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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 14.—Western Oregon and Washington, continued rain and squalls, with prevailing southwest winds, which may reach gale velocity.

INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS.

Judging from the published statements in the Tillamook papers, the recent election was characterized by vilification and abuse. According to the Independent, the Tillamook Headlight characterized the opposition candidates as unfit to live in a civilized community.

Newspapers that will indulge in such remarks are unfit to be read in any family. They are demoralizing to the boys and girls, and are no better than the Police Gazette and other obscene publications.

The time for political mul-slinging in this enlightened age is past. It is a relic of the dark ages. It lowers every newspaper that indulges in it in the estimation of the public.

An illustration of this was the effort of Judge Parker to besmirch the character of President Roosevelt, accusing him of receiving campaign funds from the various trusts.

A newspaper is a mirror reflecting the sentiments of a community—or should be, and if the Headlight articles reflect the sentiments of the people of Tillamook, there is certainly a good field for missionary work.

A newspaper should rise above partisan politics, especially in local elections. An election was held in Astoria yesterday, and the Astorian did not say one unkind word against any of the candidates.

Children acquire a sufficient knowledge of all that is low and vicious on the streets, and the columns of a newspaper should be elevating, and filled with matters of interest calculated to educate the public along the lines of respectability and refinement.

RELIGIOUS PREVARICATORS.

And now comes Father Ignatius, the famous Anglican monk of Llanthony, Wales, and claims that he has been ordained by God to perform miracles, and reiterates that the day of miracles has not passed.

The first question that would be naturally asked by the unregenerate, is, "What brand has his holiness been absorbing?" When any man puts himself forward as being specially ordained by God to perform miracles, such as raising the dead, and sending a man home who has been crushed to a pulp.

Father Ignatius is either a grafter, or a despoiler of "Frenzied Finance." He is working an incredulous public for private gain. He is a crank of the vintage of '49 B. C.

Such pernicious statements heralded through the public press only encourage the worldly minded to discredit the gospels and the teachings of Christ. It is a club in the hand of the infidels to secure accessions to their ranks, and belittle the cause of Christianity.

CRACK IN THE MOON.

According to telegraphic dispatches from Berkeley, Cal., published this morning, the astronomers at the Lick observatory have discovered that the moon is cracked. In this respect it resembles somewhat the Astoria hotel committee.

This is to be regretted, as many people anticipated hearing the report of the hotel committee or that Port Arthur had fallen, to say nothing of the Nan Patterson trial and the pope's gout.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

William C. Schrode has made a hit as the clown in Klaw & Erlinger's production of "Humpty Dumpty" at the New Amsterdam theater.

George N. Cohan, who has made a hit at the Liberty theater in his musical play, "Little Johnny Jones," has been engaged by Klaw & Erlinger to write the book, lyrics and music for a new musical comedy which they will produce next season.

The Klaw & Erlinger Comedy Company, the permanent musical stock organization which this firm will maintain at the Liberty theater, opening there Monday evening, the 26th inst., will present as its first vehicle a new musical play by John J. McKally, called "In Newport."

Joseph Brooks' production of "Home Folks," a new play by C. T. Dazey, author of "In Old Kentucky," will be presented at the New York theater Monday, the 26th inst., after a preliminary engagement of two weeks at the Walnut Street theater in Philadelphia.

Klaw & Erlinger are making extraordinary preparations for next season in the way of new productions. Their roster will contain several of their successes of the current season, and also J. I. C. Clarke's dramatic version of General Lew Wallace's romantic novel, "A Prince of India."

Oregon Celebrates.

Manila Dec. 14.—The gunnery record trophy presented by President Roosevelt to the battleship Oregon was unveiled today.

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STATES GET GIFTS.

Francis Saws Off Some Junk on Defenseless People.

St. Louis Dec. 14.—President D. R. Francis of the world's fair, has written a letter to the governor of each state and territory embraced in the Louisiana purchase, informing him that the Exposition company has decided to present each of those states and territories the statue symbolic of it and occupying a niche in the colonnade of states back of Festival hall on the fair grounds.

These statues are of heroic size and were designed by some of the leading sculptors in the country. Each is typical of the state or territory it represents.

The states and territories represented in the group are: Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

UNDERWRITERS' FIGURE.

The Time for Payment of Policies is Curtailed.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The season just closed probably has been the most profitable one to ship underwriters in the history of that business on the great lakes. Vessel owners who carried no insurance were equally fortunate, the dangers of lake navigation reaching the lowest point since boats sailed the lakes.

Thirty seven vessels of all kinds passed out of existence. Their total tonnage was 17,687. The total tonnage lost the preceding year was 31,644.

Manila, Dec. 14.—Major Edward E. Hardin of the Seventh Infantry is about to be courtmartialled on charges of neglect in not having a sufficient guard at Malate prison, from which 33 native prisoners escaped recently after killing three soldiers on guard.

MIRACLES NOT OVER.

Welsh Priest Claims He Has Raised the Dead.

New York, Dec. 14.—Father Ignatius, the famous Anglican monk of Llanthony, Wales, has reiterated his firm conviction, says a Herald dispatch from London, that the days of miracles are not past and that he himself had been

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the agent of God in their performance even to the raising of the dead.

"I do not claim in any way to have performed miracles of myself," he is quoted as having said. "All I say is that several times in my life the spirit of good has taken possession of my whole being and ordered me to heal the sick and raise the dead."

Independent investigation is, the correspondent says, being made regarding these claims.

Remains of Mayor Hume

Seattle, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson received last night states that the body of ex-Mayor Thomas J. Hume was shipped for Seattle Thursday night. The remains are being taken out over the ice by a dog team.

The information at Dawson was received by telegraph yesterday. The message did not state what route was taken and for that reason the date of the arrival of the body in Seattle cannot be fixed even approximately.

The outfit with the body is in charge of M. A. Mahoney, Denny Horgan, H. Bishopric and Mrs. Ferris are also with the party.

Friends of the dead man here have made elaborate preparations for the funeral of the former mayor and a benefit for his family.

The taking on of a new phase in the Smoot case hasn't fazed the senator to any appreciable extent.

Christmas comes but once a year—fortunately.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A Large and Varied Assortment at Ekstrom's.

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The Grotto will supply patrons with delicious Tom and Jerry every day. The superior quality of goods which has made the Grotto popular, will be supplied.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's New Through Service.

Effective November 27th, 1904, and thereafter, a new daily train will be inaugurated, leaving Grand Central passenger station, Chicago, at 10:30 p. m., for Akron, Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburg and intermediate points, connecting at Pittsburg with "Duquesne Limited" for Philadelphia and New York, and with train No. 10 for Washington, D. C., and Baltimore.

This train will be equipped with first-class day coaches, Pullman sleepers and dining car service.

On all through tickets stop-over will be allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed 10 days at each place.

For further particulars address: Peter Harvey, General Agent, Room 1, Hobart Bldg., San Francisco. D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic Baltimore, Md. B. N. Austin, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

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