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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair, with northwest winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, APRIL 21.

MEANS TO ENDS.

The Republican party represents definite purposes. It is for the solid stand and the expansion; it is to oppose the financial follies and the socialistic-anarchistic scheme adopted four years ago by the Democratic party and still held by it.

THE AXE LAID AT THE ROOT.

Thomas G. Shearman, of New York, has published a letter on trusts which is a very notable performance. He goes to the very root of the matter when he says that restriction in one form or another is the actual basis of trusts.

It is admitted that errors and evils attendant upon liberty...

It is simply absurd to make any effort to prohibit or to regulate trusts and combinations, and their control should be left untroubled. If the American people show the least interest in the nations of the earth, and deem themselves justified in preventing such competition by force, they have a moral right to complain if American capitalists are to be allowed to prevent such competition by fraud.

NAVIGATION LAWS FOR HAWAII.

The extension of the American navigation laws to Hawaii would leave the ocean transportation business of the entire Pacific Coast with those islands at the mercy of four men. Over 75 per cent of the tonnage in this trade under the American flag is controlled by C. P. Huntington, Senator Perkins, John D. Spreckels and W. E. Mitchell.

Another point which may not be appreciated by the producers of Oregon and Washington is that the four men in control are all Californians, and their heaviest interests lie in the state to the south of us.

eral law which would drive one of these lines out of business and leave him at the mercy of the other. The exclusion of all competition in transportation between the Pacific Coast, Hawaii and the Philippines (the latter must eventually have the same laws as Hawaii) is fully as unjust for the producers, as it would be to prohibit their shipping their products by any land transportation line they might select.

IT IS TIME TO ACT.

The fundamental principle in trade is cost. All commodities are sold to the consumer on the basis of a percentage of profit added to the landed cost of the goods to the last distributing tradesman. This is true of foreign goods imported into this country, and it is true of American goods exported to foreign lands.

THE QUAY CASE.

The speech of Senator Burrows, delivered on the 12th inst., against the seating of Senator Quay, is described by the Philadelphia Press as proving to be a demonstration that the United States Constitution does not authorize the Governor of a state to appoint a Senator to fill a vacancy that begins during the session of the Legislature.

Senator Burrows states that the Senate in 1794, when nearly one-fourth of its membership had participated in framing the Constitution, refused to admit a Governor's appointee to the beginning of a term, on the ground that the Legislature only could name a Senator for such a vacancy.

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It is gratifying if Representative Needham, of California, has begun to stir up the War Department to the indignity of the present tariff rates and regulations in force in the Philippines, even if he is somewhat late in taking hold of the work the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon delegation in Congress have been pushing for the past six months.

NEGROES IN THE TRANSVAAL.

No intelligent man of veracity considers the Transvaal "a sister republic," to use the pro-Boer designation of Paul Kruger's oligarchy. The quality of the Transvaal Government is illustrated by this dictum of the Transvaal law:

The people shall not permit any equality of colored people with white inhabitants, neither in the church nor in the state.

friction with the world. Like other men of originally great physical power, the referee to see, or at least to acknowledge, that his strength is failing, but this fact was noticeable in a marked degree in the interim between his speeches while on his Western tour.

Great Britain is not responsible for the famine in India, but has done much, and is still doing much, to mitigate it. India is a very large country, containing nearly three hundred millions of people.

Extension of Parole System.

Chicago Tribune. Governor Shaw put in practice in Iowa the parole system, of which he is an advocate, by setting free a life convict at Ansonia, Mo. The parole system has been successful in operation in Iowa, as it has been in Indiana and in Illinois.

Possible Split in Presbyterianism.

Chicago Tribune. That public which is best informed about religious matters would not be surprised to see the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America—the exact title of the Presbyterian Church in North America—split into two denominations, and organize two General Assemblies.

"Dishonor With Defeat."

Under this title, the Portland Dispatch, a weekly Democratic paper, just before the "fusion" convention was held, printed remarks that follow. The protest against the alliance was not heeded, and these remarks therefore may be taken as having the nature of prophecy.

