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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, Or., March 18.—For Washington and Oregon; occasional rain; slightly warmer. Monday promises to be fair.

This paper has the largest circulation on the Columbia river. An honest and complete telegraphic report gives a newspaper a right and title to the name.

In another column will be found the report of the surveyor of the water commission, and the determination of that body to act on its suggestions without loss of time.

Says the Marion county Democrat: "The reason given by the Statesman and President Fulton for the abolition of the board of charities and corrections, is that it was a 'noising' board.

Does the Democrat then shudder so terribly at the thought of the abolition of the grand jury system? Several states of the Union have decided to have done with that farcical imitation of justice, and it is about time that Oregon follow their example.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast." Listen to the Portland Dispatch: Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle is said to have under consideration some financial propositions, to be submitted to Congress, which will form the basis of an agreement between Congress and the Executive on the financial problem.

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The new tramcar service from Portland to Oregon City has already begun to brighten up the little town by the beautiful falls, and the Enterprise reflects the movement in its neat columns. We are glad to see our sister cities rising one after the other out of the slough of Despond into the sunshine of prosperity, and our eyes are straining for the day, we believe not far distant, when Astoria will wake from her sleep and become the envy of them all.

Reports continue to reach us in our telegrams of the devastation and misery caused by the Boston fire. The shocking loss of life and terrible destruction of property are forcible reminders that, with all the improvements and inventions of the present age, no preventive for such destructive conflagrations has been devised. It is a humiliating fact that the loss of property by fire is greater today than it has ever been before.

The second competition of our school series ended yesterday, and the result will be found in another column. We are glad that these little contests are fulfilling the mission we intended them to perform, and that they are arousing a widespread interest throughout the district. Tuesday morning's paper will contain our third series of questions.

The latest reports from San Francisco are to the effect that the organized shipowners are renewing their efforts to win the fight which they started some months ago against the Seamen's Union. Several owners, it is claimed, who refused at first to join the Shipbuilders' and Shipowners' Association, are now recognized members, and are taking an active part in the fight against the seamen. Every day non-union crews are being shipped, and although some trouble is being experienced with these men, many of whom are not good seamen, the ship owners say they are willing to give them employment rather than ship union seamen. The shipowners claim that they have many reasons for not wanting men who belong to the union. Nevertheless, the latter report that their prospects of winning the fight are favorable. They feel that they are battling in the interests of a good cause and believe that in the end they will come out victorious. A union man said yesterday: "I see that, according to newspaper reports, the shipowners say they don't want us because of our demand for standard salaries and first-class food while on board. It's a fact that we want good salaries and good food, and the shipowners are in a position to very readily accede to our demands if they so desired."

Personal Mention. Walter C. Smith is in the city. E. A. Seeley came down from Portland yesterday. W. H. Barker will be up from San Francisco this morning. Gohn McGovern returned to San Francisco on the State today. J. G. Megler and wife returned to Brookfield last night on the Telephone. Miss Rice returns home on the Oregon this morning after spending a holiday in San Francisco.

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