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TODAY'S WEATHER—Rain in afternoon; cold; while becoming southerly.

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CAN'T RIGHT ITSELF TOO SOON.

It is not merely Puerto Rico. Behind this Puerto Rico question is the larger one as to the Philippine Islands, and also looms into view, for free trade between the United States and Cuba will cause Cuba to throw in her fortunes with the United States.

Representative Payne, of New York, is chairman of the ways and means committee. At first he was in favor of free commercial intercourse between Puerto Rico and the mainland of the United States.

And, as the Chicago Inter Ocean, states, the Republic journal, puts it, "What the Republic voters likely to do about it, if they are compelled to go to the polls next November, is the consciousness that, after sacrificing his sons and spending his treasure in an international war, this Nation was forced by a Republican majority in the House and a Republican majority in the Senate, to lay the fruits of its triumph, the great expansion policy, the plighted faith of its Executive, and every principle of enlightened justice and civilized government on the feet of the entire sugar and tobacco lobby organization, even encamped in the Capitol at Washington to thwart the will of the American people."

Our Pacific states want free commercial intercourse with the Philippine Islands. Here is a position that will afford a footing for boundless expansion of our Pacific Ocean commerce. It is the one commercial question of all others in which we are so vitally interested.

The treasury statement sent out in the dispatches from Washington daily has been changed. It will be noticed, in accordance with the law of March 14, 1900, the cash balance has been reduced by \$150,000,000, the amount set apart for the department of issue and redemption.

stead appears the total of free gold in the treasury. The gold reserve will remain at \$150,000,000, unless depleted by redemptions. Whenever it falls below \$150,000,000 it must be replenished by the Secretary through sale of bonds.

THE PRACTICAL QUESTION FOR US. What do you want a tariff on Philippine imports for? That's the question. It is conceded by the assailants as well as the defenders of Puerto Rico that the United States population no greater than Nebraska's and its annual exports to all countries no larger than Portland's bank clearings for six weeks, but Cuba and the Philippines.

Second in importance among Philippine products is sugar. And the question is, Do we want cheap sugar or dear? The islands produce for export now about \$15,000,000 worth of sugar, of which we get only the one-eighth part. Give us free trade in sugar, and the masses can be supplied cheaply.

There are also tropical products of the Philippines, our only concern with which is to buy them to the best possible advantage. These are rice, coconuts, cocoa, indigo, ebony, gum, rattan, wax, salt, copra, gum, resins, oils, dyewoods.

TRANSVAAL "INDEPENDENCE." Several persons have attempted to take The Oregonian to task because it has said that the South African Republic was not an independent state. It is useless to enter into the subtleties of this dispute. We believe it is not questioned that Great Britain in her conventions expressly retained control of the foreign relations of the Transvaal.

A GREAT DAY FOR IRELAND. Today is a great day for Ireland the world over, but it is to be particularly a great day for Ireland in England, where the green flag is to be universally displayed in honor of the splendid valor displayed by the Irish regiments in General Buller's army in all the fighting, from Colenso to Ladysmith.

MISTAKEN ECONOMY. Some of the statesmen at Washington who are just at present showing such a deep interest in the American merchant marine are in fair way to stultify themselves by the same error they are taking regarding the abolition of the branch hydrographic offices. The plea they have made as an excuse for giving the shipbuilding syndicate several million dollars in the way of a subsidy is that it will increase the number of American ships on the ocean.

A MISSING TWIN. The party making quietly making drafts of a new platform to be adopted in a few months. How are they going to explain the desertion and death of the reciprocity twin?

VIEW OF A RELIGIOUS JOURNAL. The Independent, New York. What, then, is the secret of the extraordinary situation in Congress? Evidently there is a pressure of interests which know how to enforce their demands. It is best sugar and cane sugar and tobacco. It will be a revelation to the people of the United States that the growers of these crops have power suddenly to revolutionize the policy of a great party, to bring recalcitrants swiftly into line, and to force an unpopular measure through both houses.

measure might be true, but it is also true that the larger portion of the information which is collected by the branch offices is supplied by foreign shipmasters. Nearly all of the principal lines running out of Pacific Coast ports are in charge of foreign commanders, and yet, with few exceptions, these shipmasters note carefully the latitude and longitude of every floating obstruction sighted, make detailed records of the direction and force of the wind in certain latitudes, of fog and varying currents encountered.

AN AMERICAN WESTMINSTER. But it would precipitate and perpetuate many controversies. Chicago Tribune. When Daniel Webster, the defender of the Constitution, died at his home in Marshfield, Mass., in 1852, a poet wrote: 'Tis but a proud career that's done.

WHITE OR WIRE YOUR SENATOR. Oregon Has One Senator That Needs the Monition. Chicago Times-Herald, Rep. Since the Republicans in Congress refuse to accept the vote of the Oregonians in that of their constituents, it is time that those constituents began bombarding Washington on their own account.

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the years of reciprocity negotiations—this, too, is now to be stifled. The reciprocity treaty has been kicking on the head by the authors of its being.

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that make France unique upon earth as an intellectual recreation ground for humanity. There are few people, nevertheless, who call France one of the decaying nations. Yet what other country can show a greater array of more varied talent or more enduring work in the things of beauty which are a joy forever?

A CORN MISFEASANT. New York World. Frank E. Carr is going to the Paris exposition on a mission of the highest importance to the poor people of Europe. He is going to teach them to eat cornbread. To that end he will take with him a Western chef and a Southern "mammy" who know how to cook America's greatest cereal in a hundred ways.

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