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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, March 25.-For Washington

and Oregon: occasional light rain;

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, 50 degrees. Minimum temperature, 44 degrees.

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A year ago the Young Women's Chris tian Temperance Union of Astoria, body identified with good works from its foundation, and always in the front for the educational advancement of its surroundings, launched out on the en terprise of giving the public the op portunity of reading, at a small cost, a very varied and excellent assortment of literature. They housed their little sion of a library that would be credit able to a population of twice the size of our own. This work the Y. W. C. T. U. have performed only after resorting to a dozen hard working expedients for the collection of sufficient financial means. The object they have had in stitution over to the city as soon as they were able to place it on a good basis. It is in that condition now, and we believe it is their earnest desire that the council should recognize the fact, and take hold where they

have left off. There is no need for us to point out the reasons why this should be done A free city library is a blessing to any municipality, and the possession, of such an adjunct is one of the thing. that gives any town a standing to be proud of among its neighbors. So a free library let us have, and quickly.

Whatever departments we may be deficient in at the World's Fair, it is now an assured fact that the two great interests of Clatsop county-timber and fish, will be amply represented. Glad at all pleasant to note that such a result has been brought about more by the efforts of a handful of men than by the united and spontaneous exertions of the majority of the citizens of the county. It is indeed an astonishing fact that in a matter involving the very blood of our existence in commerand disinterested. The newspapers of the men played the monster, and sevthe country without an exception have eral times he jumped out of the water. been very generous in allowing the use of their space for the dissemination of his Winchester rifle into its carcass, and any statements that would tend to these failing to kill it, he finally disstir up the feelings of the public in this patched it with a harpoon. The men matter, and have, we are convinced. left nothing undone on their part to bring about a general desire for a full tain Wilson, who is no mean taxidermand representative exhibit. As things ist, stuffed and mounted the specimen have turned out, no harm has been done, but it does not speak well for our when it is considered that an albacore concern in the public welfare that we weighing 150 pounds is thought to be have allowed one or two conscientious extraordinarily large.

men to take on their own shoulders what should have been the cheerful

We received a circular yesterday from the Women's Building in Chicago compete with men in the business walks

In answer, we believe that the exability to do both and to do them more cupation of professional diver is the have not entered. But, notwithstanding this, we believe there is lamentable domestic service, and sewing, all honorable callings are not, however, the only ones in which success awaits her.

do these things differently in Tokio. The editor of the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" has just been sent to a Japareas tall for libeling the legislature of the Sunrise Kingdom. On second thought, it wasn't the whole legislature only the house of representatives. The Japanese congressman seems to be a more sensitive creature than his American congener.

Finances are clearing up. The absence of the democratic house of representatives is reassuring. Give the business men nine months' intermission of politics and they will get along Whey the treasury wants gold, why the gold gets there. Carlisle had only to touch a button.

ontches goes to the senside for a few days to recuperate. If the old gentleman expects to get that second reading of the home rule bill through, he must avoid the banquet hall and freezing midnight rides.

First Fish Story of the Year.

Here is the first fish story of the seaon, but unlike many of its fellows it is perfectly true and accurate in every particular:

has on board a specimen of a fish which is no less wonderful than it is beautiful. It is a huge albacore and weighs 325 pounds. It was caught by Captain
Wilson about two hundred railes south
of the line. A great deal of trouble is
usually experienced in catching deep
sea fish, for the reason that about nine

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