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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 79; minimum temperature, 56; precipitation, 0. ... TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy; cooler; southwest to northwest winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JULY 18.

WHAT'S TO BE DONE, AND WHY.

Nothing could be clearer than the fact that the so-called detective force of Portland is utterly inefficient and worthless. This is primarily the fault of the officers themselves, who are behaving like a pack of undisciplined, jealous schoolboys.

Behind the detectives is Chief Hunt. No one could possibly frame a more pitiable demonstration of administrative failure than he himself has framed by his own complaints that his force will not obey him.

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Liverpool price of wheat, but for the past two seasons millers have paid prices far out of proportion with the Liverpool figures, and are continuing to do so since the cut in rates. There is not enough old wheat still unsold in the country to make the reduction of great importance now.

ITS PURPOSE AND ITS PLACE. Determination of the two exposition boards to co-operate in erection of a Lewis and Clark memorial-building takes that popular project from the realm of dreams and puts it among the certainties.

Decision on these heads must be referred largely to the purpose that the building is designed to fulfill. This is to be an historical both of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and also to afford permanent repository of such relics and records of early Oregon history as would naturally find their way to such a place of safety and usefulness.

The equipment of the building would naturally include a music hall suited for a lecture-room; the offices of the Oregon Historical Society; rooms and cabinets for books, manuscripts and relics.

This is a public enterprise, and it is worth while to consider whether the location of the site by the City of Portland would not be proper—some such site, for example, as the plaza square opposite the block between the City Hall and the Courthouse.

It is a suggestion that is perhaps worth consideration of the public generally, of the city authorities. The building would rightly and necessarily pass into the possession and control of the city.

THE WATCHFUL THREE. In considering the situation in the far East, there are certain underlying facts to be remembered concerning the three nations most prominently involved.

First—Natural causes are forcing Japan to expand.

Second—State policy, with natural causes as a minor factor, impels Russia to expand.

Third—Great Britain's fear is spontaneous and factitious.

Japan, owing to the growth of her people, is compelled to expand, and in the direction of Korea is found the line of least resistance.

The entry to the Pacific, for a century the chief aim of Russian statesmen, has at last been achieved. The Slav has spread over Asia, and the interior peoples of the Continent bid fair to amalgamate if not to combine with him.

Great Britain is anxious to retain an open market in China. On an equal footing, she does not dread defeat, but with a power that is essentially hostile, dominating the rich markets of the Orient, her outlook would be bleak.

fact rather than tackle Japan and Great Britain together. As to the latter power, her obvious course is to leave Russia safely alone, and to strengthen her own "sphere of influence" in the Yangtze Valley.

EXPENSIVE DISCRIMINATION. Evidence of the desire on the part of the Government to do the fair thing by Portland in the way of transport business and supplies is accumulating.

Popo Leo XIII has always acted toward the Jews in the spirit of these noble words of his great predecessor. Leo, in his encyclicals, has touched upon all the relations of life—the family, the liberties of the state, labor, property, charitable effort, secret societies, education, socialism, the unrest of the world, and the unity of Christendom.

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church when the oppressed humanity of Europe took its appeal against civic cruelty and crime to the vicar of Christ holding the keys of St. Peter. The "lawful circle of Rome" meant something as a city of refuge in the Yangtze Valley.

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A STEEL-FRAMED GIOTTO'S TOWER. The great problem of present day architecture is to adapt the new structural architectural style, that is, to give to modern skyscrapers a beauty as genuine as that of ancient palaces and public buildings, religious and secular.

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PRESIDENT'S GOOD EXAMPLE. When First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne stood upon the discharge of his duties, Machen and Beavers sneered at him, declaring they would "punish" him.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Took an Owl Car. Home they brought her warrior dead. She snored but uttered cry. "Well I knew," was all she said, "If he took a car he'd die."

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PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. A Georgia editor has discovered an author who has "a trunk full of stories and two barrels of poems. The only difficulty is to ascertain what poetry brings by the barrel now—Atlanta Constitution.

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