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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, April 7.-For Oregon and

Washington; fair weather. Local weather for the twenty-fourhours ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, furnished by the U. S. department of agriculture, weather bureau:

Maximum temperature, 48 degrees. Minimum temperature, 40 degrees. Precipitation, .35 inch. Total preripitation from July 1st,

1892, to date, 67.71 inchs. Excess of precipitation from July 1st, 1892, to date, 2.55 inches.

It will not be denied that the moral dition that demands the serious consideration of all thinking men, for upon the action of our citizens during the next few weeks probably rests the whole future stability of Astoria.

In the first place we must not lose sight of the very dangerous fact that extreme measures, in dealing with any proposition, are more often than not, must demand that the whole weight of public opinion should be with our

Some people of an inquiring turn of ing of the upheaval. It is simple enough. The Astorian asserts today, evil in this city can only be controlled by license. Several good and consciensays that a straight line is the shortest the shortest, easiest, and best way for us to prove our case to our opponents is to give them an immediate opportunity of proving theirs.

To help them to do this, we have initiated a total prohibition movement and have, we are glad to say, met with able and immediate assistance from the state authorities, without whose help we could have done but little. So until we can find nothing more to prohibit, it is our intention to show the other side how the theory works in a town so peculiarly situated as Astoria. No step tending to prohibition will be end will be opened, for we remain strong in the conviction that a very short time will prove the fallacy of this contention and the strength of our

In short, the quickest way to prove a case is to disprove the others. So our readers may expect a full and complete trial of all measures of suppresthe light of civilization as exemplified by license and public control of a great necessary evil.

We notice by the telegraph dispatches, that the president has cabled the American legation at St. Petersburg to hold on to the extradition treaty with Russia, and not let a scrap of it get away. The inference is that the presibeen alleged that the object of the ment of food or forty winks of sleep, proposed treaty is to catch Russian fu- The reason is that they are beset by gitives in this country, pure patriots civil service reformers. They have guilty of liberal politics only, and send been tortured into such a condition of them to the mines of Sibera. In other grievous irritability that they give ofwords, it is assumed by the liberty lov- fense inadvertently to friends, and unministration has sought to revive in the Gresham look as if they had been ill most odious form in another country, of the grippe. There is talk of running the Fugitive Slave law, with which our the cabinet on a special car to Kendemocratic statesmen were placated tucky, that they may spend a few days

No one has ever thought in this coun-

try of sending political offenders to Russia to be knouted or hanged, or crushed in helpless exile. There are, by England and France. This may not, we are aware, be considered by the

This generation has almost forgotten the fact that the two emancipators of the age, Abraham Lincoln, and the Czar Alexander II, were murdered, and while neither fell by the hand of slaveholders direct, the spirit that slew them was not that of liberty, but slavery. The dynamiters of Russia could not ssassination, if it had not been for the enmity of the offended aristocracy. Russia was friendly to us in ceding to us for a nominal sum the vast and rich territory of Alaska, giving us the flanking position on the Pacific coast, and she is our friend today. We do not expect to send over dynamiters to Russtate is a legitimate political transac-

The Evening Bucket, in its late acrobatic attempt to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds, has fallen into the ditch. This does not mean to in before. Four days ago the section to the fact that something had gone wrong with the machinery, and they accordingly issued instructions to the Blue Jay end of the combination to tempted to engineer the deal got hopelessly mixed up in the tangle. This settled the business, and, deserted by many of his fellow crooks, he made an elaborate attempt .- fling himself into the arms of he church. He managed to get half way, but there the wings gave out and the low-minded whelp who has prolonged the life of his blackmailing sheet :- this city by evry vile means in his power, fell into the dirt from which he originally

They are having great times in the indian territory, and the Choctaw National militia are out to preserve order. They seem to have been somewhat disfactions of Governor Jones and V. M. Locke, in which mortal wounds were ly to be another. Locke complains that the Indian malitia was called out and elected by the people, and a little mogul ruling by "divine right."

Cleveland's cabinet is said to be in dent is anxious on that subject. It has deal of the time in order to get a fragon the blue grass, drinking Alderney

says yesterday's Telegram, a police officer rushed breathlessly into the office of City Physician C. H. Wheeler, and excitedly informed him that by mistake he had swallowed a quantity of insect powder, thinking it was powdered licorice, which he had been in the habit of taking for a headache. He brought a sample with him for the doctor to examine, and was anxious to murdered Czar that prevented the rec- have the poison pumped out of his stomach with the least possible de-

the powder found that it was dangerus only when swallowed by insects and the lower orders of life, although would not be likely to prove pleasant. A purgative was prescribed for the officer which, with a few drinks of whisky, brought him around in good shape. He has been the butt of countless jokes on the part of his fellow officers, who have inquired closely into his family and financial affairs, ostensibly for the purpose of ascertaining his motive for committing the rash act. Other offcers have given him advice and pleaded with him not to repeat the attempt.

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