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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Fair and warmer.

A FAIR SAMPLE.

Another notable failure seems to be going on record for municipal ownership. As noted in our dispatches, the city lighting plant of Columbus, Ohio, is now in straits for more appropriations, after nearly half a million dollars has been spent upon it.

IGNORED THE WARNING.

The value of the signal service was aptly demonstrated by the great storm which devastated the Gulf coast from the north of the Mississippi to the west shore of Florida a few days ago.

BOSTON BOOTBLACKS.

Think of a defeat of the Greeks in Athens. But that is said to be a near possibility today, only it's the modern Athens, to-wit, Boston. But the Greeks are real Greeks. They have been monopolizing the brightening of the understanding of Bostonians, i. e., shining their shoes, to the exclusion of other nationalities; but discomfort and defeat stare them in the face by reason of the decision of the School Board that all bootblacks and newboys, being minors, must, in order to get a license, write out an interpretation of the State license law, sign it, and show they understand its meaning.

does not mean to lose her pre-eminence in that respect. She does well to begin with her people while young and impressionable. Her next move will be awaited with interest.—Ex.

'SOUTHERN CHIVALRY.'

At Louisa Courthouse, Virginia, a little while ago the women were permitted to vote to decide which of two teachers should be retained for the high school. The election was held in the court house, there were regular printed ballots and the Richmond Leader says that this was perhaps the first time that ladies were permitted the privilege of voting in Virginia.

FINANCIAL HUMBUGGERY.

Henry Clews, the New York financier, says: "We are just entering upon a period of unusual trade activity, while the country's crops are larger and will make a greater demand upon the banks than usual during the marketing season. Nevertheless we enter the crop-moving period with a surplus reserve of only \$2,800,000, which is very much below the usual level at this date.

INDIAN COTTON.

The cotton crop of India was larger last year, 1905, than the general average. About 20,000,000 acres were planted in cotton and the yield was about 3,500,000 bales. During the year there were exported from India to other countries over 2,125,000 bales of raw cotton at a value of over \$81,000,000.

AVERAGE ACREAGE COST.

According to statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture, from 45,000 letters received from prominent farmers throughout the country, the present average price of an acre of farm land in the middle and western states is as follows: Ohio, \$57.43; Indiana, \$54.96; Illinois, \$75.31; Michigan, \$36.61; Wisconsin, \$48.90; Minnesota, \$35.38; Iowa, \$64.56; Missouri, \$34.70; N. Dakota, \$18.42; S. Dakota, \$22.56; Nebraska, \$31.73; Kansas, \$23.99; Washington, \$24.89; Oregon, \$16.45; California, \$28.29; Idaho, \$19.65.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Professor Goldwin Smith some time ago formally willed his brains to Cornell university. Some remarkable brains have been sold, not given. An Englishman has disposed of his to an American university for \$10,000.

The party earthquake at Buffalo doesn't seem to be entirely over. There are still some ominous rumbling and significant tremors.

It isn't likely that the railroads that are advertising special excursions to Atlanta will find it necessary to put on "Jim Crow" cars.

It is said that Henry B. Irving has a striking resemblance to his illustrious father. Good, but has he a striding one?

The cartoonist will now picture the donkey wearing a gas meter as a feed bag and pulling a street car.

All the trouble at Havana is that Taft has run up against Boss Palma's Tammany Hall.

Storm signals along the Cuban coast! Can't hold the lid down much longer.

A new cocktail is called the "doctor." No objections now to midnight calls.

Now comes the campaign biography to tell us Hughes who!

But it's a long time before election—for one candidate.

Atlanta is reaping the whirlwind of its own sowing.

A Cuban in hand is worth two in the bush.

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Britain and the "Russian Wolf"
By Andrew Carnegie
Image of a wolf's head.

THERE are occasions no doubt, though rare, when reason for apprehension may arise, but there seems to me to be two pure delusions which especially afflict Britain. One is the cry of "Russian wolf!"

Unlike the other regions annexed by her, India is today already fully populated, if not overpopulated. There is no room there for Russians any more than for Britons to settle, and if there were the climate, fatal to British, would be equally so to Russian occupation.

These considerations are not likely to be overlooked by Russia, even if she may "demonstrate" now and then in the tortuous throes of European politics, as if she seriously had intentions of menacing British power in India.

Let there be no delusion about the Indian problem. The aim of the educated there today is to govern their own country some day, and this sentiment must soon permeate the others, but notwithstanding this I can bear testimony to one important fact highly creditable to British rule: Not one Indian ever spoke to me upon the subject who did not express decided preference for British supervision over that of ANY OTHER POWER.

There is a second British delusion, in the opinion of the writer, as wild as the first and equally baseless—Germany as a rival to Britain upon the sea. The fear of German rivalry is well grounded, but it is ON THE LAND, not on the water.

BUT IF THE INVASION OF BRITAIN WERE EVER IMMINENT, A WILD SUPPOSITION, IN ALL PROBABILITY AMERICA WOULD BE FOUND AT HER SIDE.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1226—Francis of Assisi, founder of the order of Franciscans, or gray friars, died.
1535—Publication of the first edition of the Whole Bible in the English language, being the translation of Miles Coverdale.
1699—Hendrick Hudson, having explored the river to where it divided itself into several branches, returned to its mouth on this day, put to sea, with all sails set, to report his valuable discovery.
1704—Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish mariner, put ashore on the desert island of Juan Fernandez, by orders of his captain with whom he had had a quarrel. He was marooned there for three years, living on fish, fruits and goats.
1777—Battle of Germantown, in which the Americans were defeated with a loss of 200 killed, 600 wounded and 400 taken. The British loss was 600 in killed and wounded.
1813—General Harrison attacked by the Indians at Chatham. They were repulsed and pursued some miles and a great quantity of arms and ammunition was captured.
1815—A British force under Lieut-Col. Lethbridge embarks in 25 boats and two gunboats, to capture Ogdensburg; they are driven back by Gen. Brown, without effecting a landing.
1853—The Great Republic, a mammoth clipper, of 4,000 tons burden, and the largest merchant vessel in the world, was launched at East Boston, Mass.
1861—Aeronaut La Montaine, in the service of the Union army makes an ascension, passes over Confederate lines and descends into Maryland.
1890—The Niagara tunnel was begun at 10:42, when the first sod was lifted by C. B. Gaskill, President of the Niagara Power company.

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