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TIDE TABLE. For the Week, Beginning To-day. Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, and LOW WATER, with sub-columns for A.M. and P.M.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. 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, 53 degrees. Minimum temperature, 45 degrees. Precipitation, .51 inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, April 6.—Forecast: Oregon and Washington, showers, slight temperature changes; fresh southerly winds.

Great men of the democratic party are so scarce in the house that Mr. Crisp could not get the consent of his already demoralized friends to go to the senate. It is really a sad state of things.

The mugwump theory has been until very recently that the British would never, no, never, have anything to do with Hawaii. What! The British so modest about land getting? Care for the finest group of islands in the Pacific, half way between British Columbia and Australia! Impossible! Now it seems the Canadians may be put forward to re-establish royalty, as we have failed in that enterprise, and our state department is in a state of delicacy.

We fear some of the gentlemen who are providing the news of continental Europe for Great Britain and the United States are more familiar than they should be with the royalties. Recently a private conversation of the king of Denmark was reported, and the king spoke very freely of "my non-law, the czar," and told that the husband of his daughter wanted to reduce the Russian army, but young William of Germany, thought he had a career before him. This matter, we see, has been referred to in parliament. Representatives of the press should not take advantage of their familiar acquaintance with the royalties.

The Coxe army is growing slowly. The most serious aspect of the case is the fact that the tramps all over the country are shambling toward Washington. The conduct of the democratic congress is so imbecile that the tramps expect to figure as representatives of the public impoverishment and perplexity. The people along the roads are disposed to take this view of the case. The democrats and pops are of Coxe's mind about paper money, and the republicans do not feel responsible for the state of the country.

The prodigious publicity given the organization of a force in Ohio to march on Washington is due to the understanding that the crusade is significant of the incompetency of those in charge of the government; that is, after all, an expression of public sentiment that cannot be made just now executive by voting. The result is not wholly the Washington march. There is a concentration of tramps in the towns, and within a few weeks herds of them may be expected.

SPLIT OF THE DEMOCRATS. Nearly all the democratic states are against Mr. Cleveland on the question of his veto, and he is deeply concerned. The threat has become open and serious that the silver men will insist on the precedence of free silver over free

trade—that is, of the Bland over the Wilson bill. The house is in such confusion, Crisp cannot leave the chair to go to the senate, and the democracy cannot hold a quorum. The state of the senate is more decorous, but the factions are even more extreme than in the house. The division of the democracy has become flagrant in Georgia, and there is a popular insurrection in Alabama. The tramps are moving on Washington like the barbarians upon Rome.

The president attempted to placate his party by stating he would consent to more silver coinage if he had a bond law to get more gold; but that does not go. The democratic party has ripped itself up the front, and is in mortal agony. There is hope that the free silverites and free traders may trample each other into a common grave.

How the gentle and sensitive Mr. Crisp must shrink within himself when he thinks of those terrible days when Thomas B. Reed was called by the democrats the czar! PRESS OPINIONS.

Washington Post: The professional tramp will be disposed to regard the Coxe movement as an amateurish affair. Louisville Courier-Journal: Washington might defend herself against Coxe's army by sending the United States senate out to meet it. Whichever side got licked the country would be the gainer.

If, as has been hinted, Madeline Polard's suit has been edged on and its expenses paid by political enemies of Col. Breckinridge, it looks as if they were getting full value for their money. —New York Recorder.

The proposition to change the basis of representation at national republican conventions, so as to recognize the size of the republican vote in allotting delegates, is in accordance with sound sense, and the sooner the reform is accomplished the better. —Boston Journal.

The Newspaper Workers' Guild, a free press club which is to be established by the City Pastors' Association of New York, with a view to evangelizing the newspaper men of that city, will be watched with interest. It will be a joyful sight to see Mr. Dana expounding the scripture text for the day to an audience of godly reporters, while Mr. Reid leads the singing, and Mr. Pullitzer takes up the collection. —Chicago Herald.

NORTHWEST NOTES. Mrs. Ella Higginson, formerly of La Grande, has won a prize of \$500 offered by a Boston publishing house for the best short story. Oregon is in it in a good many ways.

At a meeting of the Multnomah Typographical Union, held in Portland last Sunday, the name of Willis Dunaway was proposed for endorsement for state printer, which was voted down. The union declared that it was not advisable to endorse any member for positions.

Frank Manning, who lives on Rogue river, concluded the other day to drain a small lake which lay above his land. There was only a narrow ridge intervening between the body of water and his field, and he cut a ditch through it. The force of the water was much greater than he calculated on, and there is now a channel about 40 feet deep and 60 feet wide through the best part of his farm, and the lower part is covered with debris. Some potatoes which he left in the ground are now buried about five feet deep. Mr. Gordon's land, lying below, was also damaged to some extent.

THE FIRST IRISH POTATOES. Sir Walter Raleigh was an unprincipled adventurer and failed as an administrator and colonizer, but he had a most commendable taste for planting and gardening, and in these branches of effort his influence remains potent. Three hundred years have passed since he lived in Ireland, in the county of Cork on the vast estate which had been bestowed upon him, but the yellow wall flowers which he brought to Ireland from the Azores still flourish and bloom in the very spot where he planted them.

