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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair; slightly cooler; northwest winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 90 degrees; minimum temperature, 60 degrees; fair.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1902.

FRAUDS OF THE HALF-WORLD.

Friday night's prizefight bears most striking testimony to the falsehood upon which the whole fabric of scientific pugilism is sought to be erected. The fact is that this contest of the ring, like others, is simply a brutal exhibition in disguise.

The expert view of this fight was that 30 to 4 was too great odds. Granted that injuries were the abler man, there were the blows and the possibility of overtraining, and other contingencies, which the professed science of pugilism pretends to take account, some one or more of which might give the battle to Fitzsimmons.

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The premiums demanded for insuring the life of King Edward at Lloyd's are still very high. The figures quoted a week ago for an insurance to the end of July was 26 guineas for every £100 insured, while for policies covering the year to the end of August 30 guineas per £100 are asked.

WHEAT'S STRONG POSITION. With July corn making a record over 5 cents per bushel higher than wheat and oats selling up to within 2 cents per bushel of the premier cereal, the sluggishness of the latter at this period is certainly remarkable.

GOLD OUTPUT AND RISING PRICES. When the Alaskan and South African impulse to the gold output first appeared, some six years ago, the question whether an increase in price and resultant boom such as followed the California discoveries of 1849 could be expected again, the general answer of experts was in the negative.

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"HIS SOUL GOES MARCHING ON." John Brown, of Osawatimie, is a stupendous subject. That is to say, his name suggests a stupendous era in our history, in which he appeared upon the stage intermittently for a term of years as martyr or fanatic, according to the interpretation of those who witnessed the play and sympathized with or repudiated his part in it.

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practical man, who was personally overwhelmed by the fearlessness with which he backed his principles by his effort. The man of reciprocity called in the Senate gave such a fright to the majority that a chronicler of the time says: "Virginia held her breath until she heard the old man was dead."

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SPENCER'S LAST WORD.

New York Times. "The volume herewith issued, I can say with certainty will be his last." So writes Herbert Spencer in the preface to "Facts and Comments."

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THINGS LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Once more a movement is on foot to establish a public market on the old Mechanics' Pavilion block. If a considerable number of Portland housewives had the "market" spirit, a central place for distributing "garden truck" would have been established years ago.

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