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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, March 20.—For Washington and Oregon: continued rain; slightly warmer. 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, 43 degrees. Minimum temperature, 37 degrees. Precipitation, .11 inch. Total precipitation from July 1st to date, 58 inches. Deficiency of precipitation from July 1st, 1892, to date, 2.50 inches.

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Cleveland and Carlisle have discovered that the situation of the country is not so calamitous and desperate as the gentlemen composing the political party of which they are members have been in the habit of proclaiming.

The Oregonian jubilates to the extent of a column over the feat of the ship Reaper in getting up to Portland in fourteen hours, and attempts to prove from this fact that the 25-foot channel is not a myth but an admirable reality.

try, two per cent, and perhaps a small fraction less. It is the disturbance of credit, and the crusading for the degradation of currency that makes interest rates high. It is rural politics and not the policy of bankers, as the Oregonian tries to make it appear, that does it.

Here is some poetry illustrating what we said the other day about the birth of St. Patrick. As it was written by one of the most rollicking Irishmen that ever lived, no native of the Emerald Isle, not even those imitation Celts who write letters to newspapers, will take objection to it:

On the Eighth day of March it was, some people say, That St. Patrick at midnight, he first saw the day: While others declared 'twas the Ninth he was born,

For mistakes will occur in a hurry and shock, And some blamed the baby—and some blamed the clock— Till with all their cross-questions sure no one could know If the child was too fast or the clock was too slow.

Now the first faction fight in owid Ireland, they say, Was all on account of St. Patrick's birthday: Some fought for the eighth for the ninth more would die, And who wouldn't see right, sure they blackened his eye!

At least, both the factions so positive grew, That each kept a birthday, so Pat then had two, Till Father Mulcahy, who show'd them their stow, Said: "No one could have two birthdays, but a twins."

Says he: "Boys, don't be fightin' for eight or for nine, Don't be always dividin'—but sometimes combine; Combine eight with nine, and seventeen is the mark, So let it be his birthday."—"Amen," says the clerk.

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