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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair and slightly warmer; northerly winds. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 61 deg.; minimum, 46 deg.; precipitation, .08 inch.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1903.

THE AMERICAN RACE.

President Roosevelt, in his speech at Kalama, Wash., yesterday, among other things said: Here on the Pacific Coast we shall see a peculiarly masterful and dominant type of our people grow up...

PROGRESS OF LIQUOR LAWS.

Under the new Vermont local option license law, all license fees go, one-half to the local treasury and one-half for the construction of permanent highways throughout the state...

hearted, versatile and mercurial people. Certainly it is true today that our American civilization makes no large contribution to the world of art, science or high literature...

BLESSINGS OF CHEAP COAL.

The engagement of an unusually large fleet of ships to load coal at Newcastle for San Francisco supplies the text from which numerous protectionists of the rabid type are preaching on the injustice to the down-trodden mine-owners of the Pacific Coast...

PUBLIC CORRUPTION.

The municipal corruption exposed in St. Louis has sent six or eight members of the city government to the penitentiary; there are five members of the State Legislature under indictment for selling their votes...

ARE, WHERE ARE THEY?

Where are the champions of organized labor now, in this hour of misfortune? A thousand voters have a thousand tongues bespeaking the lessons of experience, yet some of us will wade through them all and come out none the wiser...

USE AND ABUSE OF REFERENDUM.

The initiative and referendum was designed to forward the best interests and wishes of the people, not to hinder, so the sooner the people set down on anyone trying to make use of it for exactly the opposite the better it will be for all concerned...

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HARRIMAN'S RAILROADING.

The city of Portland, it seems, has finally become quiescent to the obstacle the Harriman transportation system presents against the logical development of the Northwest country...

TEMPERANCE HOTEL.

Irreverently Compared With a Unitarian Meeting-house. London Letter in Christian Register.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Still talking about him? If we only had had yesterday's weather on the day before...

THE WAR DISPATCHES FROM PUGET SOUND.

The war dispatches from Puget Sound will be of interest today. The chance doesn't come very often, and we have a right to celebrate.

ABOUT THE ONLY FREIGHT THAT WILL SUIT EVERYBODY.

The little boys are already beginning to store up what's left of their enthusiasm for the Fourth of July.

THE AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION OF FIRE-BUGS.

The Amalgamated Association of Fire-bugs hasn't passed any resolutions on the fireboat question yet. What's the matter?

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THE POLICE REPORT THE FINDING OF SEVEN EMPTY POCKETBOOKS.

The police report the finding of seven empty pocketbooks at the scene of the accident in the City Park. Most of us would like to discover seven full pocketbooks.

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THE COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Council and the Executive Board have suddenly become cognizant of the fact that Portland has had streets. The general public has known about it for some time, strange to say.

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