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WEATHER TODAY.

Portland, Oct. 25.—Oregon and Washington: Wednesday, occasional rain.

AT THE DANGER POINT.

The limitless scope of inventions that contribute to personal comfort and convenience, now-a-days, in the public and semi-public places used daily and hourly by the masses, is slowly but surely setting up an arbitrary standard of utility and service that far out-reaches the limit of the ordinary purse and tends to mimic the normal and home environment of the poor man. The endless line of splendidly appointed contrivances in hotels, offices, factories, and other common resorts of the great bulk of working and travelling humanity, never find a truer measure of contrast than when the restricted elements of personal comfort in the home are in full play of comparison, to the latter's reproach. This may sound far-fetched, but a bit of logical figuring and the application of personal experience to the question, will reveal the tendency to discontent and supply one of the unconsidered causes for it. The remedy, unlike the cause, is in the hand and heart of the poor man himself, and must be applied and assimilated as he shall have the courage and manliness to use it.

SPLENDID PRIVILEGES.

Each passing year leaves its milestone to mark the fall of a throne. If the royal prerogative itself is not set aside altogether, new limitations are applied that render it but a name, and a tribute to the traditions it stands for. The Republican spirit is abroad in the world, and this nation is responsible in a tremendous degree for its universal flight and adaptation. There is, within all this, a lesson of supreme importance to the American citizen. He must keep his country and Government beyond reproach in the manner and form of its administration and in jealous analogy with the glorious principles that actuated its founders and made possible the record and example that is so readily used by nations abroad. It is the greatest and most masterful thing in the compass of human action to be able to guide a word in the vital processes and successes of government, and to hold the privilege we must be "Sans Peur et Sans Reproche."

SIGN OF AWAKENING.

The National Anti-Duelling League of Spain, which hopes soon to make the killing of one's man in an affair of honor just common murder, is going about its work in a way which shows a keen appreciation of the national character. One of its most illustrious converts is Jose Echegaray the dramatist, who has written a play in which duelling is held up to ridicule. The spirit of him who "laughed Spain's chivalry away" must look down with kindly interest upon the efforts of his successor in a worthy cause. By the way, can't some American Cervantes grapple with the problem of football brutality?

GOLD, THE MOTOR.

The recent banking convention in Washington, was a notable event. There were among those present the motor power, financially speaking, of the country. The addresses are note-

worthy evidences of the general confidence and hope in the commercial future of the country. The address of Vice President F. A. Vanderlip of the National City Bank of New York has attracted general attention, because of its treatment of the effect of the enormous gold production upon the future. He is of the belief that the money stocks will, at the present rate of increase, be doubled in twenty years. The meaning of that is plain. There will be no lack of confidence so long as the radicals in speculation do not gain control of financial and commercial affairs.

PERSONAL:—It is up to every man in Astoria, personally, to give his best thought and aid to the proposition of building and maintaining in this city, a new, modern and finely appointed hotel. Every one who realizes this responsibility, will be present at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, on November 6th, next.

BOY BANDITS CAPTURED AT CHICAGO SUBURB

They Lived in a Cave and Were Well Supplied With Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Armed, bandit-like, with two revolvers each, smoking cigarettes and living in a cave, three boys were arrested near Lagrange, Ind., by detectives of the Burlington railway.

The boys are Jacob Maehemus, 18; Lewis Sherwood, 15, and Charles Colberts, 14 years old. In the cave the officers found what was left of 25,000 cigarettes, several boxes of cigars, and several revolvers which, the detectives allege, were taken in recent robberies. The boys are accused of being members of a gang that has operated about Lagrange for weeks.

Government engineers are mapping Puget sound for mines and torpedo stations. Mine equipment that cost \$500,000 is stored near Ft. Ward. It is expected to be in place by the first of next year.

Grateful Husbands in India.

When white people do things for native races the gratitude of those ministered unto is sometimes quite touching. The report of the hospital for women at Allahabad gives a couple of certificates which illustrate that many a grateful heart beats beneath a swarthy skin. The first is from a husband whose wife had been experimented upon at the institution. He writes:

Dear She—My wife has returned from your hospital cured. Provided males are allowed at your bungalow, I would like to do you the honor of presenting myself there this afternoon. But I will not try to repay you—vengeance belongeth unto God. Yours noticeably,

But what doctor would not treasure so eloquently expressed a token of gratitude as this?

Dear and Fair Madam—I have much pleasure to inform you that my dearly unfortunate wife will be no longer under your treatment, she having left this world for the other on the night of 27th ulto. For your help in this matter I shall ever remain grateful. Yours reverently,

—Montreal Star.

A Tea Tale.

"I went into a restaurant the other morning," said a bachelor who gets his meals wherever he can find them, "and a blockhead of a girl came to wait on me. I ordered a mild form of breakfast and added a cup of English breakfast tea. When the order was delivered the girl remarked:

"There isn't any breakfast tea, and I brought you Oolong's."

"Why do you call it Oolong's?" I said rather peevishly, for my head wasn't feeling altogether right.

"How should I know how it got its name?" she replied in no better humor than I was. "I s'pose Mr. Oolong makes it."

"This unexpected answer jarred me, but I made no comment, for I didn't feel like getting into a discussion with anybody that I couldn't hit with a chair in case of emergency. Just the same, I don't want any more of Mr. Oolong's tea—anyway, not in that place."—New York Press.

A Subtle Flatterer.

A Scotch divine who was a bachelor and whose manse was in the keeping of an old housekeeper called Janet was constantly annoyed by the fact that the good dame always fell fast asleep as soon as he entered the pulpit, whereas she kept wide awake whenever a stranger was the preacher.

One day he summoned his courage to the sticking point and tackled the old lady on the subject. "Janet," said he, "y'ken when I preach you're almost always fast asleep before I've well given out my text, but when any of these young men from St. Andrew's preach for me I see you never sleep a wink. Now, that's what I call no using me as you should do."

"Hoots, sir," was the reply, "is that a'?' I'll soon tell ye the reason of that. When you preach we a' ken the word of God is safe in your hands, but when these young 'birkies' ta' it in hand—ma certie, but it tak's us a' to look after them!"—Glasgow Times.

Mother's Instructions.

Hostess—Shall I help you to the cake, Tommy? Tommy—No'm. Let me help meself first. Ma told me not to help meself more'n onct. You can help me all you please afterward.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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