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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 62; minimum temperature, 51; precipitation, .13 of an inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER.—Partly cloudy, with possible showers, westerly winds.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, SEPT. 13.

BRAINS AND WET FEET.

Some people talk of the weather with a clandestine air, as if its irregularities bordered upon impropriety. Others rattle away about its depravity, tell how badly it behaved in '86, how badly it is behaving now, and how badly they expect it to behave next week.

THE BRITISH HOME SQUADRON.

Announcement comes from London that the British home squadron of seven first-class battleships, one second-class battleship, two first-class cruisers and three second-class cruisers, will be sent to the United States on a courtesy visit in return for America's action in sending a squadron to Portsmouth.

A VALUABLE TREATISE.

The little book entitled "English Composition: Standard Rules and Usage," recently prepared by Miss Carson, of the English department in the University of Oregon, and published by the J. K. Gill Company, is a useful manual of about eighty pages, containing the essentials for good English composition.

that comes from constant practice under good standards. The practice class among the works consulted a list of the best modern authorities, and when equally eminent authorities differ, the usage of the best modern literature has dictated, as far as possible, the rule to be selected.

This little book prepares the student to avoid the inaccurate and the inelegant, and at the same time it attempts to stimulate the originality of thought and ease of expression.

OUR UNPOLISHED ROBBERS.

Edward Orpin, at the age of 29, is confessedly a street robber and an incendiary. The news that an untrained boy held up so many of Portland's citizens will come with something of a shock to the peaceable merchant accustomed to go quietly home with his money bestowed in his boots.

FIGHTER OR WRITER?

Lestie Stephen, in his recently published "Studies of a Biographer," has an interesting paper on "Shakespeare as a Man," in which, not content with our very slender external history of that great genius, he endeavors to write his spiritual biography as exhibited in the sonnets and plays.

AMERICA'S RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT.

"American Railway Transportation," by Emory R. Johnson, is the latest addition to Appleton's "Business Series," and it is not only of exceptional value as a reference book, but it is interesting as well.

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HEARTACHES AND HAIN.

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UNCLE ZEK'S VIEW OF IT.

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Dean Swift and Pope laughed and danced at Marlborough, who never lost a battle, while Addison was his panegyrist. Heine, wit, poet and satirist, ridiculed Wellington, and so, for that matter, did Byron. Heine glorified Napoleon without stint, while Byron gave him both praise and blame.

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