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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, March 25.—For Washington and Oregon: occasional light rain; 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, 50 degrees.

Isn't it about time that the Astoria Public Library was taken by the city, out of the hands of its promoters and made a free institution?

A year ago the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union of Astoria, a body identified with good works from its foundation, and always in the front for the educational advancement of its surroundings, launched out on the enterprise of giving the public the opportunity of reading, at a small cost, a very varied and excellent assortment of literature.

Mr. Gladstone, we notice by our despatches, goes to the seaside 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.

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men to take on their own shoulders what should have been the cheerful burden of every one of us.

We received a circular yesterday from the Women's Building in Chicago asking us to state our opinion as to whether women should or should not compete with men in the business walks of life.

In answer, we believe that the experimental stage in women's bread winning work has long since passed. It is no longer a question whether women if allowed, can create and execute for they have proved their ability to do both and to do them more than ordinarily well.

They do these things differently in Tokio. The editor of the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" has just been sent to a Japanese jail for libeling the legislature of the Sunrise Kingdom.

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.

Itching Piles are known by moisture like perspiration causing intense itching when warm. This form, as well as Blind, Bleeding or Protruding, yield at once to Dr. Bosanick's Pile Remedy, which acts directly on the parts affected.

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When it was at last hauled alongside, Captain Wilson put ten bullets from his Winchester rifle into its carcass, and these falling to kill it, he finally dispatched it with a harpoon. The men who had been hauling on the thin strand of wire had their hands badly lacerated during the excitement.

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