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TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy and cool; wind mostly westerly.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 77; minimum temperature, 48; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, SEPT. 22, 1902.

THE PRESIDENT ON THE TARIFF.

No one who knows the lifelong habit of Theodore Roosevelt will be surprised that in the very first speech he delivers on his Western tour he plunges into the heart of the tariff relation to the trusts.

The President's contribution to the problem is one that has been slow of apprehension by the public, and even by so-called experts. It is that tariff reform is not to be guided by the facts of the trust situation, and that the tariff problem is not to be settled by tariff reform.

Tariff reform touches the trust problem only incidentally. There are many trusts that render the need of protection in their production to drive independent competitors to the wall.

This is precisely what President Roosevelt says, though in different words, and the extract is reproduced at considerable length because the exact bearing of the trust and tariff problems cannot, we believe, be more accurately stated.

COMMERCIAL CHEMISTRY.

If it is true that the wealth of the country does not so much consist in what is produced as in what is saved, then the rapid increase of wealth in our own country is not an accident of progress, but an incident of thrift.

As to the tariff problem itself, the President's views leave much to be desired, but they are, on the whole, reassuring, chiefly from the manner of their expression.

The by-products of corn, formerly wastage, are enormous. Without going into detail, it may be said that articles of commercial value are produced from every part of the corn plant and cereal.

There is no doubt as to what will happen if the opposition to the Blue Mountain reservation shall prevail. Under one device or another, the whole forested area of the mountain region will speedily pass into private hands.

After the organ-grinder has been working for about 10 minutes the woman saluted the children, and then, in making a "Ta-nta no use," she said, "You don't get no money for that, an' you don't deserve none. If you'd put as much of the same kind of work on a churn you wouldn't have no trouble makin' a good livin'."

The colored people in Virginia are registering in unexpected numbers under the new constitution. Democratic politicians are alarmed. A Richmond

dispatch says: "The white voters are not showing interest in the registration and the colored registration is large in some places. In Lynchburg, for instance, a large white ward, 195 colored registered and less than 100 whites."

CUSHMAN TO HIS CRITICS.

It is the opinion of Mr. C. W. Howard, the Whatcom County member of the resolutions committee at the recent Tacoma convention, that when that committee voted to leave out the plank endorsing the Cuban policy of President Roosevelt, it performed a negligible act, and abated nothing of its purpose to endorse that policy.

How correct is the view that gentlemen hold of the effect of their action upon Representative Cushman, at least, appears from the telegram from the Congressman himself, which we print on another page, in connection with the letter of Mr. Cavanaugh.

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rooms to deadening walls, protecting water pipes from freezing and stuffing dolls. The by-products of the slaughterhouse swell enormously the profits of the great packing industry.

There is not in all of this the pitiful parsimony that ruled the New England kitchen in a former generation. It is economy of resources in a wider sense made possible by growth and an increased population with increasing needs and wants that are never satisfied.

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tain range. The whole Blue Mountain region, as one writer has put it, will be skinned to the rim-rock, and its rich pastures reduced to barren dust-heaps.

The whole of Northeastern Oregon, from the Blue Mountains stand as a reservoir will find that it has lost a great water-course and a great resource. Streams will dry up before their time, and faithful wells will cease to bear water.

The forest reserve system does not, as it has been charged, withdraw the natural resources of the country from development and hold them to idleness. It simply does not permit the renorescence of the territory which it covers to be ruthlessly wasted.

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SPRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS

A Horrible Suggestion. Newberg Graphic. In retorting the charge that Furnish meant thousands of dollars to secure his election as Governor, the Eugene Register says that it has yet to find a single paper that received from him, directly or indirectly, a single dollar for supporting his candidature.

Motives Politely Attributed. Spokane Spokesman-Review. William and his Seattle paper opposed a commission because, as creature and mouthpiece of the railroad interests, they are more concerned in relieving the commercial difficulties than in protecting the rights of the people.

Coppers Our Jonathan. Baker City Democrat. "Jack" Bourne, after whom the town of Bourne at Cracker Creek, this county, was named, is the principal owner of the E. & E. mines, a candidate for United States Senator from Oregon.

