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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair and warmer; winds mostly northerly.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1900.

There is not in Portland a man better fitted by native talents, business training and acquaintance with the city's affairs, for the office of Mayor than Henry S. Rowe.

In the history of every community there is an era of revolt from the first severe regime of tax-paying. It usually comes at the time when the values and too heavy taxes.

President McKinley being a Methodist, the Methodists think he should with the Methodist stand.

With the nomination of Towne, the blooming ambition of Congressman Sulzer to be Vice-President withered.

What the Bryanites need now in their business is a revival of Aguinaldo before the Kansas City convention.

their own devices, incidentally placing all the great foreign interests there, which are now protected by us, at the mercy of the uncivilized natives.

EXPANSION THE FARMER'S FIGHT. If there is any particular class of producers in the United States who have a deeper financial interest in Oriental trade expansion than that of the Pacific Coast farmer, it is not in evidence.

What Pacific expansion means to the farmers of the Northwest is amply illustrated in the case of wheat. For many years the great market for all Pacific Coast ports have been bumping along on the bottom.

So much for the surplus that must seek a market in Europe. Now as to the Orient. Since the beginning of the present cereal year, nearly eleven months ago, there has been a steady advance in round-the-horn freights.

The indirect benefits lie in the increased demand for other farm products from the men engaged in the many new mills which have come into existence since the inception of the business.

WEAK POINTS IN CURRENCY ACT. Mr. Isaac Seligman's discovery that under certain circumstances the "endless chain" might be revived, notwithstanding the new regulations embodied in the act of March 14, 1900.

The act's defense against raids on the Treasury gold and safeguards for the treasury have been imperfectly contrived.

A WELL-ORDERED MOVEMENT. The contention for early closing in retail business, now being vigorously urged in this city, commends itself for its justice and fairness.

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changed for gold if any one wants gold for them, and then, of course, they go directly into circulation. Lastly, under the provisions of the act of March, 1892, the redeemed notes may be used by the Secretary of the Treasury to "purchase" coin "at such rates and upon such terms as he may deem most advantageous."

Pillsbury, the American chess champion, recently performed at Philadelphia the astonishing feat of playing blindfolded twenty simultaneous games.

MAN WANTS MUCH HERE BELOW. This is going to be a hilarious campaign. The Citizens happy family of legislative candidates at the state assembly by signing a "round-robin" of principles, designed to keep the public amused and entertained while they burglarized the Senatorship.

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of employers to confine retail trade to business hours and thus permit men and women who have put in nine full hours at their work to join the hosts of labor in other lines that go home at 6 o'clock, with the privilege of spending the evening in rest, recreation or amusement, gathering strength and purpose for the duties of the following day.

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The Irish troops have distinguished themselves on the British side shows the folly of satisfying the national aspirations of Ireland. The assumption that any Irish government would be a "disloyal" government may or may not be justified.

AMERICANS ON TRIAL. Bishop Potter's Testimony to Courage and Conscientiousness. Bishop Potter is called to self-sacrifice, renders a greater service to his country than to himself in his treatment of the Philippine question.

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THE RACE PROBLEM CONFERENCE

The South is facing the race problem with courage, intelligence, firmness and commendable tolerance. It realizes that it is almost altogether a Southern question, to be settled by Southerners in a spirit of broad humanity and large patriotism.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Too many running races sometimes spoil a campaign. The independent candidate is not very independent of the heels.

The walking delegate is always the first to run when a strike becomes a riot. It is strange that the Cuban postal strike was not stamped out before.

Lord Roberts is said to be afraid of cats. And yet he is fighting for so much cats. Some one has invented a cigar-shaped engine. Of course, it will draw very easily.

Perhaps if we marked down that bill to \$6,000, the Sultan would begin to think about paying it. Confidence was restored to our emphatically four years ago to fall ill again at the sight of Bryan.

Twenty thousand million eggs were laid last year. And still a good many ham actors kept the bears all season. The Mayor of Atlanta has promised that he will never get drunk any more. But it must be remembered that Mayor Storey is electioneering.

If Senator Clark does not want to leave his children a tarnished name, he would better get his Legislature to call them something else. A dentist named Evans has died leaving \$4,000,000. He was associated with royalty, and he evidently worked his professional drill to the Queen's taste.

