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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 26 .- Western Oregon and Western Washington-Tuesday occasional light rain or snow,

RELIC OF DARK AGES.

but even with all the horrors and bru- a reasonable doubt sign away his lib- year. The truth of the matter is that tality attending a Spanish bull fight erty for years to save themselves a were it not for the extraordinarily well it is merely "blind man's buff" com- few hours. pared with college hazing. The bru- In cases of this sort the jurors who precedented demand from the orient tal nature of young men comes to the If it was done as innocent sport, with- did commit the crime, although they certain large interests on the Pacific fore in the barbaric practice of hazing, sumably convinced that the accused backbone of the trade the past season, out the usual indignities attending it, deem the evidence not quite strong coast would not be viewing with such there might be no objection to it enough to prove it. Men would hardly complacency the sale of a \$25,000,000 When the states in which colleges are sign a verdict of guilty if they believed cannery plant for the best offering ob located and where hazing is allowed to the accused absolutely innocent. The tainable. As it is every salmon interexist would make it a crime punish- compromise verdict, nevertheless, is est on the coast without exception has able with death, not only would the unreasonable. It inflicts a wrong upon called in the entire working capital to barbaric practice stop, but many of the the accused, who had a legal right to withstand the strain of future opera participants absence from this vale of be acquitted if the evidence did not tions, and the likelihood of a combin tears would be conducive to a better prove him guilty beyond a reasonable with new interests in the field begins reputation for colleges than they now doubt.

Young men differ in temperament and refinement, and they do not apwould have been tustified and society benefited thereby.

UNCOMMON OCCURRENCE. Seattle merchants and railroad men are raising a "slush fund" for the purpose of electing a Seattle man to the United States senate from Washington. The Tacoma Ledger, a newspaper published in a suburb of Seattle, says:

"These business and railroad interelect their candidate for the senate. There is no possibility of expending \$100,000 or \$50,000 legitimately for such didate for the Seattle senatorship, the was "gold-bricked." purchase of votes for Mr. Piles would involve not only the odium of being do not hall from Seattle. It is an in- the row started. sult to the members of the legislature to assume, as the business men of Seso many chattels."

Everyone ought to indorse the position taken by the Tacoma Ledger. It influence legislators in the selection of December 30, when the district attormethods as proposed by Seattle would them completed. cast an odium on the otherwise pure political methods of the state of Washington It is a disgrace that a state ing success in the invention of wireso free from political jobbery and chicanery as the honest politicians of our the invention of wireless politics in sister state, should be compelled to that state, dwell under a corrupt administration Come to Oregon, brethren, where only land frauds disturb the slumbers of honest politicians,

TRIAL BY JURY. Impatient of confinement and no being able to agree, a jury in a felony case in New York city tossed up a coin to decide the question; and on the coin falling tails up they returned a terial at the Chadwick trial. verdict of guilty. Naturally, the accused, who faces a long term in prison because the jurors were in a hurry sympathy of President Roosevelt in his to be dismissed, complains and asks that the verdict be set aside.

djust their different opinions by the fall of a coin, many juries arrive at verdicts by methods quite as unjust and irrational. The law contemplates that a juror shall make up his mind by reflection upon the evidence adduced. Instead of being polled in the box immediately after the trial, and required to pronounce a verdict then and there, the 12 good men and true are permitted

Their secret session is supposed to be deliberate. In case of a disagreement they are expected to review the evidence, talk it over and reason with one THE SEMI-WEEKLY ASTORIAN. another. It is the theory of the law that reason, impartially applied, should be their guide.

But it is well known that the metheds of argumentation in the jury room are not always rational. Desire to be relieased and restored to their family and their business impels many jurors to concur in a verdict to which their reason does not give assent. Frequently it happens that juries return compromise verdicts for which comis on trial for murder. On the first resultant on a heavy deficit in pack, first degree, and six for acquittal. The tion in other grade fish, is no argument difference between them is an honest difference. The six for acquittal do that the internal consumption of some not think that the accused has been the past year in states territory has proved guilty beyond a reasonable notably declined. Very much the redoubht; the other six are convinced verse. It is probably true that jobbers Then some one suggests a compromise, stocks throughout the country pre-An investigation into the recent at- Why not convict him of manslaughter? light resultant on holdings having tempted hazing of Kingdon Gould has The murder, whoever committed it. resulted in the expelling from the col- was done in cold blood; logically, the but we fail to note any disposition lege several members engaged in it. verdict ought to be guilty in the first manifested to replenish same. It is Pugilism is tolerated in some sections degree or acquittal; but the jurors, to alleged again that brokers are substiof this country on the theory that it is save themselves delay and discomfort, tuting on orders this season which, if scientific boxing and a necessary ad- find the accused guilty of manslaugh- true, would not account for the large junct to athletics. Bull fights in Spain ter. The six who believe that the volume of warehouse stock that packand Mexico are relics of the dark ages, man's guilt has not been proved beyond ers are carrying over into the new

agree on a compromise verdict are pre- for pink salmon which has been the

MERELY A SUPPOSITION.

