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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Increasing cloudiness, with variable winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1900.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY AND CITY CONVENTION.

All the candidates named by the county and city Republican Convention yesterday are well-known men, they need no introduction to the people, no eulogium from the press.

In purely local affairs one set of officials may be as good as another, and it might be thought not worth while to draw the party line.

On the other hand, the errors of the Republican party, though they call for criticism, are not fundamental or dangerous; moreover, are not incorrigible.

There is state power. In his speeches, elaborate as they are, Mr. Bryan makes but few definite propositions.

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and would trench upon a line of legislation and jurisprudence which hitherto has been recognized as belonging exclusively to the several states.

There is an encouraging outlook. The coming year gives promise of great prosperity to the Pacific Coast and Oregon in particular.

The prospect has two sides, domestic and foreign. Nothing is quite so important as local activity, for in it lies the basis of any profitable foreign trade; and in the local field almost everything is encouraging.

The people of the Pacific Coast have not as yet begun to realize the possibilities of their new Asiatic platform.

Once the islands are thoroughly pacified and business can go on uninterrupted, Manila ought to become the center of a tremendous trans-Pacific trade.

It is an auspicious time for embarking upon the enterprise and for renewing confidence in the future of Oregon.

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thereby, both in an educational and a financial sense. A good deal that is uncomplimentary, if not distinctly discreditable, to the promoters of the scheme has from time to time been said of the methods employed in the attempt to establish Portland University.

The eloquence of the elephant. A correspondent in yesterday's issue of The Oregonian used the name of Bryan as a text for a homily on the influence of the gift of "eloquence," which he seems to consider that the "Boy Orator of the Platitudes" possesses in the same sense that it was possessed by Patrick Henry, Cromwell, Donaghy, Talmage, Spurgeon and Parkhurst, a curious jumble of men who were really eloquent either in the spoken or written word, and men who are not possessed of the gift of eloquence either in thought or utterance.

A more pathetic tale than that of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Horton, of Eugene, has come down from Alaska since that region became the scene of the great earthquake.

The anniversary of Appomattox finds few of its representatives on either side among the living. Of the eminent Confederate Generals of the Army of Northern Virginia, all are dead save General Longstreet, who is 81.

Mr. Dewey is reported to have applied the quality of afterthought which followed the famous transfer of the Washington house to her church relations. It being said that she has withdrawn from the Catholic and become a member of the Episcopal Church.

The first number of "The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society" has appeared, under the editorship of Professor F. G. Young, of the University of Oregon, secretary of the society.

The citadel of the anti-Puerto Rico forces appears to be the doctrine that free trade with that island is a proposal of folly and impolicy.

A matter of deep interest to the people of Portland is the selection of proper men for the office of Mayor and for the Common Council.

The mistaken American people. Chicago Inter Ocean, T. Oxnard, and Herbert Myrick, Henry T. Oxnard, and other "farmers of America," whose chief business is to buy and sell, and means committee look upon Puerto Rico as quite alien to the United States.

their petition asks "that all sugar, tobacco, cigars, wool, fruits, vegetables and other merchandise continue to pay the full rate of duties, respectively, whether such merchandise and produce come from Puerto Rico, Argentina, or other parts of the world."

Mr. Bryan often gets large audiences. He had a large one in Portland. So in New York, in 1896, he had the largest audience ever gathered in that city.

The duty that is not "plain" and that we reject for ourselves. Chicago News. By the passage of the Puerto Rican tariff bill in the Senate by the slender majority of nine, that body has done what it has done, and it is not to be wondered at that the Oregonian decried his speech of sufficient importance to print it in full, to the extent of fourteen columns.

As to whether free trade or a tariff would be best for the people of Puerto Rico, the question no one has raised outside of Congress—the Puerto Rican delegates, in their letter of February 21, in opposition to the 25 per cent tariff then proposed by the House of Representatives.

"A National platform on the line of the Nebraska platform would cause the Nebraska ticket to lose a considerable number of votes in every one of the states," predicts the Savannah News, Dem.

"The ultimate abandonment of a position which has been made untenable by the logic of events is inevitable, and would be wise to drop the free-silver demand at once," says the Nashville Banner, Dem.

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No, Candidate Dewey is not a very large pebble. Admiral Dewey was a class by himself, but Candidate Dewey must take place in the long line in which he is considerably less distinguished than Matt Quay, Chauncey Depew, or Arthur Gorman.

Dewey Lost His Opportunity. New York Evening Post. There seems to be no doubt that Admiral Dewey wants to be President.

dentist nomination. But the Admiral was a much greater figure on the Olympia than the harbor of Manila. He is a resident in a Washington house, and neither the politicians nor the people now attach anything like the importance to his opinions or wishes that they commanded before he came home.

New York's Big Tunnel. The biggest enterprise ever undertaken by an American city is the new system of underground rapid transit in New York, ground for which was recently broken.

Dewey as a Democrat. Chicago Tribune. He would certainly look funny on an Anti-Expansion Platform.

Bad Work on a Chinese Line. Odessa Correspondence London Standard. The construction of the Chinese Eastern Railway (the Russo-Manchurian line) would appear to be proceeding under the most auspicious circumstances.

What Ails Dewey? Chicago Evening Journal. The atmosphere of Washington is known to be extremely debilitating. Certainly it has had an extraordinary effect on the mind of Admiral Dewey.

What Is the Meaning? Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem. What is the meaning of the sweeping Republican gains in Nebraska, including the unprecedented increase of the Republican majority in Mr. Bryan's own town?

A Father to be Appreciated. Boston Courier. Teacher—I called to see you, sir, about your son's schooling, and am sorry to say that he is behind in his studies.

The Little Hills. S. B. Kiesler in Chicago Times Herald. He tried to cheat his wife because she grieved over small affairs.

She—How about Monte Carlo? He—in the Baltic Sea there are more wrecks than in any other place in the world.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Everybody couldn't be nominated. They put Hennessy off a long way this side of Buffalo.

Dewey's motto should have been "Never give up the ship." Sometimes a Presidential bid will fold his whirling wind and quit his buzzing and begin to settle down to stinging.

A sailor's wife a sailor's star shall be—maybe, but he ought not to let her be his leading lady. Now will the anxious candidate begin to wonder why such small and lowly offices can come so mighty high.

A drive through the country between the city and Mount Tabor, where orchards abound, is very pleasant just now. The meadow larks are singing in the orchards, white with bloom, and the air is loaded with perfume.

A notable literary work is completed with the publication of the last volume of the catalogue of the Nineveh tablets in the British museum. When Sir Henry Layard explored the ruins of Nineveh, more than half a century ago, he discovered the royal library of the Assyrian Kings, comprising over 20,000 of these clay tablets, and the work of cataloging them, now finished, has been long and arduous.

Thirty-one persons are on trial at Eiberfeld, in Germany, for fraudulent evasion of military service. The chief culprit was a cigar drummer who died in detention before the trial, and seems to have had a "pull" with the examiners.

George Fuller, United States Local Inspector of Steam Boilers, lost a small cocker spaniel belonging to the name of "Rags." An advertisement calling attention to this fact, and offering a reward, resulted in the recovery of the lost dog.

Apparently the ad. had not been read closely, for among the canines which called for inspection (not official) were bull dogs, white, black, brown and spotted, Irish setters, Scotch terriers, greyhounds and even mastiffs.

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