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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Occasional rain, with another week.

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FENIAN EXTRAVAGANZA.

Announcements continue to be made that the report of the proposed Fenian raid into Canada is too preposterous for notice.

Outside of France it would be difficult to find any intelligent brains in sympathy with this kind of rhetorical extravaganza.

The miserable thronical Irishmen who organized and directed this irruption of pirates upon the soil of a friendly power were some of them arrested by the officers of our government.

John O'Neill, through his counsel asked for a merciful sentence from the United States District Judge Woodruff, on the plea of his services in the Union army in Missouri from 1862 to 1865.

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peaceful relations with his friendly neighbors were seriously interrupted in order to make "a great day for Ireland."

THE UNITED STATES AND THE BOER WAR.

Reasons for American sympathy with the Transvaal are not far to seek. We are all drawn from Europe at a period more or less remote, and the inheritance of European predilection we brought with us will be ignored.

If general of home rule to Ireland be Britain's fault, grievously must Britain answer for it. This and all other antipathies to her are natural results of the influences we have enumerated.

The question for us is not one of sympathy, for upon that we are divided, perhaps almost equally; nor yet one of intellectual apprehension of the ethical meaning of this fierce and momentous struggle.

Is it better or worse for us that the only power in Europe that stood by us in our war with Spain should be weakened in the councils of Europe? Is it better or worse for us that the weight of power in Asia should be lost to the nation that stands for fair trade and delivered over to those that will treat "spheres of influence" as trade prerogatives?

These are questions that ought to be decided in a matter-of-fact way, without appeal to prejudice or passion. Sympathy with the weak or hatred of the strong need not blind us to the truth as to our own interests.

THE FEELITY OF SUBSIDIES.

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If the American ship bounty is to benefit the producer and the people as a whole, the French bounty, operating on exactly the same lines, undoubtedly accomplishes the same ends.

The Clan-na-Gael type of Irish-American has been a very great curse to this country. If he is sincere, he is a most pestiferous anarchist; and if he is insincere, he is a most destructive demagogue.

per ton. Her owners receive this 40 shillings out of the wheat which they will carry. The owners of the Louis Pasteur received 35 shillings from the cargo and another 5 shillings from the French government, so that her owners secure the same rate as the American vessels of the Bement, and if their vessel was on the free list today, she would be chartered at 40 shillings and the government would still be forced to pay the bounty.

FIRST AND SECOND.

We take it for granted that every live man in the state of Oregon celebrated the New Year with a resolve to take a fresh hitch on the load that has fallen to him as a member of the community, and see if he can't help the state to a higher position by the time another New Year comes around.

That something else that is the first thing is home developed foreign trade is a mere bagatelle compared with domestic trade. Imports and exports passing through a port to other points, as great quantities do at Tacoma every month in the year, have a certain but limited service for a city.

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It is not probable that the Boers will ever make an attack on a British position. And it is most probable that if they do they will meet a repulse.

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The transport Pennsylvania, which was dispatched from this port for Manila about two months ago, is reported as again en route to this port for another trip in the government service.

service, the best interests of the government would be served by having her returned to the port where she was captured. This means that the cargo and another 5 shillings from the French government, so that her owners secure the same rate as the American vessels of the Bement, and if their vessel was on the free list today, she would be chartered at 40 shillings and the government would still be forced to pay the bounty.

CONTRABAND MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

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The British vessels now seized are under British law and British control. If they are seized by British ships while Great Britain is at war, the neutral cargo is not contraband, no more.

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ENGLAND IN ADVERSITY.

Many Americans believe that the war in South Africa is without moral justification, more than that, although English rule in South Africa is to be desired from every point of view.

Promotion of the anti-trust conference about to meet is bordering on the hysterical. Perfid appeals to "save the country" may easily overshoot the mark.

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EXPANSION SENTIMENT IN THE SOUTH.

In the South the tide for expansion grows daily stronger. The latest democratic leader to pronounce against the policy which would commit the democratic party to opposition to the national policy is Chief Justice Snodgrass.

BOERS ARE ALL FIGHTING MEN NOW.

Under American decisions the owners of the cargo have said good-by to it. In the common case the supreme court has held that the formal neutrality of a port to which foodstuff is consigned will not avail to prevent its capture if the cargo is clearly intended for the use of the captor's army.

more plainly in evidence than the Boer war. The gold plank and I will make the convention take it against its will! And his favorite newspaper says, "Yes, he did."

A FLEXIBLE TERM.

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A PHRASE IN HISTORY.

The celebrated dying injunction of Lawrence, "Don't give up the ship!" has gone into history and become fixed as one of the heroic utterances of patriotic commanders.

SENATOR STEWART AN EXPANSIONIST.

A dispatch from Washington to the Chicago Inter Ocean, December 28, says: Senator Stewart gave expression to his views on territorial questions today, and intimated that he would have considerable to say on the subject when it is brought up in the senate for consideration.

POLITICAL TRAFFIC IN THE BLOOD OF OUR SOLDIERS.

Two officers who returned Major Noble and Captain Dunning, say that all Argentine and his cutthroats are waiting for it to be bribed, but the same encouragement continues to be extended to them from every point.

IT IS HERE TO STAY.

Or course Mr. Bryan and all his followers will object to any law which will insure a stable currency for this country, but they may as well admit the fact that such will be the law.

GENEROUS MAN.

Mrs. Youngwed—You know Uncle Pincher said he was going to send us something if it would not cost more than our coal bills this year? Well, it came.

REVISÉD NEW WORLD.

"Well, that's enough to try the patience of Job," exclaimed the village minister, "he threw aside the local standard, 'Last Sunday' preached from the text, 'Be ye therefore steadfast,'" said the good man.

THAT DEPENDS.

"What is the difference between a sharp man and a smooth rascal?" "Frequently there is no difference. The term depends upon whether you profit or lose by the operations of the man in question."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

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A SONG FOR THE PARTING YEAR.

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