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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 70 deg.; minimum, 50. Precipitation, none.

THE MINING CONGRESS. Cultivation of the soil and the care of stocks precede the development of the mineral resources of the earth.

It was only in a small way that agriculture could get on, till production of metals came in to help it.

The search has been chiefly for gold and silver, but there will be broader horizons in the future.

The Mining Congress, to sit at Portland this week, has purposes in which our whole people, in whatsoever line of business engaged, cannot but be interested.

GOLD WHEREVER YOU FIND IT. For the first time since its organization, the American Mining Congress has come to the Pacific Coast.

result in Oregon will be consequent upon the meeting here this week. Portland is conservative. While there is always surplus capital seeking employment, only a small part of it has gone into mines.

Attractive programmes have been prepared for each day's session. Who goes to them with attentive ear will increase his theoretic and practical knowledge.

It has been asserted that the apportionment of state revenues in proportion to the county expenditures takes effect in 1905.

It is infinitely easier for officials to comply with clamors for lights, improvements, etc., than to say firmly "No."

A VICTIM OF THE READING MANIA. And now it is said that Mary Robinson, the 14-year-old girl who disappeared last month from her home in St. Helena.

story, disgusting enough before, becomes by this rendition doubly nauseating. With the chief cause of this young girl's undoing standing forth in its plainness, it is well to emphasize anew the necessity of correcting in its incipency an inordinate desire to read that, unchecked in immature minds feeds gluttonously upon every printed story upon which the subject can lay hands.

"Organized Labor," a paper published at San Francisco, in its issue of August 13, has an elaborate editorial carrying the title, "Fundamental Principles of Unionism."

It is an interesting question whether there is to be general avowal by organized labor of this statement or doctrine, as a definite and inflexible principle.

There is, no right superior to or higher than the right to work for one's daily bread. Men may combine if they will—and often it is best they should—to get better terms for their labor.

"The Association also expressed its opinion that the most efficient means of preventing the influx of American soldiers is to be found in improving the German-made article."

stock of morality. In France cant is almost unknown. So it will be here, after a while, when we shall have reached a higher culture and civilization. Vice with us grows in France and Southern Europe much less so.

That General Nelson A. Miles should declare for Parker and write fulsome letters to him and for him is not surprising. For many years, even before he went on the retired list, Miles was a fussy politician.

Before Japan's meteoric appearance had attracted so much attention to Asia, and so before there was to be a general talk of Oriental progress in Occidental civilization, Kipling wrote his story, "The Man Who Was Wrecked."

Portland in the next few weeks is going to entertain a large number of Knights Templar, every one of whom will take at least a hasty survey of the most beautiful city in America.

An ominous silence has fallen over the scenes of war in Manchuria. The same cessation of news preceded Klunlenching and Nanshan, and in a lesser degree, the operations around Tachikiao.

A BALANCE WHEEL FOR INDUSTRY. Maxwell's Tailsman. It is indeed a strange thing that so few think out to the bottom the great economic problems which confront the business world.

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It is no more impracticable than was the original suggestion that the National Irrigation idea, and the building of irrigation works costing many millions of dollars by the National Government.

Not Peace, But War. (Lillian Russell says she agrees with the Kansas City woman who asked for a divorce because her husband never approached her in the slightest degree.)

"I want no man who has gimples on his feet," said a woman who was asked who she would marry if she were free.

PERTINENT COMMENT. The Arkonaut. The first thing to be noticed in Alton B. Parker's speech of acceptance of the Democratic nomination for the Presidency is his characterization of the St. Louis platform as "admirable."

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Quay's Sauerkraut. Philadelphia Ledger. Politicians who know Senator Quay are familiar with the little kegs of sauerkraut he sends them every year.

Long Time Between Battles. Pueblo Chieftain. Sir William Butler, an English soldier of distinction, said recently in giving testimony before a British commission in regard to militia service:

Make Way for the Lady. Chicago Record-Herald. One of the lady poets sings: Let us go down to the sea, ere the noisy day be over.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Samovar and Samisen. Our great story of the Russo-Japanese War. (Summary of previous chapters—Michio Popoff Falls in and is out a Rooble. Disguised as a Bale of Hay, he makes his escape from a Japanese Prison, and is on his way to Niuchwang when there is a terrific explosion and Popoff—)

A Tragedy of Opposites. CHAPTER I. Smith is on. CHAPTER II. The horses are off. CHAPTER III. The winner is in. CHAPTER IV. Smith is out.

Consideration. Russian nihilists are reported to be experimenting with a noiseless bomb, in the hope of being able to kill the Czar without waking the youngster.

Another child story from the New York Tribune: Little 5-year-old Edith, a Chicago girl, was taken to a dentist, who removed an aching tooth.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR. "What are the probabilities for tomorrow?" "That the weatherman will again be wrong."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.