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WEATHER TODAY
 Portland, Nov. 12.—Western
 Oregon: Generally fair.
 Western Washington: Partly cloudy with probable showers.
 Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington: Fair.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY.
 The primary election will transpire today in this city. The law, of itself, is a nuisance, an incubus, a fearfully and wonderfully made thing that all men dread who have to do with it; there is nothing about it to invite the good will of the elector nor to inspire him with respect for it. It is cumbersome to last degree, is faulty, foggy and futile. But such as it is, the Republicans of Astoria have invoked it and put it in such use as the best intelligence of the party could muster to its proper application. It will be observed and the results obtained will be adhered to in perfect good faith. Those voting in today will have the privilege of naming the Republican candidates for all the civic officers except that the Mayor; that will have to be left to a convention of the party to be held later in the month. The honors that fall today will be ratified by the party throughout the city, unless it shall be known that skull-dugger was employed to the undoing of the wishes of the party, in which event the matter needing remedy will also be transferred to the convention for adjustment. Let every Republican do his whole duty by those who are seeking its suffrage, and having done it, there is time enough to make good on the mayoralty, and save the situation to the party, from top to bottom.

FINE PASSENGER FLEET.
 The steamships Columbia, Senator, Roanoke and Olympia form a fine fleet of passenger carriers on the coast service South of Portland and the choice of the traveler is broadened in the matter of what splendid vessels he will patronize on that route. This is an advantage that inures to Astoria as well as to San Francisco, Los Angeles or Portland, and will be valued accordingly.

ALIKE IN ALL THINGS.
 President Roosevelt set a good example to all citizens lately by making the trip from Washington to Oyster Bay to vote. The election in Nassau County was probably as unexciting as any election could well be. There was nobody to be voted for but a member of the assembly and a few county officers. The county is strongly Republican, and there was not the remotest chance that Mr. Roosevelt's vote would affect the result with regard to any officer. His work at Washington is arduous and pressing. If any man could truthfully say that he had duties too important to leave in order to vote for an assemblyman who would be elected anyhow, he could. Yet he makes the tiresome journey and hurries back to his desk, just to perform his part as one citizen who takes seriously his obligations as a member of a self-governing community.

WILL WITTE WIN?
 The work assumed by Count Witte in the reorganization of the Russian Government, is a task to tax the utmost capabilities of the strongest man, not only in point of nerve force, but in the matter of physical ability. It is a grave and tremendous thing to undertake, and the whole world is looking on with hope not unmixed with dread that he shall fail before he has passed the point of safety. He has had his plans laid for years, but the obstacles that he must overcome are of a sort to take the courage from the hand and mind of even such a giant as he is. May he prosper to the last vestige of reform he has outlined, and may his work once done, last forever, to the crowning glory of the man and the race.

SITUATION IN LONDON.
 Husbands out of work and starving wives and children! A deputation of women call on Premier Balfour and talk about bloodshed! What is the matter with London? Immense crowds singing "The Marseillaise" in the streets. They are suggesting the starting of industries at public expense for the employment of the poor and needy. They are talking of a revolution to exceed in bloodshed that in Russia. There is something radically wrong with the government of our cousin across the seas, if these reports are not exaggerated. To hear the masses in the world's most populous city clamoring for bread at a time when this and many other nations are passing through an era of remarkable prosperity is remarkable, and presents a phase of industrial economy that must be solved by the Government in power, which, at the moment confesses its inability to alleviate the unusual conditions.

IMPORTS INCREASING.
 In conjunction with the large volume of manufactures and exports of the autumn the cheering news comes from the appraisers in New York that imports of automobiles and diamonds are still coming from abroad in extraordinary quantities. It reassures us of the prosperity of the nation to hear that these luxuries are in demand as much as to look over the domestic statistics and ascertain that the farmers of the country are buying a higher class of furniture for their dwellings and a greater quantity of dry goods and other necessities and luxuries. One hundred and thirty-nine automobiles were imported in October, in comparison with eighty-five last year. So far this year nearly one thousand automobiles have come from abroad, and the value of the diamonds extends well into the millions. The promise of the times is good.

DARE NOT RENIG.
 The whole burden of reorganization of the empire seems to be falling on the shoulders of Count Witte, whose efforts to form a ministry are rendered unsuccessful by the evident fear of the men who should consent to aid him that the national assembly may not indorse the premier's policy or that the Emperor may experience a change of heart. Upon the latter point there should no longer be any doubt. Reluctant as the Czar is to yield one position after another as it is forced from him, he has now gone too far to dare withdraw. Absolutism has passed away forever, and while it does not appear clear what the future may bring forth there can assuredly be no return to autocracy.

SHAKE IT OFF
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PERSONAL MENTION

F. R. Stokes came in from Portland on last night's express.
 R. McLain was a housing passenger from Portland on the express last night.
 W. G. Martin, the well known traveling man, arrived in the city last night.
 Malcolm Barger returned to the city from a brief visit to Portland, last night.
 J. H. Mansell returned from a trip to the Sounl country on last night's train.
 W. F. McGregor came in from a hunting expedition, last night, and seemed to have had his share of luck.
 Supt. John McGuire came in from Holton last night, where he had been doing a bit of Sunday hunting.
 Jim Wallace came home from Portland last night. He reports his brother, Martin as very much better of his recent illness.
 Aug. Hildebrand, of Robinson & Hildebrand, returned from a business trip to Portland on last night's express.

FIRE ALARM YESTERDAY.

At 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was turned in from Fifth and Commercial street, and instantly answered by Chemical and Hose No. 1. It came from the home of H. Leibel, and arose from a faulty chimney, but no serious damage was done to the premises.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kans., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said that he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago. Since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

"UNCLE JOSH," A JOSHER.

Fisher's Opera House could not hold any more people than were in attendance there last night. And those that had the good fortune to be there were glad they came. "Uncle Josh" did them all good, with his wholesome, genuine wit and pathos and all left in a spirit of good will for the fine troupe that played so well. The Ronen Dramatic people are doing all possible to verify their best claims and are doing it. A recitation, "The Iron Chest" was a star event at last night's performance. Mr. Adams won the three-piece cut-glass set awarded in the gift end of last night's entertainment.

RESERVED SEAT SALE CHANGE.

During the week the reserved seat sale for the performances of the Roach company will be on sale at the box office of the opera house, commencing at 10 o'clock this morning. Tonight Barkley Campbell's great comedy-drama "Trapped by a Woman" will be the bill.

Constipation.

Health is absolutely impossible, if constipation be present. Many serious cases of liver and kidney complaint have sprung from neglected constipation. Such a deplorable condition is unnecessary. There is a cure for it. Herbine will speedily remedy matters. C. A. Lindsay, P. M., Bronson, Fla. writes, Feb. 12, 1892: "Having used Herbine, I find it a fine medicine for constipation. Sold by Prank Hart.

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