deeds as that of the doctor, who gave his life for a ship's company.

DETROIT FREE PRESS.

One of the most shameless propositions made in connection with the effort to get the statehood bill out of the way in order to proceed with the other important business of Congress is to have the Senate adopt the measure with the understanding that the President will veto it.

WOMEN OF A HANDSOME HERO.

That heroic farce was a bad thing for Hobson. How singular that it should have settled in his eyes! The young man is deserving of all our sympathy.

MAY HAVE AN ULTERIOR PURPOSE.

It will be observed that Mr. Quay has not carried out his announced intention of causing the Senate to hold continuous session until it agreed to take a vote on the statehood measure.

SYMPATHY FOR THE "ANGEL."

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst contemplates the publication of an "Angel" newspaper in New York. Like most other persons who are engaged in the struggle for a livelihood, most Americans would gladly see their outgoing chief magistrate in a position to enjoy a reasonable and comfortable income.

THE ONLY CURE FOR THE EVIL.

If Congress would wisely regulate the combinations let Congress repeal the laws of its own creation, out of which the evils have grown.

L'ÉVOÏL.

When earth's last picture is painted, And the tubes are twisted and dried, When the oldest have passed away, And the youngest their graves have died, We shall rest—and, faith, we shall need it— Lie down for an hour or so, until the Master of All Good Workmen Shall set us to work again.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

A Kansas City law firm has sued a telephone company because "central" would not connect other phones with their own. Now, "central," will you be good?

An Oklahoma editor, noting the assertion of a scientist that "if the earth should be flattened the sea would be two miles deep all over the world," says: "If any man is caught flattening out the earth, shoot him on the spot. There's a whole lot of us in Oklahoma that can't swim."

Rev. Annie Ford Eastman insists that the limit of a minister's profession is 35 or 40 years, and that at the end of that time he should be shot. Has the Rev. Annie reached the limit? If so, apply her remedy—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

With all due deference to the mandatory opinion of our hypochondriacal contemporary, we must confess that we see no reason for awaiting the expiration of the time limit in Annie's case.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer published an editorial yesterday on the trouble in the Balkans. The article appears to have been hurriedly dashed off by the sporting editor, and is, therefore, in some degree immune from criticism.

Both Tarkington is regarded by other members of the Rediana Assembly as the redoubtable of the House. Every time he stirs the eyes of his fellow sions are on him, and his cigarettes are mysterious to some of the lawmakers.

Captain Riggs, of New York, according to the newspapers, is lamenting at the death of red-haired typewriter girls. "A straight 'ad' would bring me fifty girls in an hour," said Captain Riggs.

The following epistle was received at the desk yesterday: Teaching the tenderfoot how to pronounce the name of our beautiful river; and also as a feeble imitation of the style of the verses published in The Oregonian concerning the gentleman from Nantuxette.

After mature deliberation, we have resolved not to publish the rest of the verses, fearing that the gentleman may have been incorrectly quoted. It seems certain, judging from the handwriting, the stationery and other eloquent signs, that the versifier is a woman, although all signatures has been thoughtfully omitted.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHS. Judge—Do you want a worse revenge than the Judge—Yes, yes. Judge—Make him eat some popular health food.—Baltimore Herald.