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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair and slightly warmer; light to fresh northwesterly winds.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, JULY 26, 1904.

SUNDAY AT EXPOSITIONS. An Oregonian, writing from St. Louis, says that no one should deceive himself with the idea that the closing of the gates of the Exposition on Sunday is a benefit to the city.

CONFIRMATIONS, for the sake of a nomination and of election and declares that he regards the gold standard as "firmly and irrevocably established."

But how is the gold standard irrevocably established? How can it be? Congress is master of the money standard.

Possibly the American people, in view of their past experience, will think it best not to fight with this question further, and will be willing to leave all jugglers, like Judge Parker, out of consideration.

HOLDINGS. In a new pamphlet on "The Mineral Resources of Oregon," by J. H. Fisk, published by the Lewis and Clark State Commission, mention is made of molybdenite, which is said to exist in extensive bodies in Union County...

THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER has an account of large deposits of this ore in British Columbia, chiefly about Stoney Lake. The same publication also has a statement of the uses of molybdenum, which are many, and certainly will be much extended, as soon as it can be produced in quantities.

THE MINNEAPOLIS MILLERS who have been fighting for years against the discrimination of the railroads which make a lower rate to the seaboard on wheat than on flour are agitating a resumption of river transportation. The Northwestern Miller, which is the chief organ of the flour-milling industry, refers to the Mississippi River as "the great neglected opportunity in America," and declares that with proper facilities, which the millers themselves can easily provide, flour can be transported from river points to New Orleans at one-quarter the rates now exacted by the rail lines for moving it to seaboard.

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These losses are in fact not a necessary at least an inevitable concomitant of swift travel. The number of passengers carried in the year was 69,431,232, and it is only in contemplation of this inconceivably great number that the comparative smallness of the losses appears. Indeed, when one reflects upon the carelessness and inexperience of many travelers, the wonder perhaps is greater that no more are injured. Where trains plow through excited crowds at open stations, as at Gladstone Park or Coney Island, it seems almost a miracle sometimes how some of them escape being caught under the wheels.

This does not mean, of course, that official vigilance should be relaxed or strict accountability waived or condign punishment withheld in any case. With all that conscientious operators and stern courts can do, there will still be danger, and every preventable one, and this includes the indirect charge in decreased traffic, in renewals and in claims for damages.

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JUDGE PARKER AT HOME.

Pittsburg Dispatch. Parker stories are scarce. There is no public man about whom fewer anecdotes are told. This is due largely to his reserved life and reticence, although no one loves a good joke or story better.

One is related at the Judge's expense. A very able New York attorney, who was quite deaf and very sensitive, was arguing a case before the Court of Appeals. He dwelt at length upon a fundamental law principle. Finally Judge Parker interrupted.

"I would deem, Brother Jones, that you infer that the court is not well versed in this elementary law point."

Now, the attorney didn't catch what was said, but he made it a rule to agree always with the court said. So, smiling and bowing he said:

"Precisely, Your Honor, precisely. You have stated the proposition correctly."

Out at the general store at Baopus the village wisecracks gather each night to discuss the events of the day. On every night save Friday, by the light of a very smelly oil lamp, they talk Judge Parker. One of the talkers, a young fellow, Judge Parker invariably is present.

To the simple minds of the villagers Judge Parker is certain to be the next President of the United States, less majestic and horribler, to hold otherwise. They all talk of "when the Judge is down to Washington," and they often refer to "President Parker."

"Go in to the Nauguration." One of the shrewdest of the old wise-agers is "Uncle John." He is a tall, angular farmer who wears a small bunch of whiskers on the point of his chin. His clothes are shabby and his boots are shabby felt boots. He is the hottest Parker man in the country.

Heckon'll go down to the 'nauguration' and he'll be there. There is no doubt that a large proportion of these will be persons looking for investment or a place in which to settle. It is for the purpose of what the Portland position will prove of very great benefit to the state. Furthermore, our people should take special pains to have a good display of their wares at the exposition.

They are sure after Uncle Henry. They have lost no time. They have cordially welcomed Uncle Henry in a warm and hearty way. They have done him an awful secret between Uncle Henry and the paying teller.

What is more, they evidently do not mean to let Uncle Henry. The Judge, up at Rosemount, splashes and plunges around in the limpid waters of the Hudson, attracting the curious attention of the city. He is practically neglected by the directors-general of the Democracy. Uncle Henry is accompanied in his comings and goings by a large number of his friends. The Committee, each of whom carries constantly in his pocket a supply of blank checks in readiness for the psychological moment.

The Judge is an abstraction, so to speak; Uncle Henry is something concrete. He is, in very truth, the individual they require, and it is all nonsense to talk of gloomy ways to gloom, because of his advanced age and lack of physical vigor.

If Uncle Henry's writing hand gives out, the city will be a checkered way to a stamp. As we have remarked before, all is well.

O MY! O MY! Birmingham (Ala.) News, Dem. Roosevelt is exceedingly unpopular with a very large proportion of his own party. The business interests of the country are afraid of him. There is a widespread impression which is based upon the conduct of the President himself that he is a man who is not only ignorant of the practical complications of half an opportunity presents itself. He is personally offensive to the people because of his unbecomingly bombastic, high-handed and arrogant. With a self-esteem and an insatiable ambition he has put himself in the same class with the Gannett, the French monarch who considered nothing higher or greater than his individual views and aspirations. This strong imperialistic tendency of a bigoted nature, which is a democratic people. They have had an ample sufficiency of an erratic, domineering egotist, and the returns in November will register their repudiation of the most obvious mistakes that ever got into the White House by accident or otherwise.

A Singular Statement. Philadelphia Inquirer. James M. Hines, member of the Democratic National Committee from Tennessee, talks in the manner in which many Democrats are talking. "The issue," says he, "will be Rooseveltism, and the two National platforms are almost identical, so that it will be a question of which of the two candidates for President can best be relied upon to carry out the pledges of his party if elected."

The Development League. Gerv