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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 61 deg.; minimum, 58 deg.; total precipitation, .00 inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Showers; brisk south to west winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, OCT. 11, 1904.

AMERICA'S SUPERIOR SHIPPING ADVANTAGE

And now comes the Democratic party and presumably after mature deliberation wheels into the advocacy of a subsidy for American shipping.

Mr. Hepburn at the recent National Bankers' Convention told his hearers that our exports were not unfavorably affected by the fact that most of them went in foreign bottoms.

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THE KEISO OUTRAGE

The recent outrage reported from Keiso, Wash., is one of those inconceivable atrocities that are now and then perpetrated in a civilized community.

But was this late re-litening the indication of a smoldering spark of humanity or merely a further revelation of the brutal cowardice that is a controlling element of such natures?

Civilization in its higher judgment does not tolerate cruel and unusual forms of punishment. Even a murderer is punished the least cruelly upon his victim.

With the rain—or rather the delicious drizzle-drozzle—that came for several hours yesterday the long dry season of 1904 may be said to have been brought to a close.

Still those who insist that they never knew so long a dry season as the one just past need not yield their views.

To show by comparison how dry the past season has been, here are the figures for the average rainfall from 1867 to 1904.

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The present discussion has arisen because of a decision rendered by Circuit Judge Hamilton, at Corvallis.

RUSSIA FEEDING EUROPE

It is not alone by reason of her big war in the Far East that Russia is attracting world-wide attention at this time.

Naturally under the stress of such enormous shipments from a single country the foreign market is exhibiting no desire to advance in price.

The attention that is being drawn to the Coos Bay country and its wonderful resources should stimulate railroad builders to promote the development of this rich section of the state.

A good place for the open-air treatment of consumption in this county to begin is in connection with the sufferers from this disease who are county charges.

Even in these days, when dogma has fallen upon evil times, it is startling to find a minister of one of the great denominations declaring his belief that within the next hundred years every ecclesiastical organization in America will be in a position to smolder in every corner of the globe.

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SLANDERS ON ODELL

As he is the responsible director of the Democratic campaign in this state, we invite Mr. Alton B. Parker's attention to the contemptible attack on Governor Odell in the New York Times.

The World is putting the matter very mildly to say that it is a great wrong to the state and an outrage upon its Governor to accuse him of dishonesty upon no other ground than "suspicion."

But Mr. Parker is the person we shall hold responsible for failure to repudiate the slander on Governor Odell.

As it is well known, the overshadowing issue in the present National campaign is that of protection for American industries versus free trade.

The alleged robbery lies in the tariff which our government imposes on English and other foreign manufactures.

Some complaint is made about Atchison houses. It is charged that they stalk their way to a door ahead of their wives and often let it slam in their faces.

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GOLD AND SILVER OUTPUT

Washington Dispatch, N. Y. Tribune. George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint, has completed his calculation of the production of gold and silver in the United States for the world for the calendar year 1903.

Table showing Gold and Silver Output by State for 1903. Includes columns for State, Gold, Silver, and Total.

The total number of ounces produced in the United States for the calendar year 1903 was 54,300,000. The value of silver is computed at 44 cents a fine ounce.

Table showing Crisp Banknotes in Circulation by State for 1903. Includes columns for State, Crisp Banknotes, and Total.

The days of the crisp banknote are numbered. Instead of the money which the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing will hereafter turn out...

Ways of Husbands. Atchison Globe. Some complaint is made about Atchison houses. It is charged that they stalk their way to a door ahead of their wives...

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NOTE AND COMMENT

ALONE IN AFRICA. A Story of True Love, Western Grit, and the Power of Classified Advertising.

Summary of previous rounds—Sullivan Gulch wishes to marry Clemantina. Sullivan is kind of a guardian. Clemantina is kind of a guardian.

Having attended to this business, young Gulch dropped into one of the boxes that were removed before October 1 and drank a scoop of beer.

General Kuropatkin is going South for the Winter. Tom Watson is the real tabasco of the campaign.

Keep your eye on your umbrella. Also keep your fist on it. Portugal is having trouble with African natives, just like a great Power.

Such is the power of fashion that it would be as easy to recognize an individual Populist on the information that he wore whiskers as to spot a girl on Washington street on the hint that she wore a brown hat.

A blameless young man from Umattilla County, where it does not rain, contributes the following extract from a letter written—he says—by a Pendleton girl who married a Portlander.

WEX. J. Small Boy—Mister, ma wants to know if you'll please stop your auto in front of our house for half an hour.