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#### ...... WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Wash- • ington-Rain or snow; colder in 🔶 south portion. . . . . . . . . . . . . .

### OUR TREATY WITH JAPAN.

It is quite apparent that the statement that the attempt of the President to castigate San Francisco was for the purpose of saving the face of the Japanese had no foundation in fact, and the story that there was in contemplation a treaty by which Japanese coolies would be excluded was equally without a basis. When the latter yarn was first spun the Chronicle pointed out that there was nothing to it, because such a treaty would be a superfluity, as the existing convention provides that either country may make laws regulating the entrance of laborers. The Springfield Republican appears to be one of the few papers familiar with the treaty. In a recent issue it said:

"It appears then, that the United States and Japan are both free, in accordance with the treaty of 1894,

doctrines of amendment now underway in Congress. New York and the gratulated upon the wisdom of the Empire electors in smashing the Hearst regime and putting this "kidoffice of the Union

RECIPROCAL DEMURRAGE.

gathered for the use of the members of the Legislature the reciprocal demurrage laws of the different States having such a provision in force. The ing railways brings many inquiries

to enact laws excluding from its ports each other's laborers, or regulating their entrance. If Japan now should enact such a law and the United States should enact a similar one, the object which the proposed new treaty would seek to attain would be accomplished without any treaty."

Almost every other journal published on the other side of the Rocky Mountains gave credence to the absurd story that there was to be a new treaty, because none of them are familiar with the existing treaty with Japan.-San Francisco Chronicle.

## "RELIGIOUS LIBERTY."

The Pentecostal gang now doing its alleged religious stunt in Salem and Portland should be handled without gloves by the authorities and be given to understand, once for all, that humbuggery of that nasty sort is under the ban in Oregon. They are a dangerous set and are playing upon the natural conservatism of the people in dealing with religious matters to secure a degree of toleration and immunity in the practice of their rotten code, that will eventuate in another hideous exposition like that of the Holy Rollers. The real religious man or woman avoids such expression of ritory. principle and devotion, and only ignoramuses, perverts and mindless creatures resort to such extremes as characterize this howling outfit up the valley. It is to be hoped the police power of the city and county will be invoked in flat fashion without loss of time, and that the threatening evil will be put down. Constitutional religious freedom does not mean what these people and their leaders mean, by a long sight, and there are none in need of proof of this so badly as the fool "saints" and their silly victims.

GOVERNOR HUGHES' TALK.

It will pay every American to read and remember the text of Governor lend palpable force to the accepted soil intervening.

a man after all, and a fair exampl for dissipated and reckless fellows of his class, including the whites.



can think of his mother along such

palpable lines as this, is pretty much

For half a century Samuel L. Clemens has been cheering the world with his quaint, rich humor, and making things brighter for everybody. Th name of "Mark Twain" is a veritable charm in this country and the laughing world swears by the dear old chap, who grows funnier with the Mars. Such delight as he affords leaves a lingering touch through days and years and bobs up refreshingly at all seasons, and the illimitable feature of his humor is the best part of it; it never becomes trite. May the narrowing years deal gently and most happily with this man who has lightened so many loads for others

> ......... EDITORIAL SALAD. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

How soon the sensations of the day hide from public view! James Hazen Hyde, for instance.

Next to the Amazon river, La Plata drains the greatest expanse of ter-

France published the first newspaper in 1605; the first English newspaper appeared in 1622.

Only 7 per cent of the men in the French army exceed five feet eight inches in height.

Thomas Hudam, after careful studies declares that the average man of 50 looks back on 18.250 days lived awake and 6,212 asleep. To work 6,348 have been devoted, but to pleasure only 4,192.

It is reported that the invisible radium emanations affect germinating seeds even when these are covered Hughes' inaugural address at the New with a layer of soil very much the York capital on New Year's Day. It same as a too powerful application is the expression of a thoughtful, ear- of sunlight to the seed. In other words nest, cultured mind, and exceedingly the effect is similar to that produced apt to the hour and the conditions of by too much light resulting in an arthe nation. It is strictly in harmony resting of germination. The effect is with the views of the President on the influenced by the nature of the seed bases of popular disaffection and rem- covering, its distance from the source edial courses; and if adhered to, will of emanation and the quantity of moist

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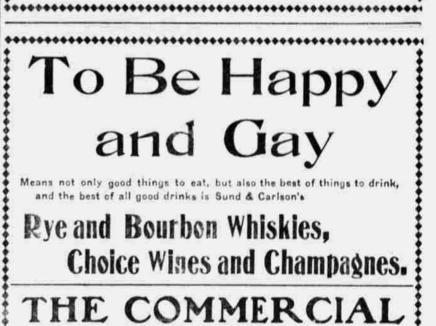
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