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TODAY'S WEATHER - Fair, with dense smoke, northwesterly wind.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER - Maximum temperature, 82; minimum temperature, 72; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, SEPT. 13.

HOLLOW COMPLIMENTS. President Roosevelt must be a far duller and less sincere man than we think he is.

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THE MISTAKES OF BEVERIDGE.

While there is a great deal to be said in commendation of Senator Beveridge's speech at Ogden, his economic program is based upon an utterly erroneous conception of trade.

No man should be allowed to follow a calling which stands for a cynical contempt of so sacred a gift and trust as his life.

Mr. Beveridge is a fine orator, perhaps as well equipped as to rhetorical grace and platform accomplishments as any man in American public life.

His tribute to President Roosevelt is happy and timely, and in the public sense of the President's sound heart and righteous purposes that give him his tremendous popularity.

But on the subject of foreign markets Mr. Beveridge is simply indefensible. He says distinctly that free ingress for foreign goods does not open foreign markets to American goods.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS.

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It is reported that Judge Bird has bought an interest in a grocery store in Portland. The Judge has failed, both in business and politics, in Yamhill County; but perhaps he may succeed better in the metropolis.

The Northern Pacific Company has taken charge of the Oregon & Washington Railway, and is now negotiating with the Government to purchase the line from Kalama to Vancouver.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

How about an anti-smoke ordinance? "No, thank you, Old Prok," said Oregon, "no smoke this time. Let's drink, and please you."

The strange thing is that the Navy actually found a battle-ship—the Wisconsin—to send to Panama.

In commenting on the expressed intention of Miss Stone to return to missionary work on the Turkish frontier, the Richmond Times says that the Bulgarian brigands will not give her a cordial welcome.

Life in Denmark moves evenly. A daily paper in Copenhagen suspended publication this Summer from June until September, "so as to enable its staff to enjoy a suitable holiday."

The official executioner of Tokio died recently. His death was curious in itself, and, considering his profession, was little short of remarkable.

Speaking of centenarians reminds us that the early years of this century will be full of important ones.

The late Senator McMillan, of Michigan, used to tell about a green Irishman employed in his country place near Detroit.

The New York Sun, discussing the practical operation of a plan for treating the trust question by a Constitutional amendment, shows that under the most favorable conditions the earliest date at which Congress could be brought to sanction such an amendment would be March, 1906.

Then there is no probability of the states acting effectively on the subject earlier than the latter portion of 1905. There would thus be no opportunity to legislate under the amendment before 1907, and the probability is that there would be longer delay than this, if anything were ever achieved in this way.

A South Sea Islander said of his race, "As soon as we open our mouths a lie is born." The Chinese acknowledge without shame the same of themselves.

The affairs of life hinge upon confidence, but in the East, and especially in China, they hinge upon suspicion.

There are few Chinese who attach any importance to keeping an engagement. Most of them