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Portland, Tuesday, August 10, 1905. A FEW WORDS WITH MR. HARRIMAN.

Mr. Harriman's explanation for failure of his railroad system to pay any attention whatever to Oregon during many years is substantially that he had more important things to do.

We rather prefer Mr. Harriman's explanation as being the most relevant and reasonable. We haven't the slightest doubt that he states, from his standpoint, the simple and exact truth.

As for France, she joined the coalition from a double motive. It was, for one thing, a safe and efficient way for herself to ally with France.

France is no more friendly to Japan than she was ten years ago, but she is much less dependent upon Russia and in much better relations with England.

up the Columbia River is a spectacle altogether novel and refreshing. Indeed, it is to laugh.

While we are on this subject, it may as well be said that the people of Portland have done somewhat more than their share in keeping an open river from here to the sea.

ARCHBISHOP CHAPPELLE. The church adds one more name to the long roll of her martyrs.

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OREGON OZONE

A Missourian has discovered a method of raising corn without irrigation even in the driest weather. He plants potatoes, onions and corn in the same patch.

At a recent church gathering one of the ministers protested against the singing of those beautiful words: "Have you had a kindness shown?"

A London newspaper, with the largest circulation in Great Britain, has been calling upon King Edward every day for two weeks to step down from the throne and let the people establish a republic.

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WHY THE SUMMER IS HOT

This Pioneer Says It Is Due to the Absence of Smoke, Which Tempers the Sun's Rays—Hot Days in Former Years.

ALBANY, Aug. 8. (To the Editor.)—It is the common remark that we are having a dry and hot Summer without precedent in the history of Oregon since the first settlement.

The Summer of 1873 was a very dry one, but smoky, so much so that it was the common saying that the smoke was virtually the making of our crops.

I was at the Warm Springs Indian Agency, and remember how, morning after morning, the smoke from the "smoking spots" on the sun without the use of smoked glass.

During the Summer of 1885 a terrible fire raged in the Coast mountains, northwest of Forest Grove, Washington County.

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WHAT UTAH HAS DONE.

Has Remembered Jefferson in His Great Work of Discovery.

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—(To the Editor.)—The Sunday Oregonian illustrations of the various state exhibits at the Fair are both interesting and instructive and are a timely move in the right direction.

I write to say, however, that Utah has quietly and unostentatiously reminded us that in our speeches and writings we have unconsciously ignored the master spirit of our invasion of the Northwest.

In the colonies of the Government building is a tablet by which we are told in substance that the Lewis and Clark expedition was a fair gift from the Government.

Where Are the Portland People? PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—I have greatly enjoyed the fine concert given by the Portland people at the Exposition in the evenings when it is cool and pleasant.

A HUMAN PRESIDENT. Chicago Evening Post. It means much to the country, doubtless, to have a human president; it means much more to the country to have a human President.

HERE'S A NICE SKIN GAME. How an Illinois Visitor Was Held Up in a Barber Shop.

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