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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 65 deg.; minimum, 41. Precipitation, 0.07 inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy, with showers; winds mostly southerly.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1904.

A GOOD DAY'S WORK: When the forces now dominant in the Republican party of Oregon carried the Multnomah County primaries of 1890

When the forces now dominant in the Republican party of Oregon carried the Multnomah County primaries of 1890 against the Simon element, it was their purpose to nominate Judge Hartwell Hurley, of Portland, for the Supreme Bench.

In Multnomah County we find this same element represented by the Circuit Bench two men who were put in their places by Simon. The nominee for State Dairy and Food Commissioner is also a relic of the Simon regime, and so is the nominee for Superintendent of Schools in this county.

We shall not undertake to say that the present regime will be any improvement on the Simon regime, but common justice demands recognition of the fact that at least a good beginning has been made in the direction of liberal policy and party harmony.

It is unnecessary at this time, as it will be fitting at later times, to dwell in detail upon the qualifications of the nominees and the considerations that should impel all Republicans and all independent voters to bestir themselves.

DEFICIENT SUPPLY OF HARVEST HANDS: One of the greatest difficulties with which the wheatgrowers of the great Northwest have to contend is the scarcity of competent labor in harvest time.

Year after year the cry goes up that the fields are barren, that the harvest, but the laborers are few. But as yet no plan promising relief for this very trying situation has been devised.

Within recent months measures have been taken through the organization known as the Western Association of Free State Employment Bureaus whereby it is hoped that the annual stress for harvest laborers may be relieved, at least in a degree.

especially Minnesota and the Dakotas, are expected to join in the effort. The plan is to organize a free employment bureau in connection with the department of labor in every state, with correspondents in every county.

amount of wool imported falls far short of making up the deficit, it is not clear what can be done unless the tariff is knocked off, giving foreign wools a chance to come in and knock shoddy out.

A SLANDER ON SCOTLAND: The Oregonian is in receipt of an address delivered by the Rev. Dr. Buckham, president of the University of Vermont, before the Scots Club of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Most political platforms err on the side of prolixity, misrepresentation, sickening gush and stupid nonsense; but yesterday's utterances of the Oregon Republicans summarize the political situation in this state and Nation in a few clear-cut sentences whose meaning none can mistake.

Experience should have taught the American people by this time that business conditions are not the result of accident or the gift of Providence, but depend upon the intelligent adaptation of means to ends.

More than forty years ago Dr. Leonard Marsh, an eminent physician, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and professor of animal and vegetable physiology in the University of Vermont, told his class that the intemperance use of alcoholic drinks by the overworked and intemperate operatives in England's great manufacturing districts was due to the fact that they were overworked, ill fed and ill housed.

There is terrible poverty in the cities of Spain, although the Spanish are not a drunken people. There is awful poverty in the great cities of Asia, where the population is congested. Wherever you find the wages are so low that it implies a filthy and wretched family environment, there you will find the vice of intemperance in the use of nerve stimulants.

It is fitting that this platform should emphasize in its opening and closing passages the debt of gratitude laid upon Oregon toward the Republican leaders, President Roosevelt, Speaker Cannon and Chairman Taft, as well as those of the Democratic party for support in this campaign.

The secretary of the Montana State Board of Sheep Commissioners is out in a strong denunciation of the Montana Sheep Bulletin against the adulteration of woolen manufactures with "shoddy."

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the Greeks any more than Lord Byron's "Don Juan" made a nation of libertines out of the English people. Nations do not use alcohol or abandon its use because poets sing in its praise or dispraise.

The Republican State Convention wisely in neither indorsing nor opposing the direct primary nomination here. The proposed law cannot be considered in any way a party measure.

For the want of a county convention, we are supporting the direct primary nomination law, with the desire that thereby the will of the people may prevail in the selection of candidates.

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STUDYING LOUISIANA HISTORY: The newspapers in Oregon and Washington say that reading clubs in their midst are studying the history of Louisiana, the state which was one of the biggest events in the country's history.

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OTHERS ARE ALSO DISPLEASED: Chicago Inter Ocean. The United States Census Bureau has assumed a grave responsibility in setting the date for the Chicago city directory.

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