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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Fair with light to moderately heavy frosts in early morning; warmer during the afternoon.

WHY DANCE HALLS FLOURISH.

Jane Addams of the famous Hull House settlement in Chicago tells of a young man who came to her with his sister who, he explained, wanted to go somewhere evenings, because their rooms were "too stuffy to stay in."

Miss Addams thinks this is a fair sample of about 3,000,000 cases in the United States where young women with good red blood and a natural craving for pleasure find no satisfaction among those church people who

Few poor girls are blessed with a thoughtful elder brother, and the tendency is to follow the procession of their sisters to the public dance halls, where some cities allow liquor to be sold.

The classical city provided for play with careful solitude, building the theater as it built the market place and the temple. In the medieval city the knights held their tournaments, the guilds their pageants, the people their dances, and the church made festival for its most cherished saints with gay street processions.

Only in the modern industrial city have men concluded that it is no longer necessary for the municipality to provide for the insatiable desire for play, and they have therefore entered upon a most dangerous and difficult experiment.

England is building a smokeless battleship with an internal combustion engine, said to be an improvement on the turbine system. The pace in marine improvement grows more strenuous every year.

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PROGRESS OF IRRIGATION.

Five thousand persons recently gathered at the big dam built by the federal government eight miles above Boise, to celebrate the opening of the reclamation works that are to furnish water to 200,000 acres in Ada

and Canyon counties. Idaho is now a state well advanced in irrigation, and not alone by reason of national aid and encouragement. In supplying water to sagebrush lands Idaho has been energetically at work on its own account, beginning with the national cession of 1,000,000 acres of arid lands for homesteaders in 1894.

WHAT SALEM SAYS.

Those Portlanders, who are desirous of removing the seat of Oregon's government to East Portland, set up the claim that the present capitol is unsafe. Is it any wonder that the building is weak when there has been so much log-rolling within its walls biennially for 40 years or more?

Having been denied the boon of statehood, Arizona and New Mexico will have to take a firmer grip of the plow handle and show what they can do as territories.

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Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, who will be 90 in May, still writes poetry. The magazines should inspect it and make the acquaintance of the real thing.

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NORTH SIDE NEWS

Miss L. M. Williamson, of Ilwaco, is the accredited representative of The Astorian and will take care of all items of news, orders for subscriptions and all kinds of printing.

ILWACO

Mrs. J. W. Miller returned recently to her home at the Ilwaco Beach Life Saving Station from visiting her daughters, Mrs. Soule in Portland and Mrs. Eckhart in Celilo, Oregon.

Moses Lugnet of this city was a visitor to South Bend and Raymond the latter part of last week.

Isaac Belknap of Chinook was in the city Tuesday with his fine team, which he purchased recently from William Williams.

Miss Mildred Morden was confined to the house for a few days this week with a badly ulcerated tooth.

Walter Seaborg left recently for a several days business sojourn in the city of Portland.

George L. Colwell of Astoria was a business visitor to Ilwaco the first of the week, collecting monthly water rents.

Miss Alvena Peterson returned Saturday from Portland where she has been studying spring millinery and investing in new spring and summer

stock. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGowan are the proud parents of an eight and a half pound baby girl born Monday morning at 5 o'clock. Both mother and child are reported doing nicely.

J. A. Vaughn returned the latter part of last week to Bear River where he is watchman in a logging camp at that place.

The play, entitled "Down in Dixie," will be presented soon by some of Ilwaco's younger set, who are theatrically inclined. This will be the second home talent play given recently and we trust this will be the success and draw as large an audience as the former one did.

J. A. Kennedy from Cranberry Station, was in the city the latter part of last week on business.

Mrs. A. Dunbar of Astoria arrived Sunday on a launch to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGowan of this city.

Mrs. Jim Hughes, accompanied by her aged mother-in-law, left the first of the week for Portland.

of sugar was then developed until today over \$100,000,000 are invested in it, some 42,200 men are directly employed, and the annual output has reached \$21,000 tons. Rice is the second product in value. Sisal is being planter extensively and promises great things. Pineapple culture is firmly established; while rubber tobacco and diversified agriculture are attracting much attention and capital.

SHE CAN, BUT WON'T.

Program Blocked Out By Man Who Does Not Know Women.

CHICAGO, March 9.—No woman need remain a mental lightweight in this age of progress. She can cure herself of her intellectual inferiority by getting a job, forgetting romance and costly raiment, mixing in politics and freeing herself from "Incarceration in the house," according to state-mates made by Professor W. I. Thomas of the University of Chicago.

"Incarceration within the house is the greatest curse that could overtake the nervous system, and mind of woman," says Professor Thomas in a communication to a women's Club. "From this standpoint our girls and women are in a vicious psychological situation, as vicious as political or ecclesiastical despotism. Women are coming more and more to rely less upon the will of the men."

"It is not so much that the occupations need the women as the women need the occupations. Ordinarily the woman abandons all intention of entering an occupation at the altar. Even in our universities, where women prepare for usefulness, they keep a wavering eye on the subject when it comes to matrimonial aspirations."

INFANT MURDERER.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—The Unique defense in the trial of Edjar Nichulus, a 16 year old boy who shot and killed Frank Rigetti, whom he attempted to hold up on the night of February 15 last is that he has grown so fast that his brain has been diseased. The boy is six feet two inches in height and very narrow.

HE DID HIS BEST. NEW YORK, March 9.—John Vant, a truck driver, is dead today, after having sacrificed his life to save a six year old boy who darted in front of the horses in East 22nd Street. In an endeavor to turn the team aside Vant was thrown from his seat falling under the wheels of his truck and being crushed. He died two hours later in Bellevue Hospital.

PIONEER CHICAGOAN DEAD. CHICAGO, March 9.—Mrs. Margaret Ellen Liscott, the first white child born in Chicago after its incorporation as a city, is dead in Bloomington, Ill. She was born on March 3, 1836, and was surrounded at her birth by squaws. Her first bath was taken in a tub made from a hollow log. She was rocked to sleep in a cradle of bark. Mrs. Liscott's parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Kinsey who came West soon after their marriage in Virginia and settled in Fort Dearborn.

OREGON NEEDS ONE.

LANSING, Mich., March 9.—An "economy committee" to see that no state department or institution expends more money than it should is provided in a bill introduced in the lower house of the state Legislature last night by Representative Dusenberry. The committee will be authorized to scrutinize the number of employees in any department or institution and prescribe their hours of work.

Representative Farmer introduced a bill providing that bank directors must sign their names to the records of the directors meetings they attend.

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