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TODAY'S WEATHER—Showers, with south to west winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 58; minimum temperature, 51; precipitation, 0.10 inch.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8.

OPERATORS' VICTORY.

Governor Stone's action in calling out the Pennsylvania militia is a victory for the operators. He has doubtless taken this step at the President's suggestion, and the President made the suggestion at the instance of the railroad presidents.

They have won an important point in the struggle. They have had the shrewdness to order their men so as to put the miners at an obvious disadvantage. It is a game involving constant alertness and quick action.

Nobody need doubt for an instant that the operators have figured out the game in just this way: The strike would go on a long time. The operators would bring in all the nonunion men and imported foreign labor.

There is a lesson in the history of every strike where public opinion, in sympathy with the strikers, defeats them. That point is the point of violence.

When a man can get a job and wants it, and his family is in need, and he takes his dinner pail and goes down to the shop to report for work, and some cowardly ruffian sneaks up and sandbags him or maltreats the family he has left behind, that cowardly ruffian ought to be shot.

ion has done in sympathy with the oppressed miners and in reprobation of the operators; after all the consideration President Mitchell has received from press and President Roosevelt and public men generally, it will simply show that the miners have bungled their case, either through inadequate preparation or through ill-considered reports to the public.

These restrictions, for obvious reasons, threatened to upset the social fabric in Guam. Captain Leary was recalled. Captain Schroeder was sent out to work the miracle of Americanizing the Guarnites, and warned not to interfere unnecessarily with their social, industrial and religious customs.

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was shorn of its significance where it was not interdicted entirely; an edict went out from the Military Governor's office prescribing that nothing less than a yard of cotton cloth, judiciously bestowed about the loins, should be considered apparel fit for the street.

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platform, in the hands of the plutocrats of both parties, and here lies the danger of Republican defeat in November.

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SPRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS

One Way of Looking at It. Lakeview Examiner. It will be a long time before the people consent to destroy the present prosperity even for the sake of destroying the trusts.

Imperialism No Longer an Issue. Welser World. Think Heaven we don't hear the Democratic orators talking about imperialism any more. One by one their issues vanish.

Gracious, Has It Come to This? Aberdeen Sun. The President having failed to make an impression on those interested in this strike the only remedy now is an appeal to God Almighty.

Little Power, After All. Astoria Astorian. The President of the United States has little power after all. He has to beg both labor and capital—obstinate nemes both of them, at times.

Good Shall Come of Evil. Seattle Times. If the hardships caused to certain industries by this coal strike shall teach them the folly of attacking upon one set of men, then some good will have come out of it.

Independence at the Price of Churlishness. Salem Journal. All the schemes of the Portland Oregon state for \$500,000 for the Portland fair, but none of them ask where the money is to come from. Who wouldn't be an echo?

Socialism Preferable to Anarchy. Milton Eagle. The Democratic state platform in New York declares for Government ownership of anthracite coal mines. This, of course, would mean socialism.

Where He Always Was Popular. Dayton Dispatch. If President Roosevelt effects an equitable settlement of the strike difficulties, he will naturally strengthen his chances for a large vote among the people.

Must Be Made a Success. McMinnville Telephone Register. The directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair are considering the amount that the Legislature ought to appropriate in aid of the exposition.

Not "Knocking," but "Rapping." Watsburg Times. The "knocking" has no place in any community, and any place is better off without the fellow who says that the town he lives in is no good.

Of Much Benefit to Eastern Oregon. Union Republican. The state experiment station at Benton is destined to become an important factor in the eastern part of the state.

They Favor Cuban Reciprocity. St. Paul Pioneer Press. Almost all the correspondents have got it into their heads that because Tawney, McCleary, Stevens and Fletcher were renominated, two of them without any opposition and two by large majorities, that the Democratic ticket is opposed to Cuban reciprocity.

The Gambling Issue. Eugene Register. No city or community can afford to leave as a legacy to the rising generation the theory that the success of local government is based upon how much vice and crime can be injected into it for revenue's sake.

Tribute to Governor Whiteaker. Eugene Guard. John Whiteaker is dead. Dead among the people some of whom, at least, first knew him in the flush of youth and vigor, manhood, then in maturer years, and latterly when old age had brought the most desecrating of respectability to his hair.

TARIFF COMMISSION 'COMMENDED

News Gathered by the N. Y. Commercial. Abram S. Hewitt, Well-Known Democrat. I am free to say that the tariff undoubtedly needs revision. This revision, in order to be intelligible to the people, should be by an exhaustive inquiry into the condition of every branch of manufacture and its relation to the export and import trade of the country.

My opinion is that the tariff as a protective measure has lost much of its importance, and is now to be considered principally in regard to revenue. A permanent commission, such as is suggested, would have to do something, and would therefore always be meddling.

I had the great pleasure of knowing Mr. Bryan intimately and of conferring with him upon this matter. His idea was that we should arrange reciprocity with the South American republics especially, admitting their products free, which would mean a large increase in our tariff.

Taking the tariff out of politics has a pleasing sound, but I am one of those who believe that it cannot be taken out and ought not to be. Something can be done, however, to minimize the depression to business which always results from uncertainty pending tariff legislation.

I think a permanent tariff and reciprocity commission would be an admirable thing and go a long way to keep tariff and reciprocity, which, under our present system, go together, on a surer basis.

Tariff changes are needed in the changing conditions of our industrial life and growth. Reciprocity trade is a popular idea with our people. Such a conception and development of the reciprocity idea as shall not nullify protection, but be in harmony with its true principles would be greatly to our country.

All this, in my opinion, includes protection to American ships, that we may do our own ocean carrying. These much desired results could be greatly aided by a permanent commission, which would have to do something, and would therefore always be meddling.

As to the sentiment among manufacturers regarding a commission, I believe it is universally in favor of one. The dissenters would be the politicians, who would have nothing to talk about. From a business point of view the appointment of a commission is the proper thing.

I have read with a great deal of interest the remarks of President Roosevelt at Indianapolis, suggesting the creation of a commission whose duty it should be to revise the tariff. I concur fully in the view expressed by the President that it would be advisable to take the tariff as far as practicable out of politics.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

You Can't Always Tell. When I came down, as usual, this morning to my work, I brought my new umbrella down all right.

But I let it at the barber's where I stopped to get a shave. And I never thought of it again till night. Now you know what always comes to pass in cases of this kind.

Old Moneybags was dying, and his useless, scapaceous son. Was never known to draw a sober bow.

And everybody knew the will would surely cut him off. Or otherwise he'd drink himself to death. And when the will was opened, you can guess what it contained.

For charities and churches—I don't think; For it left his whole possessions to Young Moneybags intact. And he's never since been known to take a drink.

If you're watchful as you go along, you'll find very few of these contradictions flat. Bread and butter falling right side up with care.

It will often turn chilly, when you take your overcoat. And when you leave it home the day'll be warm.

If the thirteenth is on Friday, you will often have good luck. Many trees grow different from the tree; twigs incline.

Still water runs deeper than the polestar. Fine birds are often made by feathers fine.

You will very often gain in speed by merely making haste. The cat that leaves you seldom will come back; you will often find a deal of smoke, with-out a spark of fire.