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TO-DAY'S WEATHER—Fair, northwesterly winds. PORTLAND, MONDAY, MARCH 19.

LET THEM STAND ALONE! The Republican leaders are reported as greatly exercised as to how the country will regard the party's attitude toward the trusts.

So far as the trusts are concerned, it begins to look very doubtful whether the people will be disposed to insist on indiscriminate prosecution and persecution of trusts simply because they are trusts.

If aggregations of capital are able to secure unjust advantages through favoring legislation, it makes little difference whether the trusts are trusts, partnerships or immensely wealthy individuals.

The success of the farmers' trusts is to be doubted. The field is too big. The concern is in danger of topheaviness through ambition, and collapse under the load of weak members.

RECOGNITION OF A JUST DEMAND. A bill to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service is now before both branches of Congress.

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILES FIRST. According to the New York Herald, American inventors are about to invade France with automobiles that promise to eclipse, both in speed and endurance, anything yet produced in Europe.

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In the Indian's speech, until they have spread out their parchment over the whole and say "It is mine." Our millions of consumers realize that the burden of higher prices they have so long been carrying for the manufacturer's load has been shifted at length to the consumer.

THE FARMERS' TRUSTS. Though the attention of the various political parties in Oregon may be drawn to the abolition of hop-growers and nut-growers, it is safe to assume that no thunderbolts will be launched against these combinations.

Is there a gleam of light here on the trust problem in general? Probably there is; for, though the politician is mindful of the farmer vote, his forbearance in this instance has reason behind it.

It is exceedingly doubtful whether the Boers will make an effective stand for any length of time this side of the Vaal River. They are preparing against a British advance from the southwest into the Transvaal, and a camp has been established at Bloemhof, on the north bank of the Vaal, near the western border of the Transvaal.

THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER. Democratic organ, says that the "free-silver" terror has been eliminated by enactment of the gold-standard bill.

Does the labor of this great country need such "protection" against the little Puerto Rico? Not at all; but there are some special "graffs" in Connecticut and New York that demand it.

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BRAVE MILITIA ARE NOT TRAINED SOLDIERS. The conduct of the Boers during their retreat before the advance of Lord Roberts makes it certain that they are only fit for the most ordinary military positions, where only steadiness and good marksmanship are needed.

It is probable the Senate will continue to insist on our right to fortify the Nicaragua canal. Yet Admiral Dewey says the talk about the "necessity" of fortifying it is pure nonsense.

ALL LEARN NEW THINGS AS WE GROW OLDER. Now we discover that Senator Mitchell was so grieved over the defeat of Senator Dolph that at last he indignantly accuses Senator Simon of having brought it about.

A PITIFUL DEFENSE DISPROVED. General Davis telegraphs from Puerto Rico that the stocks of sugar and tobacco now on hand are owned by the producers.

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WRITING WILL UNDO A MAN. Chicago Journal. Mr. McKinley still believes in our plain duty; but he wishes he hadn't put it in the message.

EX-SPEAKER REED. The attempt to make three-quarter citizens of Puerto Rico is certainly original.

pressed they may strike near home. Let them uplift the Orientals, teach them the way of Western civilization, and the South will sell them cotton clothes to wear.

ARMAMENT OF THE BOERS. Their Complete Preparations for the Present War. New York Times. It was not in 1899, or because of anything done by Englishmen in that year, that the Boers determined to try their luck with Great Britain.

THE CASES ARE PARALLEL. Philadelphia Record. Senator Simon, of Oregon, has very recently taken action providing for a connecting link between Clark of Montana and Quay of Pennsylvania.

A MATCHLESS TITAN. This phrase is used by Professor Trent in an article in the International Monthly on Balaac. He says Balaac was "a matchless Titan" and not "an Olympian" like Homer, Dante, Shakespeare, Milton.

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