Near by, at Youghal, near Cork, on the shores of the Blackwater estuary, stands the Affane cherry which he planted. Some codars which he brought to Cork are still growing at a place called Tivoli. Four very trees, whose branches have grown and interlaced to a sort of summer house, are pointed out as having sheltered Raleigh when he first smoked tobacco in his garden at Youghal.

Raleigh tried to make tobacco grow in Great Britain, but the climate was not found suitable to it. He succeeded, however, by introducing the habit of smoking it, in making it grow in plenty in other places.

More important to the world than the spot where Raleigh sat and smoked his Indian weed is another spot in his garden at Myrtle Grove, in this same Youghal. This spot is still bounded by the lawn wall of the thirteenth century. It was here that Raleigh first planted a curious tuber brought from America, which thrives vastly better than his tobacco plants did.

This tuber Raleigh insisted was good to eat, though common report for a long time pronounced it poisonous. Some roots from his vines he gave to

other land owners in Munster. They cultivated them and spread them abroad from year to year. This plant was the Irish potato. Before many generations it became the staple food of the Irish people—almost the only food of a great many of them. It was the "Irish potato" which came back to America and became the groundwork, so to speak, of the American farmer's and workman's daily breakfast and dinner. Sir Walter's curious experiment in acclimatization became an economic step of the first consequence, and the spot at Youghal which was his scene, deserves marking with a monument much more than do the places where the blood of men has been shed in battle.

INFIDELITY AGAIN. A Christian's Reply to the Recent Article of Mr. Lund. The following letter will explain itself. Editor Astorian: The communication of Mr. Lund in the Astorian of the 2d inst. is certainly a peculiar one for an infidel. He makes the words "infidel" and "freethinker" synonymous terms, and then classes Christ, Luther, Calvin, and others in the list. I understand the word infidelity to mean unbelief in Christ and Christianity and the teachings of both, and the term "freethinker" is used, at the present time, to mean the same. Mr. Lund talks of the beautiful teachings of Christ that have transformed the world and made it fit for infidels to live in, and also says that no one doubts the existence of a God. Now, if we saturate infidelity with faith in God and Christ, also the teachings of Christ, it will become christianity, and just the kind of christianity that all us christians want to see. When told that infidelity has no system of its own, he replies, "Had not the ancient Greeks a system?" I answer, Yes. But the ancient Greeks were not infidels. They had gods and gods many. They had 30,000 gods in Athens alone, and had an altar built to an unknown god for fear some of their gods might be missed. He says, "The reign of terror in France was no more infidelity at its best than the Spanish Inquisition was christianity at its best." In reply would say that the ablest intellects of France were in the movement that brought about the Reign of Terror. It never had such a unity of intelligence to try it either before or since, and, as Dr. Bushong says, it was at its best then, so far as intellect and advantages are concerned. It had the "best brain" but not the "best heart" or affections of its time. Yet history records the result and its cure, which the world must accept. Will any sane person say the same of the Spanish Inquisition? Will any sane person say that it is the teachings of Christianity, Christ, or his apostles? The new testament is the system that christians defend. The fruits of a Christian life are love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, faithfulness and charity, and I defy any one to bring forward a text, sentence, word, or syllable from the new testament that teaches anything like the practices of the inquisition. We stand by the book, not by any corruptions of it. To what Mr. Lund says of Voltaire, and others in trying to cover Dr. Bushong's statements with a cloud of dust, I reply that the doctor simply stated a few facts that Mr. Lund will not deny in plain terms, only by insinuations. Another remarkable statement is that "churches build hospitals and colleges for pecuniary purposes." If this means to make money out of them, I simply regard it as a wonderful statement of an intelligent and honest man to make. I know of no hospital that pays anything but a "Dutch dividend" or costs more than its receipts, neither does Mr. Lund. There is no college that either Mr. Lund or myself knows anything about, that is not in the same fix as the hospitals. If the statement means to spend the surplus on, it certainly is a good way, but even Mr. Lund wouldn't say this. The church being governed by the teachings of Christ and his apostles, builds these institutions to conform to Christian living. If Mr. Lund will read the new testament carefully through once, he will see the reasons for these works, or if he has not time to read it all, he can find enough for this purpose in the sermon on the mount, which is the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Matthew. He will also find a lesson there on humanity that will help him. None of the debaters among skeptics ever want to affirm any proposition. They will deny any proposition that a Christian will affirm in order to get something to say, but they should do constructive and not destructive work. All of Mr. Lund's statements are on a par with those I have examined, and are not worthy of any serious consideration. H. F.

CITATION. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop.—In the matter of the estate of James P. Metz, deceased.—Citation. To John L. Metz, Jess E. Metz, Mrs. Prudence Weekly, Mrs. Sarah Kearns, Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Mrs. J. Metz, and Mrs. T. E. Jackson, greeting: You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, at the court room thereof, at Astoria, in the County of Clatsop, on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1894, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made of the following real estate, to-wit: Lots Nos. 1 and 2, in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section No. 14, township No. 7, north of Cumberland coal.

Witness the Hon. C. A. McGuire, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, with the seal of said court affixed, this 2d day of April, A. D. 1894. Attest: C. J. TRENCHARD.

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