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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 61; minimum, 53; fair.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair and continued warm. Northerly wind.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, AUGUST 11.

PARTIES AND SYSTEMS.

"The Failure of the Two-Party System" is the title of an article in the current number of the Forum.

The writer thinks the two-party system in our politics has failed to give a method for expression of the average will of the people.

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In the circumstances the grounds of the difference are absolutely necessary.

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ary agitation, because her people are less volatile; but the principles on which her government is conducted are fixed by necessity, and the people know they can make no radical change.

The two-party system therefore is not possible in France and Germany; the system of one group is possible in Great Britain and the United States.

The owner, editor and manager of the Oregonian (O.) Press-Post is having a very remarkable experience with news editors on his staff or members of a Newswriters' Union.

But his troubles were not over. Presently an article appeared in the paper that he deemed very improper and unjust.

The article was addressed to the City Board of Equalization, in which he assured the members of that board that he had been humiliated and pained.

It must be admitted, we think, that these are pretty hard lines. The owner, editor and manager submits as best he may; but surely his case is one for compassion.

A NON-CITY PEOPLE. Ex-Governor Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, made a notable speech at a recent reunion of Confederate Veterans at Brownsville, Tex.

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There was much more of this. There were eloquent tributes to Forrest, "the Marshal Ney of the Confederacy"; to Lee and Jackson and Albert Sidney Johnston; to the Confederate army as "the greatest fighters the world has ever known"; and yet it is not easy to smile over this vainglorious talk.

No such speech as that of Governor Bob Taylor is ever made at any Northern or Southern reunion, not because the Northern man when pushed to it will not put up a good fight for Governor Taylor took of his hat to Grant as a great soldier of magnanimous temper, and conceded that the Union Army was worthy of the Confederate steel—but because the Northern environment makes the average man colder, more critical and cynical in temper.

In Great Britain and the United States the making of laws is regarded as the primary object of the Legislature. Not so in France or Germany.

speech, they esteem mere physical courage and hardihood more highly than we do. They are franker of speech, less given to duplicity and fonder of hospitality and good-fellowship than we are.

Something of this is due to the environment of the old slave civilization under which no white man worked very hard. The slaveholder did not have to work, the poor white had not much work to do.

The Southern man has more social talent than the Northern man. He is less critical and more kindly in speech concerning his fellow-man.

"PARSON TUCKER" REDIVIDUUS. In her quaint tales of New England life of a past century Rose Terry Cooke gives us "Some Account of Parson Tucker," in which the Puritan regard for truth is absolute and literal.

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had been shot on the field of battle than to have led the life he did. He was in public office the better part of his life and made a one office \$100,000, but was buried in a cheap pine coffin furnished by the Government.

Grand Army men who had charge of the services were very properly indignant. Heing interviewed in regard to his "bad break" on the following day, Mr. Miller said:

I did what I thought was right. I know Martin much better than the people of Bluffton thought I did. I said no more than what I believe he would have done had he heard me.

Perhaps such "brutal bluntness" may point a moral. But clearly it does not adorn a funeral tale, and it may be added, it was much more excusable in the day of Parson Tucker's uncompromising orthodoxy than it can be in the present day of general discredit of the "factor of tongue and cooling of the water" theory which was rigorously and impartially applied in his time to those who "died in his sins."

INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION IN GERMANY.

Depression, industrial and financial, has pursued German manufactures and trade relentlessly for some months. It has now, apparently, reached its lowest ebb.

The latter evils have found remedy in the usual way. Insecure methods have been eliminated from production and exports. Perhaps German manufacturers see a gleam of hope in this threatened arrest of our producing capacity.

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FOREST GROVE AND LIQUOR.

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miles between Lewiston and the railroad crossing at Riparia prevented the full realization of this advantage, and the New York powers would not consent to the closing of that gap.

This is not essential to the interests of Portland that the Snake River line between Riparia and Lewiston be hostile to the Northern Pacific. Agreement between the companies will suit Portland much better, if only the line shall be built.

