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Today's Weather.

Portland, March 14.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, Wednesday, cloudy; unsettled, with probable showers.

RELIC OF BARBARISM.

The dispatches announce that a young man in San Francisco has been made a cripple for life as the result of a hazing administered to him by the students of the Hopkins Art school.

Hazing is a relic of barbarism. It is practiced by a gang of hoodlums usually the sons of wealthy parents who send them to college to keep them out of the penitentiary.

There are a number of sons of poor parents who go to college and who often are compelled to work on the side to secure money to complete their education.

There is nothing elevating about the practice of hazing. It is a fad or custom, about as brutal as football, which is another brute instinct of colleges.

Students have been killed, sometimes arrested, but never convicted, owing to the exertion of moneyed influence. Others have been maimed for life, the criminals arrested, but no convictions have ever been secured.

GAMBLING IS RECREATION.

In a dispatch published today Professor Herbert Gardner, lord of the University of Columbia, and Professor William Kirby of the Catholic university of America, after having made a thorough investigation of gambling, give it as their opinion that gambling cannot be eradicated.

This is the opinion of nine-tenths of the conservative element in every city in the world. Gambling is a necessary evil that can never be eradicated and is bound to exist. It can be placed

under proper restrictions and a license provided therefor. As long as the temptation is removed from young boys, no one is injured to any great extent, except those that play at the game.

Eastern and California churches recognize stock gambling as a part of the business of the great cities. Members of churches, those who contribute the most liberally for the support of the churches, gamble in stocks, and not a word is heard from pulpits against the vice.

Astoria licenses gambling and it meets the approval of nine-tenths of the people. It is generally conceded that it cannot be suppressed, and as long as it is bound to exist the sentiment of the business public is that the city should derive some revenue from it.

There is any objection it usually emanates from the church people, and a large majority of the male members of the Astoria churches are opposed to any interference. There is no doubt but the eminent professors are right, and it will only be a question of time when gambling will be licensed and regulated by statutory enactments.

PLAYGROUNDS.

St. Louis has recently secured its first municipal playground. The secretary of the Improvement League of St. Louis declares that this in comparison with what other cities are doing in this line, is comparatively small, but to St. Louis it means much, for it commits the city to a policy of establishing downtown parks in crowded tenement districts.

"The Chronicle," of St. Louis publishes this leading editorial, under the title of "Model Playground Permanent," and the last sentence is a motto any city may well adopt: "The Municipal Assembly should not long hesitate in adopting the measure presented by Councilman H. N. Davis to perpetuate the Model Playground in Forest Park."

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BURGLARY COMMITTED.

Office of the City Treasurer Robbed Yesterday Morning.

The office of Thos. Dealy, city treasurer, on Bond street was robbed early yesterday morning. An entrance was effected by cutting out a piece of glass in the rear of the building, and the door was unlocked. There was no money in the building as Mr. Dealy always banks his money every afternoon, but there were about \$5 in copper pennies in a drawer, which the burglars took.

STANFORD INQUIRY

Honolulu Detectives Are Working on the Case

NOT READY TO REPORT YET

A Number of Stenographers Engaged Taking Testimony Which Will Probably Delay the Return of the San Francisco Detectives Until Later.

Honolulu, March 13, 10:15 p. m.—The detectives have five stenographers working on the statement they have taken today in the Stanford case and four are engaged for tomorrow. They say there is some doubt about their being able to take the steamer Alameda, which sails for San Francisco, but if they do not Miss Berner and the rest of the party will. Captain Callund said tonight that he is well satisfied with the work so far accomplished and will probably be able to make a statement tomorrow as to the work has developed some new features. Detective Reynolds says it is unlikely that any definite conclusion will be reached here as the indications are very strong that the detectives work is tending to a result entirely different from that arrived at by the coroner's inquest.

It can be stated positively that so far as their work has gone the detectives are strongly inclined to disagree with the conclusions reached by the Honolulu police.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

If Dr. Osler's theory of chloroforming a man after he has reached the age of 40 years had been practiced on an organization that meets on Bond street, Astoria would have a population of 25,000.

The advantages of arbitration are shown in the settlement of the North sea affair, where nobody was given anything and everybody is satisfied.

The Oberlin bank directors declare that Beckwith dealt with Mrs. Chadwick without their knowledge or consent. Naturally Beckwith was exclusively to blame. He's dead.

"Young" Corbett says he is undecided as to what he will do, but your money is pretty safe if you bet it's a saloon or a melodrama.

Mr. Bryan announces he is going to pay more attention to politics. He finds the subject quite interesting now he has started by approving the acts of a republican president.

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Fair Devotee—I don't see any way to raise our church debt, except to have a lottery.

Minister (shocked)—That will never have my sanction, madame, never, unless you call it by some other name.

"Say, doc," insinuated the man who was trying to get a little free medical advice, "supposing you had a case of chronic dyspepsia, now; what'd you consider the best course to pursue?" "Well, sir, if I had such case, I should treat it according to my professional ability, and then charge what I believe a fair fee. Do I make myself plain?"

An Astoria man who went to a dinner a few nights ago where there was more wine than anything else drank more than was good for him, and awoke the next morning with a most pronounced katenjammer. He had a headache, his mouth tasted bad, he was wobbly and uncertain in his walk, and he felt very, very ill. He managed to worry down an egg, and then took up his letters. The first one he opened was from a Kentucky whisky house, the letter began: "Do you use liquor for medicinal or other purposes?"

A New Jersey couple announced on the occasion of their golden wedding that during their married life the kitchen fire had to be built 18,263 times; that papa always built it and that during that period they had never enjoyed a cross word. If there is anything in the city of the New Jerusalem that that fond and suffering head of the house wants when he gets there he will doubtless only have to mention it.



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Young man don't neglect your personal appearance when we bring such tailors as

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P. A. STOKES

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Projectoscope Showing the following subjects: Taking a Fort Again; Corean Execution; Last Attack on Hill; Surrender of Port Arthur.

Admission 10 cents to any seat.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Danziger & Co. are open for business. Just received, some fancy smoked blotters. ASTORIA GROCERY.

Just received today, a fresh shipment of fancy creamery butter—Watsonville brand. Foard & Stokes Company.

The Occident tonorial parlors and bath facilities are equalled by none. Everything modern and up to date. See Peterson.

Do you know that the McCrea-Ford Co., 638 Commercial street, are making a big reduction on all photographs during the Lenten season?

R. M. Gaston, at his feed stable No. 105 14th street, offers for sale a Landis harness machine; one butcher's wall scales, will be sold cheap.

Jap-a-Lac, the finest finish for floors has proven both durable and makes a fine finish. B. F. Allen & Son have received a complete assortment.

Now is the time to order your clothes so as to have them by Easter Sunday. Call at C. H. Cooper's on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and select your suit and have it made to please your own taste and satisfaction.

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