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TODAY'S WEATHER: Showers, with winds mostly westerly.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Rev. Alexander Blackburn, of Portland, in letters to the Western (Boston), and to the Baptist Commonwealth (Philadelphia), speaks very disparagingly of Portland, of Oregon, and of the Pacific States at large.

It is much to be regretted that Oregon did not enter Binger Hermann for the Vice-Presidency, or George McBride, whose term in the Senate is about to expire.

Through the possession of the Philippines we gain at the northern gateway of China, with an excellent army of 60,000 men and a strong naval squadron, within five days' steam of the scene of hostilities in China.

The Silver Republicans had a state convention at Seattle last Saturday. Nine counties were represented, and less than 100 delegates were present.

Jackson was renominated by acclamation by the Democratic National Convention in 1852. Fremont was nominated on the first ballot in 1856 by the first Republican National Convention.

Lincoln was nominated on the third ballot in 1860 by the Republican National Convention. Hayes was nominated on the seventh ballot by the Republican National Convention of 1876.

In 1880, Garfield was nominated on the 36th ballot by the Republican National Convention of 1880. Cleveland became the Presidential candidate of the Democrats in 1884.

THE THREE DIRECT QUESTIONS. The Democratic party's managers will try to obscure the real issues before the country this year.

As to the Philippine Islands. The Democratic platform will be loaded with exclamatory platitudes on the inequity of trying to govern acquired territory independently of the Constitution.

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THE BATTLE-GROUND AT THE EAST. The Chicago Chronicle, the only Bryan organ in the city, confesses that the result of the Oregon election is a Democratic triumph.

Whether it throws a Judson in prison in further India, gagged and bound, and hangs upon a gibbet, or in the course of events his three wives and a number of his children, as in the early years of the century.

THE HORSE REDIVIVUS. When the bottom fell out of the horse market a few years ago, it was very generally supposed that horseraising as an industry in the United States was a thing of the past.

A few years, and the changes that they have wrought have, however, caused the horse to be reinstated in public favor, and today the careful breeder of horses finds a good market for his animals.

The President is not particular who it is, but he wants a good man for Vice-President. Will McKinley kindly provide Mr. Hanna with a lantern?

export trade as proof that an American product that can hold its own against the world's competition in a foreign market is secure at home.

A notorious New York paper has long been endeavoring to create ill feeling against England by conspicuously printing stuff like this: "Without explanation or apology."

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The California Democratic platform is a most useful document. It discloses plainly the trepidation of the Democratic mind. It recognizes the "splendid ability" and "unswerving integrity" of William J. Bryan.

THE BEST-SUGAR INDUSTRY HAS PASSED BEYOND THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE IN GRAND VALLEY. Farmers who began to plant sugar beets three years ago in doubt as to its practicability as a paying proposition, and having everything to learn in regard to it, have steadily increased their acreage and output.

Garland's Queer Attack. Hamlin Garland, the novelist of the prairie, made a queer attack on the pioneer of old Idaho at a meeting of old settlers at Astoria, Wis., where Mr. Garland spent his post-days.

POPULIST DEFIED. New York Mail and Express. Senator Spooner describes a Populist as a man opposed to everything that is in favor of everything that is not.

BRYAN'S MANY "I's". El Paso Herald. Bryan is over the campaign. "I" we hold back the Gold Democrats, if we get Oregon, and so on, over the whole area of Demo-Populist weakness.

COMMITTED TO MASON'S SYMPATHY. Denver Republican. Unless he has successfully overcome the ingraving sympathy habit, Senator Mason might shed a few fears over the poor tramps in Kansas who are compelled to help harvest the crops for \$2.50 a day and board.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN. New York Mail and Express. Bryan's figure just now appears to consist of 4,000,000 nervous Chinese "Boxers" who need boxing.

The organs don't do business that way, and hence they kick, some of them in their ignorance and some of them in their pique.

A MOVE FOR BETTER POLITICS. National Committee's Action in Extending Office-Holders. Indianapolis News. Yesterday the Republican National Committee heard the evidence in several cases of contested delegations from the South.

Incidentally this action is something of a rebuke to President McKinley, who declined to Federal office-holders to participate in politics.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE SOUTH. In the ominous struggle for the South, there is no such thing as party politics in the Southern States. Whatever may be the issue in other parts of the country, the Southern people are united on the issue of "negro domination."

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR. One of the difficulties that the Republican managers are experiencing just now is how to deal with the subject of the South African War.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. There is no denying the fact that it looks like rain.

Today's weather—About the same, only a little more so. Richard Croker's next private yacht will probably be an iceberg.

The dark horse seems to be the favorite at the Philadelphia convention. Cape Nome, it appears, is really as rich as Montana during a season of the Legislature.

A New York man took carbolic acid and then played the piano until he fell dead. He must have had it in for himself.

Emperor William is having another play written, and the weather prophets in Germany are hanging out the frost warning.

Colonel Jack Chinn says that every man in Kentucky that needs hanging will get it. The veteran congressman would hurry up and get in his work down there.

From east and west and south and north, from east and west and south and north, Vice-presidential candidates now fare in hundreds of thousands.

Full many a million votes they bring to boost the G. O. P. Full many a doubtful state they'll swing, as easy as a feather.

With military honors won on many a field of fame, With many a brilliant record and with many a well-known name, They stand in the convention hall and only ask that they be chosen for the nomination day.

The youth of the charming suburb of Woodstock are afflicted with an almost unquenchable thirst for soda water, which leads them to resort to measures of doubtful propriety to secure a supply of this weak imitation of champagne.

Mr. Twigg was a boche, but they thought he ought to be married, and doubtless wanted to be, and they felt sure that he would be complimented by being taken for a married man and would respond with unlimited soda water, which forms the material for the widest orgy possible in Woodstock.