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#### TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, March 21 .- For Oregon and Washington, rain except about Baker City; rain or snow and cooler west of

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

Maximum temperature, 50 degrees. Minimum temperature, 41 degrees. Precipitation, .30 inches. Total precipitation from July 1st,

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When economy runs into downright stupidity it is time to seriously considof a good thing. At the meeting of the city council last night there was put forth one of the most insane proposithe instruments except that in No 2's mittee on fire and water. Let the gentlemen forming that committee deal terests of what they choose to term 'economy," would expose Astoria to the risk of the loss of thousands of dollars for the purpose of saving \$6 per month, the cost of two telephones.

We do not believe that the councilmen who advocated this measure gave it the least consideration. They are or all occasions level-headed and sensible and it is the strangest thing imagin able that in a matter of such vital importance they should have so signally failed to rise to a sense of their public

We in Oregon are now beginning to see the spread of an old Eastern craze Of all the fools, young or old, who play their part upon the earth, the stage struck young woman is by far the worst. The sentimental female who worships a hero in a curly wig and a property uniform, while not being able to appreciate the unobtrusiveness of real life, is a fool of ordinary type Many people prefer shams to reality The young woman who gives up a good home to yield to the wild desire to go upon the stage, to become anything from a tray carrier or a high kicker to a great tragedy actress, is an extraordinary fool. Yet, paridoxical as it may seem, there are many such. In contrast with the great army of stage struck girls who are yearly making lunatics of themselves in one way and another, is the choice of a great actress who left the footlights in the very zenith of her career and settled down in the obscurity of a happy home. She cannot be drawn from her retirement. for she has tried both lives and knows which is best.

The New York Sun discusses at some length the defense of Puget Sound, which it regards as a step of great importance. It adds nothing to what has been time and again urged by the as an administrative organ has settled papers published on the Sound, for in- into a frozen smile. There is sorrow deed there was nothing to add. The on ice somewhere.

defense of the Sound is a matter of great concern, that is, unless we are coast, but we fancy that its value largely exists in the imagination of the writers who tell about it.

In the event of a war with England, says the Seattle Telegraph, of what value would fortifications and a naval station on Hawaii be to us here on the Sound? The British fleet would sail down from Esquimalt and we could do absolutely nothing to keep it from much greater value than in that just supposed. We hope that we will never need fortifications against any power, but unless we are banking on the early dawn of the millenium, or are to adopt a policy of non-resistance, it is time that Puget Sound was rendered impregnable to any foe. It would be an easy thing to make it so.

It is interesting to read the following essay, a copy of which was obtained from Miss Cook, now living at Fayetteville, N. Y., Grover Cleveland's teacher in 1849. How little the old lady dreamt when she read the lad's composition that he would be the honored president of the United States.

The Importance of Time. (Essay of Grover Cleveland, aged nine.)-Time is days, weeks, months, years and centurys. If we expect to become great and good men and be respected and eshad but small means of obtaining an education but by improving their time when they were young and in School they obtained their high standing Jackson was a poor boy but he was placed in school and by improving his time he in school and by improving his time he found himself a president of the United States guiding and directing a powerful nation. If we wish to become great and useful in the world, we must im-

The Marion County Democrat says: "Every once in a while some repubcan newspaper speaks of the democratic party being dissatisfied with this or that action of President Cleveland. The truth is that the people, the great masses of parties, have unlimited conadence in the judgement, sincerity and patriotism of the president."

The truth is nothing of the sort. The truth is that Mr. Cleveland has his party by the nose. He is not a demorat whose name is Cleveland. He is first of all a Cleveland democrat.

The privations of the democracy are errible. First, Gresham. Second, Bissell. Third, Hoke Smith and the rest of the cabinet. Fourth, no ex-office holders need apply. Fifth, country editors have no right to postoffices. Sixth, free siver coinage postponed. Seventh, wild-cat banking deferred. Eighth, tariff robbery to be continued. Ninth, reciprocity goes on consuming the vitals of the populace. Tenth, the sum of all-no relief for anybody. Is this a democratic administration?

Mr Cleveland may be making a mistake in not muzzling the press with a few foreign missions. Wasting those pleasant places on old lawyers, when there are qualified editors ready to stand unabashed before kings or Panama princes, is political profligacy.

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