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TODAY'S WEATHER—Probably fair, with westerly winds.

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IGNORANCE AS A MOTIVE POWER.

If the men who rushed to arms on either side of the great struggle of 1861-62 had known more, they might not have rushed to arms at all.

Patriotism, itself is largely composed of elements that tend to dissipate before the rising sun of scientific study and social cultivation.

How social cultivation tends to soften the stern qualities of patriotism is a familiar story.

Our civil conflict, says Spencer Wilkinson, the famous British war critic, "had its origin in conditions of long and gradual growth, rendering an ultimate explosion inevitable."

altogether wicked. See how education has set aside the traditional revivalist with his thousands of yearly converts, and the temperance apostle with his pledges by the carload.

PRICELESS TREASURES OF LITERATURE.

No department of the modern world of books bears a more impressive aspect than does that of selected readings and literary studies for the use of schools.

The new method is thoroughly scientific, because it reduces to a minimum the element of chance in putting the student in touch with the literature best suited to furnish his mind.

What single agency for good can do all compare with the acquisition of wisdom and beautiful thoughts from all the ages? For him into whose nature has entered and found lodgment the melody of Shakespeare, the majesty of Milton, the contemplative melancholy of Job and Jeremiah, the grace of Dante and Virgil, the high thoughts of Burke and Macaulay, the appealing cry of Tennessee, the prayer of Whitlitter—

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stood fast and refused to ruin the Whig party by adopting the compromise measures of 1850, there would have been no Republican party, for there would have been no need for it, no room for it. But Webster and Clay signed the death-warrant of the Whig party,

THE SMALL COLLEGE.

Herbert W. Horwill, in the current number of the Atlantic Monthly, makes a forcible and thoughtful plea in behalf of the small college, as clearly distinguished from a university, like Johns Hopkins, which aims not so much at general culture as the production of specialists, and seeks directly to promote investigation and research.

Every professor may become directly acquainted with each student. The small college allows and directly invites friendly intercourse between professors and undergraduates. In a large college the undergraduates split up into cliques or create artificial associations, while the small college itself is the true fraternity. The list of distinguished men who have been produced by the small colleges of the country is a remarkable one.

When Webster made his famous argument in the Dartmouth College case before Judge Marshall, he said: "Dartmouth is but a small college, sir, but there are those who love it." Nearly all the eminent men in old England who received any kind of degree of academic culture received it in small colleges.

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his keen-eyed professor would only have been possible in a small college, and Darwin might otherwise have lived and died a mere dabbler in literature, music and art. The business of the small college is to increase its power by compression, not to dissipate and attenuate it by idle efforts at inflation and competition with so-called great colleges.

ORATORY.

George F. Hoar, in the current number of Scribner's Magazine, argues that the gift of eloquence is the single gift most to be coveted by men. With the exception of Patrick Henry, Fisher Ames and Daniel Webster, Mr. Hoar holds that the number of American orators who will live in history as orators can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

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REDUCTION OF ROYALTY ON YUKON GOLD.

The Dominion Government, as reported by John L. Bittinger, Consul-General at Montreal, has decided to reduce the royalty on gold mined in the Yukon district from 10 to 5 per cent, thus abating at least half the grievance that American miners have had against the exorbitant rates of authorities in recent years.

table tax upon Yukon gold. The government has, he says, been to great expense in opening up the district, and the cost of administering the laws of the Dominion in this region is necessarily large.

That American miners have had just cause for complaint—that, indeed, they have been most grievously taxed—in the Yukon district, is a matter of common knowledge. The devices of the Dominion Government for the exaction of tribute upon American endeavor have squaled in ingenuity and execution those against which our fathers rebelled in colonial days.

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The great City of Glasgow, with a population of at least 650,000, is trying to bring its saloons under better regulation. A private corporation, a public house trust, seeks to control all the saloons, and promises in return to see that saloon surroundings are respectable, to supply other attractions than those of liquor, to limit its profits to 4 per cent, and to turn over the excess for the development of the social life of the saloon, or for other civic purposes.

And now certain captious persons are finding fault with Mrs. Eddy's Christian Science because it boldly declares that "if the science of life were understood, the human limb could be replaced as readily as the lobster's claw."

The bishops of the Anglican Church do not want the death penalty abolished and have all replied in the negative to Dr. Josiah Oldfield, who wrote all the bishops, asking their opinion as to whether they thought the time had not come when this barbarous penalty could not—at any rate, experimentally—be suspended.

POISONOUS PLANTS OF OREGON.

V. K. Chesnut, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who spent the month of April among Oregon farmers studying the stock-poisoning plants of this state, has just issued a report dealing with the poisonous plants of Oregon.

One of the most fatal of these in its effects is undoubtedly the death camas, Zizia aurea, which is found in Oregon meadows and in wet ground generally over the state, though apparently not in such abundance as in Montana.

The death camas is a smooth, simple-stemmed plant with grass-like leaves, yellow-green flowers, and a coated bulb, similar to an onion. Both the leaves and bulbs are poisonous; the latter particularly so.

Considerable trouble is caused to stock-raiser by the water hemlock (Cicuta occidentalis), otherwise known as wild parsnip or cowbane, which is apt to be fatal in its effects.

As everyone knows, a horse that is located in a sense, crazed; he jumps at imaginary obstacles, is unable to stand straight, and sees his ears but imperfectly.

The poisonous lupines (wild pea) described in this report on Montana are some 30 species of lupine, their showy racemes being a conspicuous feature of an Oregon landscape.

SLINGS AND ARROWS.

Farewell to Spring.

When the Gentle vernal showers have been drunk by thirsting flowers,

When the Shady sylvan bowers all are gaily blossoming;

When the Bright-plumed birds are nesting, and fair maids in hammocks resting,

When the City's population sets out on a long vacation

Silently the hero strolled through the wings and across the grass which grew luxuriantly in spots on the stage floor.

ROME, June 1.—Queen Helena was accompanied of a daughter at 3 o'clock this morning. The Princess will be named Yolanda Margherita.

There is considerable disappointment in the infant's sex, though the King is understood to have expressed contentment.

Not Qualified. "I cannot sing the old songs," sighed the man with the red-spotted vest.

Yolanda Margherita, even though you're not a boy, You're a dear, delightful baby, and your country's pride and joy.