Dr. Sheldon is going to tackle the servant-girl problem; but he will find he can't run the servant girl as anybody used to run her, because nobody ever did. The House of Representatives yesterday disposed of four of the six pages of the Alaska bill. At that rate they will get through with it about the time all the gold has been dug out of Alaska and it is no longer in need of any laws.

A man who has been operating as a curbside broker in potatoes on Front street all last Fall and Winter is winding up his business and getting ready to start for Nome. He was all over Alaska last Summer, and after securing a claim at Nome, returned here to deal in potatoes all Winter. He is now going back to Nome to work his claim all Summer, and intends to return here by the time the potato crop is ready for market. He says the two lines of business fadge first rate, as the potato trade is done here just in time to start for Nome, and the mining season ends there just in time for him to get here when the shipment of potatoes begins. He looks for a big clean-up at Nome this Summer and a big crop of potatoes to be harvested here next Fall, and he means to catch the million dollar "a comin' and a gwin'."

The English sparrows have, as is usual with them, pre-empted the hoods of the arc lights around town, and are busily engaged in constructing homes therein. Experience teaches that little fellow nothing apparently, although they are so thoroughly equipped by instinct that they defy all efforts to exterminate them. Every year they fill the hoods of the lights with their nests, and every year the trimmers who care for the lamps eject them ruthlessly, as the nests interfere with the working of the lights, and would be liable to near a brood that is developed by the trimmers, and even if they were allowed to be brought to completion, the sparrows perch on the wires near by and use strong language in an endeavor to express their opinion of the trimmers, but it sometimes takes a third or fourth eviction to convince them that they must go somewhere else to set up their Laras and Penates.

I'm a good and great reformer, And my name is James E. Hunt. I regard all forms of evil As a personal affront. The police hood of the city, Of which I am chairman now, Will be my personal foe, even if I'm not their enemy. But I'll run them anyhow. Though I haven't quit the courage Their attention to compel. It will be the end of them, Who will give them mercy, my enemy. I would like to show the people, Ere my term in office ends, That I've proved to you, I'm not a friend of the people. But I can't offend my friends. I would also like the office. That I'll get it, you can wager, If I only just knew how. But a good and great reformer, Ere my term in office ends, Stands no show to get elected, So I'm out of it, you see. I'm a good and great reformer, And my name is James E. Hunt. You may think I'll get elected, But I'll tell you that I won't.

A Confederate veteran is thus quoted in the New-Orleans Times-Democrat: "I don't take much stock in the theory that the superior tactics of the Boers have been due to their foreign advisers. The strategy by which they have outwitted the British time and again during the present campaign is not book strategy at all. It is the kind of cunning that is developed by frontiersmen and pioneers, who learn it from the savages whom they are compelled to fight for existence. In the Revolution a good many of our leaders, including Washington himself, were adepts in that variety of warfare, and they routed the enemy more than once by tactics that upset everything laid down by the authorities. It seems to me that the entire history of the Boer campaign shows the handiwork of the hunter and trapper rather than the modern scientific soldier, and whatever credit attaches to the successes belongs to the Boers themselves."

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Charity—"I ask you for bread," moaned the Indigent Person, reproachfully, "and you find me a free library."—Detroit Journal. Not at all—"The tie that binds," remarked Hawkins, "are not the neckties a fellow's best friend."—Philadelphia North American. Truly Imaginary—"James Lane Allen has written a Kentucky novel called 'The Reign of Law.'" "That's all right; a novel is a work of fiction, isn't it?"—Chicago Record. "That's Milton's daughter," said the Critic pointing to a young girl in an extremely delicate gown; "she's just coming out."—"Gosh! I should say she's out far enough already."—Philadelphia Record. In the Nursery—"Edith—I have named my dolly 'Dotty Dimple.'" Edith—"But what a name for her to call it! It's as if she were a grown-up and had six or eight children! Parents should think of these things!"—Puck. "What He Was Doing"—"What, minding the baby?" said the Nurse, "as he entered Master Chester's home and found his friend agitating the cradle."—"Yes," replied Manchester, "I've got down to bedrock."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegram. "Infant Terrible"—Little Millicent, the infant prodigy, daughter of Montgomery Mugg, the eminent comedian, had paraded a play of a light house, as it is termed, shortly afterwards she remarked to her papa: "I feel just like a store window."—"Why?" asked papa, in the tone of one who carries on a conversation for the purpose of supplying cash to the cashier. "Because I have such a large pane in my back." This joke will be tried on an audience in Washington early next season.—Baltimore North American.