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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, April 15.—For Washington and Northwestern Oregon: Occasional showers.

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, 49 degrees. Minimum temperature, 38 degrees. Precipitation, .03 inch.

Considerable comment was occasioned by the Astorian's remarks yesterday morning calling attention to the necessity for a quarantine hospital for this city.

The urgent need of such a building is admitted and several suggestions have been made. One is that one of the condemned government vessels be secured for the use of quarantine in this port.

Another suggests that piers be driven in the Middle Sands and a building placed there. It is claimed that this would be the cheaper plan. The right to place a structure of that nature in the river would probably be a matter to come before the secretary of war for his approval.

These are some of the ideas advanced, and it is in order for others to be made known. This is certainly a matter that needs attending to immediately, for the protection of our people and also to insure humane treatment of those who may be so unfortunate as to require placing in a quarantine hospital.

A man with a proper regard for his life would not allow the authorities to remove him to any such pest house as that which is at present a disgrace to the city and those who have charge of its sanitation.

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