should be a crime. They attend col- sion of the effect of water on milk, hance the very real merit of the prolege to acquire an education, not to In Astoria we are not so much inter- duct with consuming interests. become brutes, and although hazing is ested in the question of water on milk A meeting of shareholders in the a relic of the dark ages, they believe as the water in milk. From our meager British Columbia Packers' Association in elightenment and culture. Their knowledge of the dairying industry we is scheduled for the 19th inst at the cultural college. She will return after moral sensibilities do not approve of are inclined to the belief that 31/2 per offices of the Corporation Trust Co., 15 the holidays. the custom so closely allied to the in-cent of butter fat is better than 3 per Exchange Place, Jersey City, N. J. The Mrs. D. Reiman and daughters of quisition and inhuman tortures in- cent, that is, if it has any effect in object of the meeting is to authorize Portland are spending the holidays flicted in the earlier times, and which raising the standard and dispelling the the issue of stock. An exhaustive state- with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wirt. are now in vogue in Russia. Gould odor of the stuff we use to grease flap- ment of the purposes of the company Dr. Owens Adair is at Sunnymead was compelled to defend himself with lacks with at 65 per. Milk and water has been furnished stockholders. of the milk stands this information, and the public has a in all, the highest being \$1.271/2. right to expect the information to be The market continues dull as usua

cellaneous alcoholic drinks in the past mer years these buyers took their purests at Seattle that demand the senat- year. Wouldn't have sworn off if we chases as fast as the packer could ship orship for Mr. Piles have undertaken had thought it was going to cause such after the salmon was received at this as is known the houes was insured. The to raise a large fund with which to a slump as that in the manufacturing port. This shows the changed condibusiness.

a purpose. The fund which is being Mrs. Chadwick are said to be ashamed as required, which works a hardship on raised in Seattle is a corruption fund to acknowledge the corn and will not canners. The stock of Alaska red held pure and simple. The purpose is to appear against the great female wizard by independent canners has been pracbribe members of the legislature to of finance. Even a "come-on" from tically cleaned up. The Alaska Packvote for Mr. Piles. As an avowed can- the back districts is loth to admit he ers' association holdings here and else-

bought, but also the betrayal of the best dressed in the world," said Mme. ered large, considering that before any pected for the past ten days, arrived rights of the constituencies represent- Rejane, and the cynical proof readers of the Alaska red 1905 pack comes to in yesterday and will leave for Ported by members of the legislature who made it "least dressed." That's where this city, fully eight months will have land today.

If it is true that Mrs. Chadwick hypattle shamelessly do assume by their ontized the men from whom she se- that the holdings of pinks and cohoes contributions to this huge corruption cured large sums of money, many of are comparatively small. The former fund, that they are to be purchased like them will be sorry that they have come will probably be taken by Japan before out of the trance.

is so seldom that money is used to jail-break here are being held until 1905 season opens. United States senator that such ney will have informations against

> An Indiana man has made a strikless telegraphy. There is also room for

The Japs are using dogs to locate the Russian outposts. The Japs have apparently placed a literal translation on their reading about the "dogs of

Andrew Carnegie predicts that great fortunes will be made in rubber There will be plenty of the raw ma

It is said Senator Depew has the fight for re-election to the senate. Sym-

Unprecedented Demand for Pink Salmon from the Orient.

WORKING CAPITAL CALLED

Reported That the Alaska Pack Is Still in First Hands and Little of This Season's Pack Has Been Disposed of as Yet.

