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TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Or., March 18 .- For Washington and Oregon; occasional rain; slightly warmer. Monday promises to be fair.

Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, furnished by the U. S. department of agriculture, weather bureau:

Maximum temperature, 52 degrees. Minimum temperature, 39 degrees. Percipitation, .48 inches. Total precipitation from July 1st,

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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 suggestion has been very carefully considered from every standpoint, and we have no doubt that the public will note with satisfaction the fact that the commis sloners are doing their work well, and their own gait, without regard to the cowardly attacks to which they have been subjected.

ment of the board of charities and corrections, is that it was a "nosing" board. In other words it sought to do its duty. The same reason would abolsh grand juries and would reflect only upon its advocates,"

Does the Democrat then shudder se 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. The the ory is all right, but as long as grand juries are to be chosen from among men and not angels, its workings will be utterly unreliable.

"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. The time is ripe for the complete reorganization of our financial system. Capable of acute perception and holding broad views on this question, Secretary Carlilse will grapple with it in a masterful manner and the hope is that his proposed disposition of it may be so clear and comprehensive that all sides will yield their differences and pull together for the common good. There never was a kime when a master mind was in greater demand to give proper shape to any great national question than is now required to establish a perfect financial system If our present secretary proves himself equal the occasion, that name, which will go down in history as greater than a Hamilton, a Chase or a Sherman will be the name of Carlisle."

When is he going to start? The first thing he should do, with all due deference to Mr. Cleveland, the Dispatch and Providence, is to summon

most profound of lawyers, one or many, and to tell him or them that the on hand that we might, could, and tons by each of the two great steamficacy in educating Europe to take a very serious part in the next International silver conference.

land to Oregon City has already begun to brighten up the little town by the beautiful falls, and the Enterprise recities 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

Reports continue to reach us in our telegrams of the devastation and misminders that, with all the improvements and inventions of the present age, no preventitive 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 fulfilling the mission we intended them to perform, and that they are arousing widespread interest throughout the district. Tuesday morning's paper will contain our third series of questions.

cisco 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 nonunion crews are being shipped, and although some trouble is being experienced with these men, many of whom Says the Marion county Democrat: are not good seamen, the ship owners "The reason given by the Statesman say they are willing to give them emd President Fulton for the abolish- ployment rather than ship union sea-The shipowners claim that they men. 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 battelling in the interests of a good cause and believe that in the end they will ome 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 lemand for standard salaries and firstlass 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 Sar Francisco this morning. Gohn McGdvern 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.

The British ship Goodrich has been ordered to Martinez to lie up until the new captain, now on his way from Liverpool, arrives. Captain Richard Williams, who attempted suicide ten days ago and is still in the receiving hospital suffering from the effect of his wounds, owns a quarter of the ship, which is one of the finest in port, and valued at \$100,000.

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