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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair, preceded by showers in early morning; warmer; winds shifting to northerly.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, JULY 12.

Suspense regarding the attitude of the independent press of the country toward the two serious candidates for the Presidency will be relieved upon receipt of extracts printed in the next column of this paper.

It will shock the Bryanites that the skillfully adjusted bait of their "paramount issue" is so promptly refused by the anti-imperialists.

Never mind about the platforms. They are collections of apologies, protestations, professions, promises.

The danger from "the crowd" is always great; but the quality of the human mind that makes its movements possible may be indispensable as a preventive in the multitude of intellectual stagnation.

is the necessary product of the new journalism. The penny-dreadful cannot possibly go to print without a sensation.

PSYCHOLOGY OF "THE CROWD."

It has been noted that the substitution of the unconscious action of crowds for the conscious activity of individuals is one of the principal characteristics of the present age.

It is evident, as Professor Patrick says, that the craze is the result of social excitement under which the normal individual becomes imitative.

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AN UNPROMISING PROJECT.

After a long and vexatious delay, the War Department has taken up the Philippine tariff schedule, but the plan proposed for amendment does not promise improvement of the situation.

Fundamental characteristics of race appear in all these movements, in various countries. Between a Latin crowd and a Teutonic or Anglo-Saxon crowd the difference is striking.

PREFERS MCKINLEY TO BRYAN.

The Springfield Republican is severe in the expression of its disappointment that United States Senator Hoar, who has denounced the policy of the McKinley Administration as utterly subversive of the Republic.

the Republican, which holds Hoar's faith in party to be absurdly groundless as compared with Webster's.

Mr. Hoar further says that Bryan's election will mean the overturn of our wonderful prosperity; a dishonest, fluctuating currency; great diminution of the value of all debts.

The contrast between Sumner's conduct in 1872 and that of Senator Hoar today is not historically just.

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than America gets, long-established houses, superior packing and casing of goods, and knowledge of the class of products for which there is demand.

The Philippines are a part of the United States, and are our commercial field. They are entitled to a tariff law that will give our products to them without duty.

It is yet too early in the season to forebode that hops from vines that are clean and well laden will not be picked this Fall.

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that any other Democrat in the United States was to be considered with reference to the nomination obtained nowhere.

DON'T WORK FOR UNCLE SAM.

He is an Exactng Boss and a Poor Paymaster. Chicago Times-Herald. The Chicago young man who applies to enter the government service will find no stimulus for his ambition in the diploma in the article by Curtis Low in the July Forum.

Mr. Low takes the young man who secures a government clerkship at \$1,200 a year, and who is to receive a commendation, commanding a salary of \$300, and follows him on up through various promotions until he becomes chief of a bureau at \$200 a year.

At this point Mr. Low draws a comparison between the civil service and that of Great Britain, in which he shows the great inducements which the English service offers to ambitious men of brains.

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HIGH PRICE FOR BOER PLANK.

Did They Count the Cost of Offending British Citizens? Chicago Times-Herald. In all the Republican platforms there is not a word to offend any nationality.

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MEN AND WOMEN.

In Missouri there is a Dr. Figg, who has just had his name changed to Fick, and who, odd enough, is a cousin of Governor Hoar.

INDEPENDENT REJECTION OF BRYAN.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. The safe, conservative financial policy of the Administration is promoting the business interests of the country and its commercial intercourse with other lands.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

This weather will do. Bryan has out-bossed every boss on record.

Meanwhile Bryan is making active preparations to run again in 1904.

The Boxers will be very glad to take their corner at the end of the first round.

The Filiphnos were put to rout in a battle the other day. Aguinaldo also ran.

It was just Oom Paul's luck for fate to wait till he was licked before calling John Bull to other fields of war.

If St. Louis had secured the Republican convention this year the town would have been full of walking delegates.

For the benefit of Summer poets it may be stated that minute rhymes with bathing suit. The joke that may be constructed with this material ought to be obvious.

German emigration, writes a United States Consul to the State Department, has fallen from an industrial prosperity at home and better state care of the working classes are the stated causes of the decline.

Lord Wolseley, wishing to reassure his countrymen, places the number of British soldiers in China at 75,000, of these 50,000 being regulars. The figures must include every "Tommy" in garrison around the world and the native troops of India.

Goldwin Smith's idea is that all the missionaries in China should be compelled at once to withdraw to places of security, as they choose heroically to remain in posts of danger, they should be warned that they do this, as did the early missionaries, at their own risk.

Two bicyclists rode over the Erie railroad viaduct at Lawrence, N. Y., a few days ago. The viaduct is more than a quarter of a mile long and rises 300 feet from the ground.

A Klamath County lawyer, who it has been noticed, takes a live interest in political affairs, was commenting yesterday on the fact that the Democrats had subordinated the free-silver plank in their platform to that declaring against expansion.

Will the 2000 or 3000 words devoted to imperialism and the two or three dozen words devoted to the demand for 16 to 1 reform the presidency of parliamentarism in the minds of the voters?

Where the dread Dakota cyclone takes the farmer's happy home. And transfers it to the Southland, where the alligator roams.

Down in Southern California, where the people meet and pray. That the gods will in His mercy send just one rainy day.

And the old man must be careful lest the sun-bleached worms slip his ice. That in where they all will tell you that same gesture of disdain.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. "What's the size of Morocco's standing army?" "About 25,000." "Moor or less, I suppose." "Cleveland Plain Dealer."

Financial Tompny.—Ma-Tommy, you seem to love me better than you do me. Tompny, he has pockets full of nickels.—Indianapolis Journal.

Professional American.—Editor of new paper!—Have you seen our last number yet?—No, but I expect to in about a month. —Bridge.

Unusual.—"She is one of the most original young women I have talked with in a long time," said the professor earnestly. "She doesn't pay very much attention to intellectual matters." "Perhaps not. But she conversed with me for a whole half hour without once asking me if I played golf."—Washington Star.

The Country Will Outlive the Town. Thomas F. Porter in Boston Globe. Come to the woods, forget the street.

Let us forget the lines of care. That on our faces deeply press. And breathe a while the perfect air. That longs to make our troubles less.

What means this endless toll and strife. The wish to seek and win and hold? There is a better, grander life. Outside of titles and of gold.

The men may study to deceive. And to their aid call every art.—Great Nature loves alone to weave. Her truths around the trusting heart.

When piles of brick in ruins lie. And wealth and power are both laid low; It wails away to nothing high.—The grass, the flowers, the trees will grow. Men may tear down the forest fair.

To build themselves a fleeting crew; But 'neath God's Nature's fostering care The country will outlive the town. When our weak hands shall cease to strive, And from our grasp all power has past, Nature, her heart, will love alive. Will take us to herself at last.