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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair; not so warm; westerly wind.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1904.

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again. Only in Ireland is matched the green of this verdure; and here the harp might wake songs of love and patriotism. But we have not reached the excellence within our capacity, because life has been too easy for us.

SOME LIMITATIONS OF BYRON. What was heralded as a Byronic revival has faded into an undertaking in explanation of why Byron failed. The interest that two sumptuous and rival editions of his works was expected to arouse has been hardly noticeable.

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not visible, the one to the other, almost of the miraculous and supernatural. Only sixty years have gone by, since the first successful experiment in telegraphing, while the first successful Atlantic cable was finished by Cyrus W. Field, Jr., on the 24th of May, 1854, Samuel Finley Breese Morse, sitting in the United States Supreme Court at the National Capital, telegraphed to his assistant, Alfred Vail, at Baltimore, a quotation from Numbers xxxiii.23.

First impressions, if not everything, are at least important. That is a truism applicable to books as well as to persons. When we meet a stranger we are impressed by his appearance, his dress, and his first sentence is likely to be a factor in our estimate of his possibilities as an entertaining companion.

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when Nature sleeps." The sunny afternoon and the soft night and the breaking storm are very popular, and it may be that the novelists know from experience that the weather is the best topic to inspire the reader with confidence and stimulate his curiosity.

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creating an enormous demand for mill feed at prices far in excess of those prevailing before the industry attained its present proportions. The dairying interest, supplying by far the largest demand for mill feed, will always make Portland a much better market for that important product of the industry than can be created where the possibilities of the dairying business are limited, as they are in the country tributary to Puget Sound.

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between the Oregon Commissioner and Alexander Grant, a seiner holding the land under a title from both states, but a sailing license from the Washington Commissioner only. The ship channel is supposed to mark the dividing line between the two states, and above tide-water, where it is less subject to change, the boundary thus established is generally respected.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. The girls now have their shoulders tanned. Through wearing heavy lace. The boys, poor lads, are also tanned. Right on the same old place.

Revised Proverb. Neutrality is the better part of valor. The czar promised Russia a constitution if he had a son. That's more than he could promise the kid.

Eljah Dowie has saved three women from drowning. Still, that is no guarantee that he can save souls. The Japanese display the same energy in going after Fort Arthur and the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds.

The breaking of a trapman's rib by a jumping Chinook salmon sounds like a joke to every one but the trapman. A Kansas City woman has sued for divorce because her husband yields to all her wishes. He might win her back by opposing the divorce.

Ten to one the British officer, on entering L'Hassa, which has been a sealed city for countless generations, remarked, "What a beastly hole." Now that the church has blessed and added the salmon, why doesn't the salmon send an occasional keg of beer to the churches on a hot Sunday?

Of course it was a Butte girl that held up a swindler at the muzzle of her revolver and compelled him to disgorge his plunder. A Portland girl wouldn't have done such a deed, because she wouldn't have herself be swindled in the first place. The monument on Plymouth Hoe, where Drake was playing bowls when the Armada was sighted, bears a Biblical inscription referring to the dispersal of the Spanish ships by storms: "He blew with his mouth and they were scattered." The Russian Armada scattered without even a blow.

In Lowell, Mass., a man got 90 days in jail for offering a girl 25 cents for a kiss. Perhaps the reason why doesn't the scoundrel was bulling the market, or that a man must be crazy to bargain for something that's no good unless taken. To buy a kiss is on a par with fastening a trout on your hook before beginning to fish.

Elections are on in Paraguay. As in this country it is essential that a candidate for the presidency should be able to run well. Indeed, Paraguayan candidates usually run better than ours, as they are spurred on by the bayonet points. The best runner gets out of the country, the other elects himself and is assassinated. St. Louis still has time to get the Dalai Lama for the Pike.

New York already has the "Potter cocktail," and one of the papers tells how it is made: "No dinky little glass, but a long one, with a good-sized piece of ice in it. No chopped ice, mind. Now then, a good hooker of gin. That will about do. Squeeze in the juice of a lemon and don't add any of the rind. Now then, a dash of raspberry syrup. Fill her up with carbonic, and there you are."

It sounds good enough to be named after a bishop. Perhaps the best story told about Lord Kitchener's single-hearted zeal to have work accomplished, to the exclusion of all other considerations, concerns a young subaltern, who, during the progress of some construction work in Upper Egypt, had the misfortune to lose some native workmen through the accidental explosion of some cases of dynamite. He telegraphed to Lord Kitchener, then Sirdar: "Regret to report killing 10 laborers by dynamite accident."

In a few hours came this laconic dispatch: "Do you need any more dynamite?" A gang of Seattle footpads were polite enough to return the victim \$1 out of the 26 they found in his pockets. If the rebate system grows, it will take away all the profits of robbery. Competition will lead to a ruinous increase of rates, and Seattle citizens may be confronted with signs like this: GO HOME BY BROADWAY—10 per cent rebate on all fares from Broadway to Pike Street. AFTER MIDNIGHT—5 per cent on all fares from Pike Street to Young Tracy. THIRD AVENUE AT FIFTH HOUR—The well known and reliable "Yellow Cab" of Tracy only, we are able to offer 15 per cent discount on all transactions, which must be on a strictly cash basis.—The Push.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch has discovered a "startling similarity in meter and thought" between Kipling's "Recessional" and Sir Walter Scott's "Hebrew Maid," and a correspondent asks "whether or not Kipling got both the suggestion and the inspiration from Scott's lines." One of the stanzas from Scott's poem is as follows: Our harps we left by Babel's stream, The tyrant's jest, the Gentile's scorn; No center round our altars beamed, No altar on the summit of our horn. But thou hast said "The blood of goats, The flesh of rams is not for priests!" A contrite heart, an humble thought, Are mine accepted sacrifices. Nothing very damaging to Kipling's reputation in that.

Being a czar has some compensations. If Nicholas has to wear armor-plated pants and sleep in a steel wire, domestic life must be rendered happier by the custom of painting, engraving, carving and embroidering the imperial initials on buildings, ships, uniforms, flags, and other things. To save the great expense of altering these initials, it is necessary to christen the heir with names beginning with the same letters. What worry and wrangling is saved by this accident of the imperial life. Should the czar wish to call the youngest Montmorency de Peyster Marmaduke, the czar has but to whisper that Montmorency doesn't begin with an A. The young Alexis must have been named after less wrangling than has been caused by many a Tom or Dick.

A New York letter devotes some consideration to the story of a kleptomaniac said to be at large among the "Four Hundred." Several thousand dollars worth of jewelry, it appears, has been stolen recently at receptions in New York and Newport, and detectives are now scattered about among the guests at all fashionable functions. The people without fabulously-priced jewels appear to have the better time. They don't have their guests watched by cops, and they are not made the victims of similar espionage by their hosts. Art thou poor, yet hast thou golden slumbers? O sweet content! Art thou rich, yet is thy mind perplexed? O woe-begotten! Doest thou laugh to see how money men are read? To add to golden numbers, golden numbers?

In theory we all agree with the poet, but in practice we all try to add to golden numbers, golden numbers. WEXFORD JONES.