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TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy; slightly warmer during the afternoon; variable winds, mostly northerly.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 48 deg.; minimum temperature, 28 deg.; precipitation, trace.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1903. THE USE OF THE HORSE.

Again there is a lively demand for the horse, at good to high prices. Which means, of course, that horses, especially good ones, are scarce.

Of all animals, the horse is the most useful and the most beautiful. Without the horse it is doubtful whether man ever could have reached any stage of real civilization.

There seems now less probability than a while ago of general use of the automobile. The man who makes a habit of making a habit of it, and who must be devoted to the time to one fad or another.

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pleadings of the fans. Twice over and again they begged and supplicated, and their talk fell not upon ears that heard not. While the pleaders were still pleading Prophet Winagame slowly arose and pointed with his quivering index finger southward toward Sacramento.

MAN'S PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE. Beneath the sky two contending armies of faith array themselves—the ministers and the exalters of the human race. Is man a being of Godlike majesty fit for the companionship of his Maker throughout eternity, made in the image of God and but a little lower than the angels, or is he a mere speck in the sunbeam of time, a negligible maggot in the great cosmic cheese?

Materialism may not be true, but it is at least logical and impressive. To speak in its terms, we may say that, given a universe of primordial nebula, we should be in a fair way to get in the ordinary course of inescapable law, just about the circumstances and the life we know.

Who are the weaklings? In more than one of President Roosevelt's public addresses there is the assertion that our civilization will become "a brutal sham and a mockery if during this century the men of high and fine moral sense show themselves weaklings."

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Professor Pickering seems at some needless pains to emphasize, but his scientific training and method are not to be lightly set aside. Moreover, the great Englishman's suggestions are strikingly in line with those of these young years ago by Dr. T. J. See, now of the Naval Observatory, at Washington.

There are but two explanations of the universe—God and chance. Darwinism, wherever design is shut out, is simply chance. In all the multitudinous combinations which heredity poured forth upon the earth and sea, only those fortuitously fitted to their environment "chanced" to survive.

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THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN. The Prodigal returned homeward. And when he was yet a long way off his father saw him, and was filled with compassion, and ran to him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

BATTLE OF WATERLOO. There was a sound of revelry by night, And Belgium's capital had gathered then Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men.

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WOMEN AND THE FAIR. The opinions of Mr. M. H. DeYoung, of San Francisco, to the effect that a woman's department at an exposition is a certain and persistent breeder of contention, and his advice to us to avoid trouble and expense by eliminating the proposed woman's department from our plans, have not escaped criticism.

Mr. DeYoung needs no defense. His statement was in answer to questions asked him by The Oregonian. It was a courteous response on the part of a man of experience in such matters to our desire for the results of his experience. He said simply and with no trace of disrespect to womankind that he had never been able to discover any real distinction between man's work and woman's work, that work was work, no matter who did it; that he saw no point in making a line of distinction where there was none in reason or fact.

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