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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. aximum temperature, 38 degrees. Precipitation, .33 inch.

Total precipitation from July 1st, 1892, to date, 67.43 inches. Excess of precipitation from July 1st 1892, to date, 2.44 inches.

A bembshell was sprung in the ranks of a section of the city council last night that upset and knocked out their calculations, and utterly threw over their plans. When Councilman Welch got up to introduce an ordinance that tion with both feet, braced themselves up for the slaughter. But in a couple of moments they sat back in their seats and wondered where they were at. Mr Welch instead of bringing in the proposition to license gambling, produced 78 years of age. The chances are he the ordinance suppressing it entirely, and completely wiping it out, making reer is closed and he enters into the it a crime, and forbidding any form of

Now for a little retrospect. Ever since the question of gambling was first mooted, Councilman Welch has bitterly opposed any pandering to the evil. He attempted on one occasion to force the council to suppress it by bringing in the very same ordinance as he read last night, and he failed signally in his gether, he and others have turned their attention to the licensing question. During the discussion of the last few weeks The Astorian has carefully watched the growth of public sentiment, and has noted with mingled feelings the sudden qualms of morality dis- republic. played by certain councillors against the idea of a licence. These gentlemen while storming at the new proposition were careful to express their heartfeld desire that gambling should be done away with entirely.

So to test their honesty, to catch them out of their own mouths, and to decide once and forever their sincerity or their hypocrisy, it was determined to bring them up with a round turn and make them come out boldly for or against total prohibition.

The ordinance, as will be seen by our report, was read a first and second time. and then Councilman McGregor moved for a suspension of the rules and a final reading. One vote upsets this and Councillors Bergmar, and O'Harr called "No," in answer to their names thus deferring the matter till next Tuesday night. During the next seven days there will be a few puzzled parties in the city who will devote all their energies to hunting a way out of the muddle. They are between the devil and the deep sea, and we propose to force the position.

Our stand is that it is impossible in a city like Astoria to carry through an ordinance totally prohibiting gambling and we have recognized the introduction of heavy license as the only alternative. So let the proposed ordinance be passed and every attempt made to enforce it. The quicker it is done, the quicker the public will see the strength of our argument, and the fact that we are right in holding licensing as the best way out of the difficulty. For the result will prove the impossibility of any better scheme for restriction of

At the next meeting of the council, thanks to last night's move, we will see these men compelled to stand up boldly and prove by their official votes and actions what they mean. They

could preach morality as a cover for their acts when they thought they were safe from being put to the test. Now we will give them an opportunity to

Mr. Gladstone is fighting a great battle, and there is no evidence of any decay in his powers. On the contrary, he never was in better form and his management of his string of factions has been in the highest style of art in

If he succeeds he will do something more than give home rule to Ireland. Indeed he is playing Ireland first and holding together the friends of many measures of reform that he has promised, all of which have a tendency to liberalize the British government.

The American people are not well served with news of the progress of the contest in the house of commons. With a single exception all the London correspondents of American journals urge the Gladstone side with the utmost favoritism. While the Gladstone forces are held well in hand, and everything the Tories and Unionists say is ridiculed and slathered with reckless animosity, the fact is that the debate has proven the measure to have grave defects. The organization for rebellion in Ulster is not amusing at all, but there is a grim earnestness about it. The Orand, in the next general election the main question, will be whether they

Last Saturday Prince Bismarck was splendid fame that belongs to him alone, and that shall be his giory as the greatest of Germans. The royalties are dummies beside such manhood. In the end it will be seen that Fate was kind to Bismarck in arousing the absurd vanity of the young emperor

should be put down by British troops,

Mexico has started up one of her reserved volcanoes, that of St. Martin, so called, though why on earth any one wants to give the name of a man of thing as a volcano is hard to understand. St. Martin has been asleep for a century and is now giving a grand exhibition of pyrotechnics. Perhaps it is intended as a counter attraction to our World's Fair on the part of our sister

The introduction of the title of ameassador into our diplomatic service will serve no good purpose, although it will unquestionably lower us a peg or wo in the estimation of those Euro cans who have respected us for our turdy independence. It will give our epresentatives precedence in some of he ceremonial affairs at European captals, but will not add to their influ

Of all the queer ideas, that of the emocrats who propose celebrating the irthday of Thomas Jefferson, the tanchest protectionist of the early lays of our country, is the queerest. Jefferson was about as far from being democrat as the term is now under tood, as he could possibly get.

The Kentucky colonels and Georgia majors have not yet worked up their ourage to the point of starting that their homes. Perhaps they are waiting for the nights to get warm enough for them to sleep out of doors without dan-

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