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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Threatening, with possibly showers; northerly winds.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1900.

Many persons must have wondered at the imposing array of prominent people sprung with such cheerful freedom by the woman suffragists as supporters of their cause.

Most of the members of county committees of the Oregon State Suffrage Association have the name of Mrs. Bernard Daly.

This development comes from the fact that Mrs. Daly is a very uncomfortable bore. The natural avenue of escape, to deny responsibility for the mistake, is closed to him, because of his extreme and uniform gallantry.

A circular scattered from door to door about town in the interests of the so-called Citizens Legislative ticket makes violent war on certain Republican candidates.

Sympathy is a good thing, even when based on a misapprehension of the facts. But there are other considerations to be taken into account in the selection of public officers.

Mr. Chase is entitled to re-election by every consideration of common justice. The political fair dealing and sound public policy, he should be elected by a decisive majority.

In a discussion of the forthcoming census, printed in this column yesterday, the vote of Oregon for President in 1896 was given as 83,000.

A case is soon to be heard in Brussels that illustrates the corrupt policy of the leading "bar" nations. The Transvaal Government is suing the Northern Railroad Company.

General Soubert, \$25,000 in shares. Vice-President of the Transvaal, \$2500 in cash. President of the Volksraad, \$25 in cash.

The postal scandal in Cuba points directly to the radical difference between the administration of public affairs there by the Americans and Spaniards.

Mrs. Fischer seems to be a talking delegate. She assures us the Boers do not want the Americans to fight, only to give a declaration of sympathy.

out benefiting the Boers, provided enough of us entertained such sentiments, but even then foreign countries would not follow our example unless they were prepared to interfere in the substantial way.

Historical error is persistent. Sometimes its reality is due to superficial acceptance of whatever one may see in print, to the neglect of acknowledged authorities.

Attempts have also been made to show that the Louisiana purchase did not include Washington and Oregon. But in point of fact it not only included the area now comprised in those states, but it extended clear up to latitude 54 degrees 40 minutes north.

St. Louis is preparing for a great fair on the centennial of the Louisiana purchase, and the boom spirit is abroad in the land. It is a small feat to jump the summit of the Rocky Mountains and carry the western boundary of Louisiana clear to the Pacific.

There never has been any question about Oregon not being included in the Louisiana purchase in the minds of historical students. Louisiana stopped at the summit of the Rocky Mountains, which was the extreme limit of the French explorations.

There was no speech in cold type to be studied and its weakness exposed, the impression made by an eloquent orator remained stamped upon the minds of his hearers.

Yet, notwithstanding the substitution of the printing press for the stump speech and the platform lecture, there is an inviting future for oratory.

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A receiver was appointed the other day to administer the estate of the First New York Beet Sugar Company.

Sugar is our largest import; we consume more sugar per capita than any other country. We spend a great deal more money for foreign sugar than we receive for the wheat we sell abroad.

The interstate forensic contest at Seattle Friday night, though the first between the state universities of Oregon and Washington, is but one of a number of like contests that have taken place between various colleges in the two states.

Before huge daily papers, containing not only all the news, but exhaustive discussions of all subjects of interest, political, financial, scientific and literary, were to be seen at every household in the country, the people depended for enlightenment upon these subjects on the public speaker.

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Not every craft that sails for Nome will reach the goal. One already lies on the sands of Point Wilson, and others will be lucky if the water is as shallow when they come to disaster.

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Two years ago, when Major Kennedy was running against Dan Moore for Clerk of the Circuit Court, he found that a large number of gentlemen whom he had never seen before were so deeply soiled with his success that they would follow him around town and offer him job lots of votes at bargain prices.

The advocates of the shipping subsidy bill will no doubt make the most of the "object-lesson" given to some of the members of Congress by Representative Wacher.

As a part of our representative extracts of English literature, we print this morning a portion of Mr. Henry Drummond's celebrated essay, "The Greatest Thing in the World," a piece of writing which has enjoyed a wider vogue than any other modern work of evangelical Christianity.

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MASTERPIECES OF LITERATURE—XIV

Basis of Christianity Not Faith, but Love—Henry Drummond.

Every one has asked himself the great question of antiquity as of the modern world: What is the summum bonum—the supreme good? You have life before you. Once only you can live it. What is the noblest object of desire, the supreme gift to covet?

Whether there be prophecies, they shall fail. It was the mother's ambition for her boy in those days that he should become a prophet. For hundreds of years God had never spoken by means of any prophet, and at that time the prophet was greater than the king.

Then Paul talks about tongues. That was another thing that was greatly coveted. "Whether there be tongues, they shall cease." Consider the words in which these chapters were written—Greek. It has gone. Take the Latin—the other great tongue of those days. It ceased long ago.

Can you tell me anything that is going to last? Many things Paul did not concede to name. He did not mention money, fortune, fame, but he picked out the great things of his time.

Some think the time may come when two of these three things will also pass away—faith into sight, hope into fruition. Paul does not say so. We know but little now about the things above the earth that are to come.

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

The repose of manner and dignity of bearing which distinguished Judge Thomas O'Day when he is not cutting the cord that binds the eagle down on the rostrum have not deserted him, even in this hour of sore need.

The Prohibitionists, defying all the traditions that have been theirs since they began to make war on the inalienable right of the American citizen to become intoxicated, have nominated a full ticket.

Is the Son of Man before whom the nations of the world shall be gathered. It is in the presence of Humanity that we shall be judged. And the spectacle itself, the mere sight of it, will utterly melt the hearts of men.