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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 72 degrees; minimum temperature, 58 degrees...

TODAY'S WEATHER.—Essentially with showers, slightly cooler, southerly winds.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1904

ON THE CARNAGE AT PORT ARTHUR. Realm of the rising sun, where erst arose The printed page and War's explosive spark...

IL. On deepest night another steadfast star Fed by the fires of freedom, Bethlehem-bright...

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. It may be that the recent visit to Oregon of men having authority in that part of the Harriman railway system...

for years, and now is impatient. Whether the needed development shall come soon by extension of the Harriman lines—a good start has been made...

THE PRODIGAL PARTY.

The Democratic party is like a certain son which wandered off into a far country and filled his belly with the husks which the swine did eat.

ON THE SACREDNESS OF LAW.

We as a nation are a nation of lawbreakers. It is a habit, this disregard of the plain statute. Nobody thinks anything of it.

PLAYING AT "LONG BOWLS."

Japan's victories at sea have already incited the British, as shown by a dispatch from London in yesterday's dispatches.

ROME FROM LONG ISLAND SOUND.

From the work of the press agent there is always amusement to be derived, and especially is this true of the work done by the publisher's press agent.

NORTHERN PACIFIC'S AWAKENING.

The purchase of the Welder property by the Northern Pacific Railroad or by parties working in its interest is another straw indicating the direction of the commercial wind in the Pacific Northwest.

THE BALINO FLEET AND THE NORTH-EAST PASSAGE.

Rear-Admiral George Wallace Melville, U. S. N., has been articulating in the current number of the North American Review, and gives therein his views as to the practicability of the use of the northeast passage through the Arctic Ocean by the Russian fleet.

In support of this assumption he cites that the vessels which it is desired to move are armed to four feet or more below the water line, stiffened from end

to end by the protective deck, and have massive bows fitted for attack by ramming. Details as to the coal supply, etc., are carefully gone over, and the conclusion is that Russia, by taking the risk, might astonish the world with her daring and prowess and let loose a formidable fleet in Asiatic waters as by a miracle.

Admiral Melville does not discuss the military advisability or necessity of such an effort. He believes such an effort entirely practicable, and concludes an article that is of intense interest to naval and scientific men and of general interest to the world under existing circumstances with the following words:

It says in the constitution of Oregon that no negro shall come into the state or own property; that the Governor's salary shall be \$1500 a year; that no state institution shall be located away from Salem; that the Secretary of State shall receive no fees; that the Legislature shall create no liability exceeding \$50,000; that no money shall run in debt over \$500,000.

Now, the sacredness of law abides not in the fact that it is law, but in the inherent justice and feasibility of its provisions. It is the universal custom of poor, sniveling, hypocritical humanity to point with every assumption of outraged feeling at the violation of some law in which the pointer is especially interested.

Who ever heard of a trust promoter calling on the President to enforce the Sherman law with the same fervor he does not rather than money; and as he would loom up in the labor leader's vision if Congress should declare eight hours to be a day?

It is certainly curious to note that Ford Madox Hueffer, who collaborated with Joseph Conrad on his latest novel, "always writes standing, with a tame ducking fast asleep between his feet."

It is not surprising that the Oregonian, who is no respecter of persons, and who will never enable us to read one we do not like.

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ing under heavy brows, and, seising a lance, broke the slave's arm with a blow. On another occasion "the servant at his table had pleased the Prince. Leaping from his couch, he struck down a slave and ordered his crucifixion."

The railroad, instead of following out its function of a public carrier serving impartially all communities through which it passed, was only a means to an end, and that end was the inflation of land values and the rapid accumulation of wealth by a few who were not only in the national need of his service, but in the memory of the fidelity and fortitude of men like Willoughby, Chancellor, Barents, Behring, Nordenfalk, and a long line of explorers, whose names shine brilliantly on every page of the history of the northeast passage.

When our merchants bought goods from the East they insisted on distributing those goods from Portland, and not from any point in another state, even though that point be favored by the railroad company.

The O. R. & N. Co. is one of the greatest factors in the commercial life of Portland. It has grown up with the city and the city has grown up with it.

It has been made clear by the man himself that Jack Munroe, of Butt Mont, in the pursuit of an unworthy ambition spoiled a good miner to make a very poor prospector.

The Oregon people are here besieging the Lewis and Clark Exposition, to be held at Portland in 1905.

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ON VARIOUS EDITIONS.

(To the Editor.)—I have been very much disappointed of late years when, upon examining the new edition of a classic author, I have found above half the volume taken up with various readings.

It is all very amusing. We harbor no ill-will toward Antipater when he kicks a fainting slave girl; we know he must supply joy-bells to his slaves when he is victorious. The fountain with "rows of naked maidens" on its circular terraces does not shock us; something must be done to attract attention.

My love was sickle once and changing, My love would settle in my hair; From beauty still to beauty ranging, In every face I found a dart.

Two first a charming shade enslaved me. An eye that gave the fatal stroke; But when I sought the surgeon's shelter, And saw my former letters broken.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Our great aerial story of the Russo-Japanese War: (Summary of previous chunks—Michael Popoff falls in and is out a Rouble. Disgusted as a Bale of Hay, he makes his escape from a Japanese Prison, and is on his way to Niuchwang when there is a terrific Explosion and Popoff is thrown into a cloud, which carries him to St. Petersburg.

On landing at Havro, Mrs. Popoff discovered her beloved husband in the grasp of a Third Section hand. She quickly drew a sharp-pointed corkscrew from her hat and jabbed the hand until it fell, covered with blood.

"This is the Cear, Popoff," came the message. "We need you at the front. Kuropatkin can't stand up to the Japanese."

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FAT-FRYING DAYS HAVE COME.

The fat-frying days have come, the saddest of the year for both the big and little corporations. It takes money to make the money, and the campaign collectors know where to go.

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