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TODAY'S WEATHER—Showers, south to west winds. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 77; minimum temperature, 50; precipitation, trace.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1903.

FAILURE OF ARBITRATION.

The reply of the boss painters to the journeyman's offer of arbitration indicates that no amicable settlement of the labor controversy is yet in sight. It is not improbable that the matter now at issue—namely, of working of union and nonunion men side by side—will have been submitted to arbitration by the boss painters a month ago, if the unions had consented.

RELIANCE, COLUMBIA OR CONSTITUTION?

While it is still early to pass judgment upon the merits of the Columbia and the Reliance, nevertheless the present and most decisive hearing which the old Columbia gave to the new defender has given us a scare that the most marvelous work on the part of the new defender will restore the shattered confidence.

GOVERNMENT AT LONG RANGE.

The difficulty of governing distant dependencies without jobbery and the scandals that grow out of it is nothing new in the annals of colonial government. Its base is in the greed of human nature and the opportunity for its development that distance from the seat of authority or the base of supplies encourages.

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as the enemies of unionism fondly imagine, a death-blow to organized labor in Portland.

THE FIREBOAT.

The Legislature which passed the bill enabling Portland to provide a fireboat undoubtedly intended that the craft should be available for any and all sections of the water front of this city. Such a boat can be constructed with the funds from the special tax for that purpose.

NO ARGUMENT FOR SUBSIDY.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is very much distressed over the fact that there are over a dozen disengaged American vessels on Puget Sound and in San Francisco. It lugubriously calls the attention of The Oregonian to the fact, and says:

Private Wadsworth, of the Eighteenth Regiment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, while on guard during the late coal-strike difficulties, had orders to let no one approach the house of a nonunion miner which had been dynamited the night before.

Read This Ye Skeptic.

When Mme. Adelaide Ristori, the illustrious Italian tragedienne, first played Queen Elizabeth in this country she was called "the greatest actress of the age." She was in the very flush of magnificent womanhood, and her wonderful histrionic powers were thoroughly seasoned.

Mr. Roosevelt on Roads.

Like Mr. Bryan, Mr. Roosevelt addressed the National and International Good Roads Convention at St. Louis. He has sound opinions as to the value of good roads, and of the man who "can't take a turn on a bike," even to a neighbor, because of the road.

Mr. Edmunds Forecasts It.

The far-reaching decision against the Northern Securities Company sustains the contention of ex-Senator Edmunds, in a recent issue of the Weekly, that the Sherman anti-trust law would have been sufficient, without amendment, to accomplish its purpose.

"Othello" as Acted in the Orient.

Just now in Japan "Othello" is being played to a rapt audience. The scene is laid in Formosa. Othello becomes Lieutenant-General Muro; Cassio, Major Katsuo-Yoshio; the unfortunate Desdemona, Tomone; and Iago, Lieutenant Iya. Othello is a complete vindicator with his sword instead of smothering her, and is allowed to commit seppuku instead of stabbing himself, as does Othello. Bianca is a goddess, and all sorts of other changes are made.

Might Prevent Many Failures.

The failure of a shipbuilding concern is said to be due to the neglect of Congress in not passing a subsidy bill. No doubt Uncle Sam could keep a good many people from falling if he would throw the doors of the Treasury open to them.

Emigration from Ireland last year.

Emigration from Ireland last year included 40,491 persons. In 1901 the population of Ireland was about 5,000,000. The population today is under 5,000,000. The emigration from Ireland since 1851 has been 5,221,222 persons.

nature being what it is, it is not surprising that men find their way to these remote localities for whom the temptation proves too strong to be resisted. The Administration has given abundant evidence of its unfeeling hostility to purpose by making the difficulties that beset the question of government at long range promptly and searchingly.

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Vermillion (S. D.) Republican. Theodore Roosevelt has broken bread and lodged within the borders of our state and passed to and hence in many respects our President is a wonderful man—many sided, transparently honest, a lover of books, streams, woods, trails and mountains. He has read that, best of all, honesty—the sort which comes to the man who pulls up a blanket about his shoulders and far from the habitues of men is lulled to sleep by the night voices from out canyon or forest of pine and hemlocks. We care but little for Roosevelt the politician, but we do love the scholar, the woodsman, the plainsman and the hunter. Theodore Roosevelt is a modern Jefferson, a worthy type of the gentleman in high regard with the people. The littleness of the big armies of politicians and neither fears nor trusts them. May the Almighty fare our President well, whether we sign his political creed or not, in other words, we will support the fearless man—who will spot a rogue in his own party, and to whom ability and worthiness are more than the color of the skin.

Span of Life Lengthening.

Kansas City Star. Everybody who reads the newspapers and who keeps tab on the vital statistics knows that people live a good deal longer these days than they did a hundred years ago. There has been, it is true, a hiatus in longevity records since the generation of Adam, but when a man or woman dies now at the age of 50 or 60 years, the penalty of dissolution is not augmented by the charge of senility. With all of the vital extracts which the medical art has evolved, and with the remarkable multiplication of hygienic foods which now furnish forth the average citizen, it is not surprising that the rule rather than the exception for persons of sober habits is to live a hundred years.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

Washington Post. Prospective bettor—is he a good "mud-bore"? Jockey—is he? Why, say! If that horse was human, he'd play golf in March-Puck. He—No; all my pictures are rejected. She—What had I said of all them? I am surprised. And they bang so much rubbish— "Mars Bill gone bang" again! "Yes, I hear him say 'fer day dat gittin' fall at home was gittin' 'nigh' mon'noon!"—Atlanta Constitution. "Try one of our new safes," said the man in the furniture shop; "they're very healthy. Everyone is stuffed with a new breakfast food."—Yonkers Statesman. "Hoiden—Burglar says he always says what he thinks. Don't—The second for he beat him at the club last night, and he didn't utter a word the whole evening."—Boston Transcript. "I can't say why so much of my work is rejected," said the struggling author. "I'm sure it is strictly original." "Perhaps that is the trouble," rejoined the sympathetic friend. "—Chicago Daily News. "I understand Goodman is a candidate for Mayor of your town." "Yes, but so is Crocker." "Goodman is surely better able to fill the place." "Yes, but Crocker's better able to get it."—Philadelphia Record. "How is your youngest daughter getting on with her music?" "Splendidly," answered Mr. Cramer. "Her instructor says that she plays wonderfully well." "I'm glad to hear that." "I never never dreamed of it."—Washington Star. "What reason have you for thinking that the defendant was intoxicated?" "Well, your honor, when his wife called me over, I found him in the cellar cutting kindling wood with the lawn mower."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Young wife—the minister wants every woman in the church to be a good housewife, and I don't know what in the world to do. Husband—You spoke about needing a new dress, didn't you?" "Yes, I did." "I'll get it for you." "I'm going to pay me so much an hour while I'm being staid, and then she can charge it on the bill."—New York Weekly.

GENERAL MILES CONDEMNED.

The Army and Navy Register. The Army and Navy Register of the Army has explained in a communication to the Secretary of War the valuelessness of Lieutenant-General Miles' comments on what appears to be in most instances a rumor and a false report.

THE MYTH OF SOCIAL EQUALITY.