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TODAY'S WEATHER—Showers, cooler; east to north winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

FOR THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Republican State Convention of Oregon will not be held till after the time appointed for the vote in the Senate on the Puerto Rico bill.

This Puerto Rican measure is felt by our whole people to be not only erroneous as a matter of commercial policy, but full of injury to the Republic.

A few days ago the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Iowa, a state where the Republicans have overwhelming ascendancy, adopted a resolution which declares that "the people of Iowa are unalterably opposed to the establishment of any tariff duties between the United States and any territory acquired as a result of the Spanish-American war."

The State Republican Convention of Oregon should call for free commercial intercourse with the Philippine Islands, to be had just as soon as the military conditions will allow it.

REFORM, TRUE AND FALSE. The experience of thirteen years has proved that the interstate commerce law is not stringent enough to correct abuses that are constantly arising in transcontinental transportation.

In resolutions approving these proposed amendments, the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade declared that "no combination of capital, whether in the hands of individuals, firms or corporations, is dangerous to the public welfare unless the parties controlling such capital are given an undue advantage, by means of railroad rates or special transportation facilities which are denied to their competitors and the general public."

When has there been so weak a lot of Senators and Representatives in Congress? Not since the days when numbers got on their knees before the Slave Power, as these now get on their knees before the Protected Grafters.

Bird Murder and Millinery. Philadelphia Telegraph. The announcement that George Gray has been made in Delaware for the bodies of 8000 birds that are to be killed for millinery use in New York is a bad piece of news.

John Ruskin. Blackwood's Magazine. The moral pathology of the future will have much to say of the parasites of the 19th century.

Millennial of the Sausage. Cleveland Plain Dealer. There's dancing on the sunny meads That smile along the Rhine.

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