The admitted fact that Alaskan salnon at date occupies a strong statismon sense can find no excuse. A man tical position on the world's markets ballot six jurors vote for guilty in the and the entire elimination of competiwhatsoever to combat the statement passed into the hands of the retailer, sustained export market and the un-

transpires it is certain that modern methods need to be applied to the sal The Oregon Dairymen's convention, mon business. The industry needs the prove of personal indignities, simply recently held in Portland, consumed tonic of a brisk advertising campaign because it is a college fad, when it considerable time in the discuss and other incidentals calculated to en-

a gun, a right which he has, and if the are so closely allied and blended to- The United States navy contract for Yakima the middle of the week. contents of the gun had been judicious- gether as aqua fermenti, and aqua the supply of 100,000 pounds Red Alasly distributed in the anatomy of the pura, as scarcely to be discernable in kan salmon will probably be awarded holidays and will return to Portland. gang of toughs implicated in the haz-some of the milk purchased at some to R. C. Williams & Co. of New York where she is attending school But the state of city, on a tender equivalent to \$1.1 Oregon pays about \$5000 a year for per dozen. There were nine tenders

> more reliable, even if it doesn't have at this season of the year, says the the strength of some of the butter sold. San Francisco Trade Journal of the 10th inst. Large eastern buyers of The commission of internal revenue Alaska reds who had purchases held reports a decrease of 11.061,725 gallons to draw from, will withdraw all by Everything above was destroyed with in the production of whisky and mis- the last of the current month. In fortion of the market and confirms the Trade Journal's position that the trade A lot of the financiers taken in by operates conservatively and only takes where are said to be nearly equal to schooner, arrived in yesterday and will one season's pack. This, in connection "American society women are the with that held by others, is not considpassed by. It is conceded that the pack of shums has gone into distributors' hands, as also of sockeyes, and load. the spring season of 1905. Predictions are freely made that pinks will sell at The men concerned in the recent 80 to 85 cents f. o. b. coast before the

> > That employe of the Rothschilds who succeeded in embezzling \$5,000,000 will probably agree with Secretary Shaw that "money is plentiful and cheap."

The senate is apparently almost as anxious to take up tariff revision as it has been to pass a statehood bill for Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Spain has accepted the president's invitation to a peace conference and probably regrets it was not called prior to 1898.

The St. Louis boarding house keeper may now take a vaaction and a European trip

If sex is not a bar, Mrs. Chadwick pathy is always in place at a funeral. the Napoleons of Finance Club.

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FROM OUTSIDE TOWNS.

to assume palpable shape. Whatever Interesting News Items Concerning the Doings of Our Neighbors.

From Warrenton.

H. B. Parker spent a few days with relatives last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Doyle of Deep River isited in Warrenton Friday. Miss Fay Hill is home from Carvallis, where she is a student in the Agri-

for a few days. She will return to

Miss Bessie Gray is home for the

Skamokawa News.

Mark Kelly one of Skamokawa's most prosperous ranchers, was burned out at 10:30 Saturday morning. The fire when discovered was too far advanced for the family to save anything but the contents of the lower floor the house, which was one of the best farmhouses in Skamokawa. The fire caught from a terra cotta flue. As far loss will be close to \$1500

Marine Intelligence. The Alliance left out Sunday for Eureka and coast points.

The Kilburn left out Sunday for Coos bay, Eureka and San Francisco.

The Joseph Russ, a three-masted load lumber at Rainler.

The Virginia, which has been ex-

The Luzon arrived in Sunday and will leave for Portland this morning to

Notice is hereby given that on December 20, 1904, the six single-pile beacons, marked Mad River channel

Humboldt Bay, California, were permanently discontinued as no longer of use as aids to navigation.

RED MEN'S CHRISTMAS.

Four Hundred Gather at Logan Hall stunned. Last Night.

The Red Men gathered at Logan hall last night for their annual Christmas were cut by the shower of broken observance. In all, about 400 people glass, were present.

Besides the Christmas tree, and the refreshments and presents provided, a most entertaining program was prepared and rendered. Everyone was given a present,

The program, in brief was as follows: Instrumental duet, Misses Irene Parker and Kearney; vocal duet, Mrs Cearns and Miss Lee; solo, Frank Deveney; addresses by A. M. Smith and Miss Cearns and Miss Kearney,

Herman Wise presided at the exerwere applauded.

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UP IN THE AIR.

Works Blows Up Creating Much Havoc.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26 .- A portion works at Waverly a.a. a. GtoFbrUr of the Arcadia Powder Company's works at Waverly blew u ptoday and the concussion shook the country and broke windows for 20 miles. Fortunately no one was killed or seriously injured, although 10 employes, who had just left the powder works, were thrown violently to the ground and

Every window in Waverly was broken and many people on the streets

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