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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair and warmer; southerly wind.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1903.

BANKING REFORM IN OPERATION.

There is an excusable tendency to speak of our monetary development, present and hoped for, as banking reform, rather than currency reform.

Within the fiscal year just closed 333 National banks, with a capital of \$25,000,000, have been organized at places of 3000 population or less.

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It seems as if the record of this fiscal year should give pause to the questionable projects of the Aldrich bill.

In places where the summit of the range was more than ten leagues distant from the windings of the coast, and in such places the distance of ten leagues should be the boundary line.

DEAD AS A DOORNAIL.

When the initiative and referendum amendment to the Oregon constitution was submitted to the people by the Legislature, the Oregonian hazarded the conjecture that it would ultimately fail in the courts, for precisely the reason now cited by the Circuit Court in declaring it invalid.

For its advocacy of the amendment in 1898 the Oregonian has no disposition or occasion now to apologize. The fact remains, now as then, that such an instrument of the popular will would inevitably act as a deterrent upon corrupt legislation.

But in practice this vengeful trinity of loof, labor and lunacy has stabbed the referendum to death for all future time. They tried to put it in supreme power, but with such faultless inaccuracy that it can never recur from their attentions.

Therefore we propose you, gentlemen, the Constitution of Oregon as it stood when signed by Matthew P. Deady, president; Chester N. Terry, secretary, and M. C. Barkwell, assistant secretary.

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The incidents of the life of Joseph A. Strowbridge as evolved from pioneer conditions may be said to belong to the commonplace, yet a greater measure of financial success followed his endeavor than did any other man of his time.

It is scarcely possible, indeed, to see how they could have. For the boundary depends on a treaty written with a precision that seems to leave no room for dispute.

opportunities afforded by primitive conditions had their long and busy day, and of its earnings and accumulations they have given life and energy and the solid foundations of prosperity to the community.

GENERAL GORDON ON GETTYSBURG.

Today is the anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, where after three days' fighting the Union Army, under General Meade, finally repulsed the magnificent assaults of the Confederate army under General Lee.

Longstreet says that Meade held the shorter line and could reinforce his assault on Lee's center more rapidly than Lee could; that is, he was sure to "get there first with the most men."

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A typographical error in yesterday's Oregonian destroyed the sense of an item regarding the estimate of the Northwestern wheat crop for 1903.

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underestimated his enemy and the strength of the position assaulted. He made the same mistake at Malvern Hill, which for the numbers engaged and the losses of the Confederates in a single day's fighting was as bad a repulse as Gettysburg.

RICH MEN PROMOTING ANARCHY.

The Outlook. It may well be doubted whether the reddest socialist is doing so much to undermine the property rights as the Napoleons of finance who lay society under contribution to great fortunes that lack the solid basis of proportionate services rendered to the community.

On the referendum the decision came up in a sort of negative way. The charter of the City of Portland was declared valid, as it went into effect on the emergency clause, because the referendum amendment which sets aside or prohibits the emergency clause, except in a certain narrow class of cases, is invalid.

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A Prince as an Orator.

Freeding at the Hotel Cecil over the 25th anniversary of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, Epson—the largest gathering ever assembled in England in aid of a medical charity—the Prince of Wales made an earnest appeal for a record subscription.

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CLEVER TRAVESTY ON POLITICS.

Yesterday's session of the school for Vice-Presidential candidates was the most exciting of the term. Interest in the work has been growing rapidly, and new pupils join the class daily.

Here the Beveridge boy, bubbling over with pride and enthusiasm, interrupted with "Please, sir, counting this week's Commoner, Professor Bryan has only 48 qualifications under ordinary circumstances would make excellent Presidential timber."

"How do you make that out, Bertie?" inquired the teacher with an indulgent look. "I thought the roll called showed only 48."

DRUMMER BOY OF SHILOH.

Identity of Lieutenant-Colonel Clem, Quartermaster's Department. Washington Post. "An item in the Post, mentioning the presence in the city of Lieutenant-Colonel John L. Clem, of the Quartermaster's Department, United States Army," said a member of the Civil War Society.

A Thriving City.

Every true Oregonian is proud of the magnificent increase in size and commercial importance of the City of Portland during the last few years.

Quacks at Home and Abroad.

One of the criticisms made upon the American people by that keen German observer, Professor Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard University, is the number of quacks which are doing their pseudo-scientific, quack doctors and the like.

Statesman in Great Luck.

Every American politician must secretly thank his stars that he was not born in England, where officials are expected to resign when they are criticized by the public.

Desperate Effort.

Colonel J. W. F. Hughes has the following advertisement in a Topeka (Kan.) paper: "Wanting, a girl for housework. No wages, but family, good pay; hot and cold water, bath, horse and buggy; both telephones; piano."

DELAWARE'S LYING BEE.

We trust Russia will not protest to our State Department against the Wilmington burning. Philadelphia Ledger. "These burnings at the stake throw much light on the so-called barbarity of the dark ages."

Down in Delaware there is a clergyman who preached the doctrine of lying from the pulpit and then a mob of 4000 lynched a negro in the town of Delaware.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Just one more day. Kaddery pays the freight. And it's only a day, thank Heaven!

There were no casualties in the automobile race. And it was in Ireland.

Which is worse, a lounge in a wine-room or a luxurious apartment in a well-assigned house?

There are moments when our revered forefathers who invented the glorious Fourth must be glad they have gone where there are no fireworks.

"Duties that are too low should be increased, and duties that are too high should be reduced," declares the Iowa platform in clarion tones.

The steady growth of ill health among members of the House of Commons suggests to a London writer the necessity for a change in the present house and habits of Parliament.

When Henry Irving was rehearsing for his production of "Faust" he experienced much difficulty in restraining the exuberance of the supers, who persisted in being light-hearted, even in hades.

Mme. Norcross, the beautiful California singer who has won great success in London, made her first appearance as a very young girl at the Madison-Square Theatre, New York.

According to a French writer colored bills posted in streets reveal the character of the people the posters are intended to interest.

Mrs. Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont, dressed up at the station at Hampton, Long Island, from her country place and found that a hackman was occupying the spot at which she wished to stop.

Among the institutions of Manhattan Island is Robert M. Budd, "Back-Number Budd," a place business at Thirty-sixth street, where one may find back numbers of almost any paper or periodical from the year 1833 to date.

FLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

Variety is the spice of vice.—Life. "Brain-wracker, is he?" "Oh, no. He writes words for popular songs.—Judge. The son of the self-made man generally begins at the top and works downward.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The next morning he read in the papers that his wife's face champagne beggared description. "Then I am not alone in being deceived," she exclaimed, and a strange courtier crept into his desolate heart.—Puck.

Mrs. Nargus—What an odd, interesting piece of furniture! It looks like an antique. Is it a chiffonier or a bookcase? Mrs. Borus (with a trifling author's vein): It's my husband's writing desk.—Chicago Tribune.

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The New Generation.—Yes, I suppose it was awfully good of the "Governor" to leave me this place, but I don't care for it. He was too practical a man to have really good things. She—Still, you ought to be glad to have a place like this to rest in after your father's labors.—Brooklyn Life.