Limits on Convention's Authority. Yakima Washingtonian. What authority is vested in a state convention to instruct the legislators in the discharge of their duties in the Legislature? It is not true that the convention is limited in its instructions to the creation of the convention, namely, state and national officers, nominated by the voters.

Heredity Not Omnipotent. Lebanon Critic. Some people wonder how it is that Henry Waterson, Jr., son of the great Henry Waterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal, could turn rascal as he has and do such a thing as force an Army payroll and draw several months' salary.

Did He Deserve This? Spokane Chronicle. I am proud to preside over a convention, gentlemen, which stands by the teachings of Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln.

Stands by the Coyote Bounty. Pendleton Tribune. Western Oregon opposes the law because it has no coyotes and pays more taxes than does Eastern Oregon.

Some Justification, but Not Much. Yakima Republic. The Oregonian is considerably worked up because the Republican state platform ignores the subject of Cuban reciprocity.

There Are Other Ideas. Montreal Star. What has often surprised the Chinese and other Easterners is that the Western world should profess a religion which is so absolutely negative and so wholly devoid of mind and manner of life.

Logical Sequence. Chicago Tribune. "This, ladies and gentlemen," the dime-novelist lecturer continued, "is the celestial vampire bat, of which all of you have read. It fastens itself upon its sleeping victims and sucks the life blood from their bodies.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Take Your Own Medicine. The doctor looked his patient over. "You must carry on much steam; you need a rest," he said.

"The law's unconstitutional." The lawyer sternly said, "And my advice is positive. To fight it to the death."

"And, fourthly, my beloved friends," the pastor said, "I believe the law should give some of the power to those who are being wronged."

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It was unkind for Mr. Soper to offer to turn the hose on the fire subscription. If the bar had any pride it would feel insulted at the way everybody talks about it and remove itself.

From the number of "quiet" weddings reported, one would be justified in imagining that absence of pistol practice and war-whoops are sufficiently rare to deserve mention.

It is better to have a Sunday law that can't be enforced or to repeat it and incur the charge of "immorality." Our purpose is merely to state the question. The answer is not yet on earth.

The man who ran the cigar stand in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York has been arrested for evading the payment of internal revenue. It should be impossible for a rude person with a warrant to enter the sacred precincts of the Waldorf-Astoria.

There is a newspaper published at Jacksonville, Ill., by lunatics and for lunatics, and for a starter it declares that "a fool never goes crazy or gets bald-headed." It ought to appeal to the folk with thin hair as well as to those with thin brains.

When William J. Bryan was in Richmond, Mo., on a recent trip somebody asked him how many acres his famous farm contains. "I farm 25 acres and oversee 5000 acres," was the Nebraskaan's reply.

A resident of Washington thought of what he considered a funny thing and went into the office of George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint, to put his idea into practice. "Mr. Roberts," he said, "I visited the mint in Philadelphia the other day and had a julep." There was a laugh, which was heartily received when Roberts replied: "If that all you had you missed a good thing. You ought to have taken a silver fizz, too."

Emile Zola was asked the other day by a French journalist to give his idea regarding education. He replied: "I was educated at the Municipal College at Aix and the Lycee St. Louis in Paris. I lost my father when I was quite young and my mother was very weak in her attitude toward me. I did not learn to read until I was 8 years old. I may say that I educated myself, and I think that is the best way. I do not believe in school education."

There is an odd character at Atlantic City, who is called the Mayor of the Boardwalk. He is always on the boardwalk from early morning until dark, carrying a cane with a flat, wide blade at the end, with which he pushes through the cracks and between the planks all the scraps of paper and other fotsam and jetsam that the tens of thousands of promenaders drop as they stroll up and down. The "mayor" does not receive any wages. He has a benefit performance at one of the pier theaters every season, which usually brings him in several hundred dollars, and business men whose shops front upon the walk ride a purse for him twice a year.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHS

"Say, Governor, when is the best time to go into the stock market?" "On Sundays and holidays," Detroit Free Press.

"You've got a fine little boy with that automobile?" "Immensely." "Good. Then I'll take you for a ride in the country in my automobile."—Washington Star.

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