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TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Or., May 25 .- For Oregon and Washington: Continued fair

Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, furnished by the U. S. Department of Ariculture, weather bureau.

Maximum temperature, 64 degrees. Minimum temperature, 50 degrees. Precipitation, None, Total precipitation from July 1st,

1892, to date, 81.52 inches. Excess of precipitation from July 1st, 1892, to date8.92 inches.

THE GREAT RAILROAD WAR.

The Pacific trunk lines are in a state of active warfare. Three steamboat companies are also engaged in the conflict. This strife may be traced to the movement for lower freight rates which the San Francisco merchants seon foot about a year ago. The Southern Pacific paid slight attention- to their demands. It felt confident that in concert with the other companies in the trunk line association it could maintain rates and defy opposition. The merchants, under the guidance of Mr. Leeds, a veteran railroad manager, took steps to build an independent railroad line to the East. But California needed more speedy relief than this project could provide. Acordingly the merchants promoted the lines of clipper ships which make regular voy ages from New York to San Francisco carrying goods at about eight dollars These lines made such inroads on the freight business that the trunk line association withdrew the subsidy which it paid the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to maintain high rates and prepared for a free fight by going out of existence. The next step of the San Francisco merchants was to establish the North American Steamship Company for the purpose of trading

Finding that the first year of this warfare had reduced its receipts about a million dollars, the Southern Pacific lowered its rates considerably. In order to compete with the North American steamers, the Southern Pacific offers rates almost as low-with the advantage of quick dispatch. It ensures the latter by sending the goods by railroad, to New Orleans, whence they are carried speedily by steamer to New York. But all this does not make the San Francisco merchants relent. They have given up the independent railroad scheme. for the present at least, and are kteping their pledges to support both the steamships and the clipper lines.

with New York by way of the Isth-

mas of Panama. This scheme, designed

clipper ships afford, has made steady

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ple the once powerful Pacific Mail,

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to lead at once to lower rates to eastern points for salmon-to the lowest rates that have yet been made. In the end the conflict ought to force the Union Pacific to build to Astoria, so that it may be in a better condition to meet the keen competition which is now in progress.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Col. John Adair was in town yester

Major Brinklee came up from Fort Canby yesterday.

Miss Minnie Rice, of Gray's River s a guest at the Occident.

Mr. G. Taylor, Jr., came down from the metropolis yesterday morning. Mr. F. A. Stevens, a well-known com-

mercial man, was in town yesterday. Mr. McClellan Fenton, a prominent business man of Portland, was in town

Mr. A. Grim, of San Francisco, was among the arrivals in town yesterday from San Francisco.

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