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TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Or., Aug. 25.—For Oregon and Washington: Continued fair weather; slightly warmer; dense fogs in Puget Sound districts, and in the Columbia river valley in morning.

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

Minimum temperature, 72 degrees. Maximum temperature, 51 degrees. Total precipitation from July 1st, 1893, to date, 1.13 inches. Deficiency of precipitation from July 1st, 1893, to date, 1.03 inches.

An esteemed correspondent who, from being a staunch republican is, we are sorry to see, fast falling into populist ideas, writes us:

"You want to know what it costs to mine an ounce of silver. Will you tell us how much it costs to mine an ounce of gold?"

The cost of the production of gold is on the average about what the stamp placed on the coin says. Of course, there is a variation, but it is small. Gold is not unchangeable, but it is the most stable of the precious metals, and an ounce of it goes in all civilized countries—the same in the market as in the mint. Silver mining has been much more profitable than gold mining for some years. Large percentages of silver are found along with small percentages of gold, and silver is found in lead and copper. There is reason to believe that it is produced in Colorado at less than one-fourth its value under the 16 to 1 ratio, and at less than one-half the present market price.

"If currency is so scarce, why don't the government and the banks put out the 420,000,000 of silver dollars that you say are in the United States vaults? The farmers will take them, the laborers will take them, and the country merchants will take them. If \$100,000,000 in gold in the United States treasury can float \$350,000,000 of greenbacks, why can't it float twice that amount of silver?"

The silver dollars are nearly all represented in silver certificates, and are held for the purpose of redeeming those certificates. The dollars of silver are in this way in circulation. The \$100,000,000 of gold floats the greenbacks, and is used also to hold up the silver dollars that are worth in the market less than 60 cents each. The margin of the silver dollar between the market and the coinage valuation is, under the "parity" policy, "flat" money, and made good, as paper is, by the credit of the country—the limitation of issue and the gold reserve.

"If France has \$700,000,000 in silver and keeps it at par with gold, why can't the United States with twice the population, keep twice that amount at par with gold?"

We could keep \$700,000,000, or even \$1,000,000,000, in silver at par with gold, as they keep silver in France, if we did as the French do—that is, if we did not buy or coin any more silver. That which the president has urged congress to do is to follow the example of bimetallic France. Do it and we will better our silver money.

"Criminal carelessness on the part of the unknown person who fired the shot" is the substance of the verdict of the coroner's jury on the Camp Compton tragedy. The inquest proceedings were about as foolish as the sham battle. There was no occasion for either. It was known that poor Nelson was killed in the sham battle; it was not known, or never will be known who fired the fatal shot. The man who did it is probably unconscious of it, and of the several hundred who were firing guns that day there was no more criminal carelessness on the part of one than on the part of others. It was a foolish piece of business all around, and perhaps the less said about it the sooner ended. The deplorable accident has taught the folly of those object lessons in war, and it is certain there will be no more sham battles for some time to come.—Telegram.

This is silly talk. It is true that some culpability rests with General Compton but the blame is not because the battle was held. It is because it was not conducted scientifically or in the manner that any military man knowing his business would have conducted it. The excellence of the sham battle, as an object lesson to the young soldier who has never been under fire, is an indisputable fact, acknowledged by every military nation on earth. But who, in the name of common sense, ever heard of such an affair as that in which young Nelson was murdered? Here we have a hand

to hand conflict, a struggle at close quarters over a gun, and men firing blank cartridge not fifty feet from their opponents. If Compton had been a soldier instead of an ass he would have issued a list of instructions, telling his officers when the enemy were to be considered beaten, outlining the course of the fight, detours, and counter-marches, and placing a final limit composed of ropes or stakes, beyond which neither army should advance. There would have been all the firing that the spectators wanted, a chance for clever headwork on the part of the respective commanders, and no murder.

Clatsop county has had her fill of murderers. We are getting an unenviable name both for allowing men to kill and then allowing them to go free from the capital penalty. Everybody knows that though human life has been taken by bloodthirsty wretches time and time again in this county, there has never been a hanging. This, neither a young German whose full confession we detail today, makes the latest subject for a sensation and a murder trial. His case, though not as exciting as some, forms as black a deed as ever disgraced our history. His victim, a peaceable, honest lad, for he was little more than a lad, had never harmed him by word or deed, was a stranger to him, and travelled with him for companionship along a lonely road. He was butchered into a shapeless mass for—twenty-two dollars. The lynching proposition is wrong, criminally and foolishly wrong, but it is the constant escape of murderers from their just punishment in the courts that brings it about. If these human fiends were sure of getting their deserts in a legal way, we would have no lynchings.

It may be well for the public to know that the sale of The Astorian on the 28th of this month is simply a legal formula that has to be gone through with. A few sheets that are breaking their necks for the notice they will never get, are attempting to make it appear that on that date this paper is "doomed." The Astorian, with its record of twenty years behind it, and a name known and respected in every town and hamlet in the country, will live and prosper long after these scurrilous whelps have been forgotten. And meanwhile, while dealing with this subject, we want to thank every merchant in this city, for the cordial friendliness and substantial help that have come from them since it became evident that it was necessary. That it is appreciated at its proper value we will endeavor to prove by taking as our motto—Astoria and Astoria's interests, first, last, and all the time.

However we may disagree with the actions of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce with regard to the monetary question, and its messages to the outside world on that subject, there is no doubt that expressions of opinion publicly and boldly announced will do our city no harm. It lets outsiders know first, that there is an Astoria, second, that it has a powerful chamber of commerce, and third, that we are alive to the issues of the day just as much as are our friends in the East. Then, again, the proposal to take the lead in a movement to suitably recognize the action of the government in naming its latest battleship after our state, is an excellent idea and should be acted on without delay. It is eminently proper that a commercial body of the only seaport in Oregon should be the first to make a move in this direction.

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America's Great Danger

An English Commentary.

Said an eminent English scientist recently, "The danger that confronts the great American people to-day is not the possible adoption of a wrong financial policy for the nation, or the spread of socialism, or the increase of corruption among public men. All these are bad enough, to be sure, but they are as nothing compared to the terrible national disease—I had almost said national cancer—of overwork. The mad rush for wealth is set at a killing pace, and thousands die by the way every year. You are likely to be one of the victims! How do we know? Because it is the exception to find a man or woman of adult age in perfect health. Nervous Disorders are spreading with fearful rapidity. Among the symptoms are—Backache, Biliousness, Cold Hands and Feet, Dizziness, Hot Flashes, Fluttering Sensation, Fainting, Headache, Hysteria, Irritability of the Heart, Melancholy, Failing Memory, Palpitation, Rheumatism, Short Breath, Sleeplessness, Nervous Dyspepsia, Sexual Debility, Fits, etc. Dr. G. A. Cannon, pastor First Baptist Church, Yellow Springs, O., writes as follows: "I have used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine for the past six months. I find it acts like a charm on the whole nervous system. I have not found its equal in giving immediate relief. Dr. Miles' Little Nerve and Liver Pills only need a trial and they will recommend themselves to be the best pills in the market."

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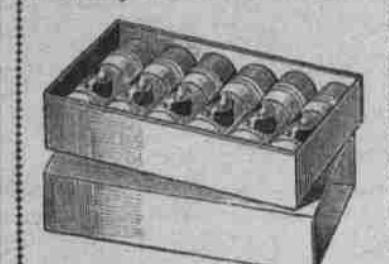
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