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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Threatening, with occasional showers; westerly winds.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, MAY 13.

In opening war on the Republican candidates for the Legislature, Mr. Bingham has used a method of advancing his wholly meritorious scheme of primary reform.

As for the direct primary system itself, it is deserving of all support, not only for its promised eradication of primary abuses, but also because it is really an essential part of the general scheme of secret ballot and honest electorate inaugurated in the Australian ticket and the device of registration.

The fact is that any man who obstructs a Republican triumph in Oregon next month shoulders a very heavy and dangerous responsibility. This applies to every office on the ticket, but it applies with peculiar force to the choice of Congressmen and members of the Senate.

In the long run, the gold standard is a blessing to the silver miner as well as everybody else, if they only try to see it. What they think they need is free coinage and feverish inflation.

Large Eastern demand steadies the price of silver. Some 12,000,000 fine ounces of silver have gone out of the United States supplying 80 per cent of the amount.

owes much of that literature which to use his own language, "consoles sorrow and assuages pain, brings gladness to eyes which fall with wakefulness and tears and ache for the dark house and the long sleep."

GHOSTS THAT ARE LAID.

An effort has recently been made through the War Department to ascertain the present burial spot of Colonel William L. Crittenden and his comrades, who were shot in Havana at 2 o'clock in the morning of the 18th of August, 1851, at the foot of Alameda Castle, and were buried in the old Alameda cemetery.

THE GREAT INSPIRE.

Current magazine interest in Macaulay is not surprising when we remember the service he did for his day and generation and the more abiding influence for good he exerts to the present time, through the impulse his pages give in the direction of the master mind.

Why was this? Why does Macaulay above English essayists, like Carlyle, De Quincy and Matthew Arnold, succeed so splendidly in informing, illuminating and inspiring the mind of the average reader?

Another powerful advantage possessed by Macaulay was that as a man he was a far nobler type of Englishman than either Carlyle or De Quincy. Macaulay carried a list of Scotch Presbyterian ministers on his father's side, while his mother was the daughter of a Quaker patriot.

The charm and practical rather than visionary quality of Macaulay's literary work is due to the fact that he was once a scholar and a man of the world, and that during his public life, even in India, he was a man of perfect bodily health.

An illustration of one of the practical difficulties in the way of successful missionary work is afforded by a recent incident in Idaho. For a number of years the Connecticut Mission Association has conducted a mission school at Fort Hall, but recently transferred it to the Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Lord Roberts is in Koonstad, which means that he is about 125 miles nearer Pretoria than he was at Bloemfontein, which he left ten days ago.

are impatient to be released from denominational restraints and theological dogma. They wish permission to carry to the heathen the simple gospel of salvation.

LIGHT OF GREAT DARKNESS.

One phase of the servant-girl question which every employing house-mistress fully understands is that suggested by the home department of the Woman's Club of this city, in its purpose to grade wages for household labor.

THE VERACIOUS DESCRIPTION OF THE MAYOR'S PROPOSAL.

"How'm I a-bettin'! Why, Storey, of course," declared the Old Rouser, in response to an inquiry.

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