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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair; warmer; southerly winds. PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26. MARCHING BACKWARDS. Five years ago Senator Hoar, in an oration delivered by him on Forefathers' day, at Plymouth, Mass., said:

Our forefathers set on foot at first a little colony in Massachusetts, and they spread along the coast. It has girdled the globe. It has crossed the equator and the poles. It has crossed the mountains and the Cordilleras and the Nevada. It has crossed the frozen regions of the North, and it has crossed the tropics. It has crossed the equator and the poles. It has crossed the mountains and the Cordilleras and the Nevada. It has crossed the frozen regions of the North, and it has crossed the tropics.

maries and conventions will be other than equitable and fair. By this it means that the committee will make such arrangements and establish such regulations as will assure equal rights to all. It can have no disposition to do otherwise.

THE OPEN DOOR.

A subscriber writes us from Adna, Wash: After reading considerable in your paper and many others concerning the "Open-Door Policy," I have failed to find out what it means. I have fallen in it in your next issue, and oblige.

Some, unwieldy, unprofitable piece of work. It was so loaded down with petty and irrelevant details that it could not be finished in time to be of real value, and had it not in the course of events been abridged, its ten-year-old statements of facts and figures would still be dropping slowly from the gorged printing presses of the government. Statistics are at best dry and tiresome; when they are also stale, they are practically useless.

the entire plan as laid out in advance was carried through with success, and the richest nation was placed securely on a gold basis. Mr. Uchida shows that the change has been fully approved by the results. The industries of the country are prosperous, its commerce is increasing rapidly, wages are advancing, the revenues of the government are satisfactory, and the action commands the approval of the people.

of description, with a rich and fertile soil, equal to any in the world, and when we introduce American ideas and new methods of agriculture, their productions of sugar, coffee, rice and tobacco will be directed to the benefit of the world. Now, a few words of warning to the democratic party. When we meet in convention we must adopt a platform that all democrats, north, south, east and west, stand upon for without compromise and not hope to win. We must not drive our democrats from the party.

of Italy and Japan—whatever they may be worth—may be counted with the British, but without them the preponderance at sea is unmistakable. The loss of vessels building in the shipyards of the various powers is not promising an early change of the situation. Germany, Russia and France are, it is true, about to enlarge their building programme, but it is England's policy to keep up her rivals.

NOTE AND COMMENT. The circus trust will succeed if it has the right ring to it. Taylor's friends appear to be ready to out-Geebel Goebel. There's a Christmas dinner in it, Buller. If you can make it go.