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TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Or., April 11.-For Oregon and Washington; occasional showers; slightly 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.

Minimum temperature, 39 degrees. Precipitation, .35 inch. Total precipitation from July 1st, 1892. to date, 69.08 inches.

Excess of precipitation from July 1st, 1892, to date, 2.90.

THE EASY THING IS DONE.

The anti-gambling ordinance was passed unanimously last night.

That was easy. Anybody can pass ordinances, issue manifestos, and proc-

Who will enforce this law, and how long will the endeavor be persisted in? Will this municipal law be any better enforced than was the state law?

Whoever honestly tries to enforce this law should receive the entire moral support of the community, for that is probably about all they will get.

Experience leads to the beller that this is a sort of a moral spasm, that is too severe to be sustained.

Better that the city should make gam blers pay into its treasury than to have the money go where it will do more

Mr. Wade Hampton Smith in a communication, scouts the idea that juries will not convict in this city, if proper evidence is produced before them. The point The Astorian makes is that it is impossible to secure witnesses who will testify against law-breakers in such a manner as to warrant a jury in convicting. The jury may feel sure in their opinion that a party is guilty, and yet they are sworn to decide acare anxious to have the guilty punished must pull off their coats and provide witnesses to convict those who in their opinion are notoriously guilty.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company is soon to have a direct eastern connection with the sea-board, running entirely through Canadian territory, from Parry sound on Georgian Bay to Quebec, a distance of 550 miles. The entire road, which will be open for next year, will prove an important rival to the Canadian Pacific Railroad, at least so far as the movement of the grain from the Canadian Northwest is consound the road also traverses a new and richly timbered pine country.

Colnage executed at the mint of the United States during March aggregated 10,138,022 pieces, of the value of \$3, 422,795.70, divided as follows: Gold, 194,597 pieces, of the value of \$1,985,790; silver 3,067,020 pieces, of the value of \$1,303,644,.50; minor coin, 6,876,040 pieces, of the value of \$133,361,28. Of the silver coined 2,062,105 pieces were Columbian half-dollars, of the value of \$1,031,052.50.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

The opinions of correspondents are their own. No communication appearing in this column necessarily voices the belief of the paper itself.

Editor Astorian:

Again you invite an expression of opinion on the issues before the people. I wish to challenge the declaration of The Astorian this morning that the laws against vice can not be enforced in this town for want of moral support by the people. Every respectable man and woman in the city ought to resent the charge. The farce that was played not be seen through, and I say it is an insult to this community to lay this miscarriage of justice onto the shoulders of the people. Far better would It have been had there been no arrests made at all. The Astorian intimates that the jury represented the sentiment of the people, and therefore failed to convict. If there was sufficient evidence before those jurors to convict they stand today in the eyes of the public as perjured men. If there was not sufficient evidence to convict, they should clear their skirts and the people ought to know it. If there was not sufficient evidence to convict before the jury, whose fault was it but the officers' who made the arrest and prose cuted the cases?

If there was no evidence and none to be had, what business to make these wholesale arrests and put the county to such heavy needless expense? This public who refuses to stand up for the enforcement of law and order, wants to know why this is.

This community refuses to have this great mismanagement of its affairs saddled upon it. This kind of trickery might do for some distant mining camp, but it is altogether too thin for such a community as this,

The Astorian makes a great mistake in publishing to the world that public sentiment in Astoria is not equal to the suppression of vice in its midst. My observation is that jurors in Clatsop county as a rule are as ready to convict when proper evidence is brought before them as in any com-

munity that I was ever in. Once let it get abroad that juries will not convict criminals in Astoria, and that the people have not got moral grit enough and where are we? It has got to be that our officials seem to think that they have no duty to perform in suppressing vice only when the people can't stand it any longer and move

upon them in a body. We have placed them in position to represent us, and they are supposed to be there in ours stead. Therefore, men of business have a right to expect them to do their duty and look after the welfare of the community. It is not the people's duty to be prowling around hunting up violation of law, If the officers think they have to be mauled over the head before they are justified in holding down the vicious I trust they will take no offense at this. The taxpayer will hold them respon-W HAMPTON SMITH

Sheriff Smith must have the delinquent tax roll prepared to deliver to the county court on Monday, May 1st. To enable him to do this he will reeive no more taxes after the 20th inst. Since the extension of time granted axes have been coming slowly, alhough there has been a regular proporlon of the total amount paid in than has been paid in other years in the same time after taxes became due. This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters of long the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the livery the years, this delay being necessary while waiting for the decision of the supreme court in the cases of Portland parties, who enjoined the governor and secretary of state from levying the state tax on the increased valuation as fixed by the state board of equalization. ion of the total amount paid in than fixed by the state board of equalization. Sheriff Smith had received up to yesterday about \$32,600, of the total amount of \$125,225, which is a little more than one-fourth. Money is very

is open. There is desire manifested by many taxpayers to wait and see what developments may show during the next month. If there should be a favorable turn to business that will insure a prosperous year they would gladly pay their taxes with the percentage added for delinquency. It is not that they intend to relinquish their ownership of their property, but while business looks dull and gloomy and money is hardl to get, they don't like to let go of it for fear they may not get it back again soon.

The Ledger has the following to say concerning the proposed purchase of light and water plants by the city. The Ledger takes the proper view of

the matter: It has been asserted on the curbstones of Tacoma for several days past that the laboring classes of this city were against the purchase of the light and water plants by the city. Politicians of the curbstone sort have endeavored to create the impression that

we will see the property owners and business men solidly in line on one side and the working men arrayed against

The action of the Trades Council has blown the the winds all this talk. That body represents nine-tenths of the working men of this city, it is represtative in opinion and in intelligence. Whatever the Trades Council may say on any subject is worthy of thought and consideration not only because of the great class of our population that is represented, but because of the character of the men who constitute that

body. It must be remembered by those people who chatter about the laboring man's lack of interest in the city, that the majority of the workers in Tacoma own their own homes or are struggling to do so; that they have come to this city with their families to live and that their interest in Tacoma is just as real es that of any man who may own a half dozen additions to the city or a brick block on Pacific avenue. They wish Tacoma to prosper and they would not put in the way of that prosperity the slightest obstacle. They are not the croakers who encourage hard times and they act from a self interest that is quite as enlightened as that of their more fortunate employers.

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