Anti-Trust Legislation.

Washington.—Representative Overstreet, of Indiana, of the judiciary committee, will present a bill intended to set the Republican party right before the people in regard to the trusts. This measure has been framed with great care, and goes as far as the Constitution will justify in regulating and restricting trusts, monopolies, corporations, partnerships, joint stock companies and other combinations of capital which seek to evade competition.

Two Poor Presidents.

Poultery Bigelow, writing in the Independent, says that Uncle Puns is a single-minded, courageous, bluff, illiterate cattle-driver, with the soul of a Cromwell and the education of a red Indian.

Inducement Removed.

Mrs. Newsome (to little Willie)—I'm afraid you must be sick, dear, you make so little noise.

Probable Callings.

Chicago Record. The young man who is looking for a calling in life may have noticed that selling gas companies is fairly profitable business if one can get steady work at it.

human interest, and at the same time was not six feet high, with broad shoulders slightly drooping; not the stoop that comes from deaf work, but rather from carrying a man after some I have seen; Americans who reminded me of Stein—deliberate men and shrewd—informer to meet display, yet careful as to their personal appearance.

Altruistic Socialist Experiment.

Baltimore Sun. Trenton, N. J.—An experiment in altruism by men who are perhaps the most qualified in America to put into practical application this theory is to be made near the McKeen County, 29 miles above this place.

What the "Citizens" Ticket Is

The "citizens" legislative ticket for Multnomah County is a most remarkable fusion of Democrats of all complexions, Republicans of no complexion, and ex-Populists. It is the last run of socialism, and it marks the final desperate stagger of the Mitchell and McBride clique to avoid complete dissolution of the powerful machine that once held the Republican party of this city and state by the throat.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Spirit mediums are not always accountable for their trans-actions. Dewey will never again stand on so popular a platform as the bridge of the U. S. S. Olympia.

The Grace for Light.

From "Songs of the Glens of Antrim." Morna O'Neill. When we were little children we had a quare we had away in the heather by the head of Brabla's burn;

The Prayer of the Women.

Mabel Beatrice Carlisle in Chambers's Journal. God of Eternity! shadows are stealing from the houses of the poor and the far: Even as we kneel in Thy footstool appealing, Haste Thou the end of the sorrows of war!

Widowhood Taken.

There's a when things that used to be an' now has had their day. The nine Glens of Antrim can show ye many a widowhood taken.

Not Only Mrs. but Madams.

Not only Mrs but Madams; Though this be true, It's wrong for you To call me Madam.

CHARLES POLLEN ADAMS.

Major-General Sir Herbert Charles Chermidde, who succeeds to General Gatacre's command in South Africa, is a very distinguished officer. He was born in 1850, educated at Eton, and entered the Royal Engineer Corps in 1868, gradually proceeding to the rank of Colonel by 1871.

Lewis H. Tarpley is a Mitchell Republican and a law partner of O'Day. He recently made a futile attempt to get into the Republican band wagon, and failed. George W. Holcomb is president of the Oregon Packing Company, with pronounced or radical ideas on social questions. He is now a Democrat.

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Let's dogs delight in playing with you. To bark and bite, For God hath made them so; They have a right To scamp and fight. For that's their way, you know. Their owners, though, All ought to know It isn't very wise Hat to put on 'em. Because the show Could give their dogs no prize.

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"There goes a man," said Mr. Sherlock Holmes, "who is completely under petticoat government." Of course, you know something about the man?" suggested the interested interlocutor.

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One of the strange infelicities which are sometimes found on gravestones in ancient churchyards seems to have been perpetrated in the inscription on the tablet in memory of the late Rev. Dr. John Hall, which has been placed in the Fifth-Avenue Presbyterian Church, in New York.

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Living happily in Roxbury, one of the suburbs of Boston, is Charles Follen Adams, whose "Leodia Yawbow Strauss" is one of the imperishable characters in the history of literature of America.

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