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THE GREATEST BATTLE IN HISTORY

We publish on another page a letter from Mr. J. D. Lee, who, in a recent speech before the veterans' reunion, declared that "the battle of Gettysburg was the greatest battle ever fought, measured both by its far-reaching results upon the future of the world, and by the conditions necessary to make a great military struggle."

The Oregonian endeavored to point out that the battle of Gettysburg was certainly not the greatest battle ever fought, measured by its far-reaching results; and, further, that in far-reaching results it was not even the most important battle of our Civil War.

The Oregonian tried to point out that to call Gettysburg "the greatest battle ever fought, measured by its far-reaching results upon the future of the world," was to ignore the far-reaching results of the great decisive battles of the world.

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STUFF AND STUFFING.

Sea-side Notes. Mr. Flighty made a flying trip to the beach the other day. Mr. Flighty is no angel, or at least he has no wings, and everybody is wondering how in the world he did it.

The Misses Huntman, who have been at Hotel High-tone all season, have left in disgust and are now at Hotel Way-up. The beach reporter of the "Women's Matrimonial Advertiser" said at the opening of the season that the Misses Huntman were "rusticated" at Hotel High-tone and in consequence neither of the young ladies secured a single engagement.

The Misses Fettes are comfortably domiciled at Hotel Bigroller. They insist that they are domiciled and refuse to be quartered because that word to them smacks of bran and shorts and of the butcher's block.

Miss Philippelmer has quitted Hotel Cheap-rate very indignant. The manager's complaint about her four sons' boisterous playing in the halls at 5 o'clock A. M. was a nuisance. Although she paid only half rates her name gave standing to the house worth the other half, and if she had not gone there the establishment would not have had any patrons.

The Social Board of Strategy entirely ignored Mrs. Higglifier and her charming daughters. Inasmuch, however, as Mrs. Higglifier has brought down a party of young girls to stay at her board, she has almost decided to change the campaign program.

Miss Bohlgird is giving charming bonfire parties. This has strengthened the women's militia to a considerable extent. Miss Bohlgird is one of the most aristocratic and beautiful and accomplished ladies on the beach, and therefore has many admirers who attend to all the incidental labor connected with the bonfires.

Himself He Was Not All.

I should not sing of sorrow Or troubles of today; As genuine for the morrow Would be the noble lay.

"No," said Columbus to a representative of the False Prophet, as the Nina warped into her berth, after her return from the New World, "No, I did not discover America." Columbus refused his gaze imperturbably on the horizon and thought of the great fame he was to have hereafter.

Life's Ocean Shore.

With youthful glee I watched him write his name Upon the sands of time. "Tomorrow, child, I washed away my life, my all, my fame, And turned me to the sea, and kept a seal bearded, The ruthless swells ever to commit To us the unremembered deep." He said Too truly, Years and he have gone with it, And the sea's ocean, wave on wave, has been, And only sculptured on a wasting tomb.

Old Omar knew of many things, Old Omar knew many wondrous ways, But of the thing he never sings, His knowledge, it does not complete: The full, bleached moon by the sea shore, The gently sighing breeze, the sighing sea; Old Omar knew not this, not this, This bliss, this bliss, this bliss, this bliss.

Literary Notes.

Mr. Hardy Scribner is writing a book for Hobson, entitled "Kisses I Don't Remember." Mr. Hobson wants to get those who have forgotten catalogued so that they will never forget any more.

Miss Olde Mayde is writing a book on domestic economy and the Ideal husband. She makes the point that the only man who has the making of an ideal husband is one who has never married.

Where She Falls.

A woman can judge of the color of yarn, And all the shadings, forsooth, But when it comes down to the yarns as they are, She's far from the color of truth.

Better Than It Might Be.

It's not so awful as you'd think, The fact that you have never married. For though she bathes with little on, She has a dress of tulle. J. J. M.