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TODAY'S WEATHER: Probably fair and slightly warmer; northerly winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JUNE 23.

If the Democratic convention, to be held at Kansas City, July 4, would formulate a platform approving the gold standard and declaring that it must be maintained; proclaiming the rightfulness of the sovereignty of the United States over the Philippine Islands...

The real issue this year is property against protection of it. It is the fall expectation of all informed and properly advised observers that the Republican party will win this Fall. Therefore we shall not have widespread disturbance of business, or any alarming hind in our National progress during the campaign.

It takes no great mental effort to remember the situation four years ago, and the wonderful contrast it presents to the present. The country was agitated, almost, vastly excited. The former of the road had been reached. Business was depressed, labor was the capital in hiding, our National progress at a standstill.

The Bureau of Statistics has just issued its table of imports and exports for eleven months of the fiscal year. The imports for May were \$1,555,861. The exports were \$1,353,377, an excess of \$202,484. The exports are nearly twice as great as in 1895.

The Republican platform affirms this unexcelled progress to a protective tariff and to the gold standard. The first is fictitious, the second the real source and permanent guarantee of prosperity.

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Clark and Daly propose to wash their dirty linen at the Kansas City convention. It will be interesting to note if that body of high-minded patriots receives into its councils the plutocrat and corruptionist whose methods were

too infamous for the United States Senate; or, if they will accept the alternative and take Daly. The dilemma is embarrassing. Naturally, the convention will not see to offend two such ardent Democrats and Bryanites whose party orthodoxy cannot be questioned, and who are able to do the right thing by the campaign fund.

A SPEECH THAT IS A PLATFORM.

The honors for effective speech before the Republican National Convention were easily won by Senator Foraker and Governor Roosevelt. The speech of Senator Wolcott was too long and labored for platform eloquence, and the address of Senator Lodge reads like an elaborate oration before the Senate.

Foraker was easily the finest orator before the convention, but his speech, nominating McKinley, instead of his powers as an artistic, tasteful speaker making what to him was a perfunctory utterance, for he does not belong to the inner charmed circle of the President's friends and advisers.

But when it came Governor Roosevelt's turn to speak, it must be confessed that, while he is not an ordinary orator as a practiced orator equal to Governor Foraker, nevertheless his speech was so intensely earnest and impressive that it is not too much to say that it was a platform in itself.

Such a man need not be an artistic orator nor a very subtle reasoner to become a most powerful leader of public opinion. Creative pugnacity, moral courage, personal purity, unshakable patriotism, and the power for glory and honor of a great state are qualities, not by Governor Roosevelt, and are represented in an equal degree by no other leading figure in American political life.

When a great audience listens to Dewey, they feel that there is more of Falstaff's worldliness in him than Prince Hal's quality of him; but when they listen to Governor Roosevelt, they feel that he would cheerfully, sword in hand, fight for the honor of the flag, rather than see it suffer shame. In his peculiar combination of pugnacity, fervid patriotism, moral courage, frankness, truthfulness and executive talent in political affairs, Roosevelt is without his double in our day.

MEDDLING INQUIRY.

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The relations between servant girls and their employers are wholly without the domain of legislation, hence without that of Congressional inquiry. The hours of labor of domestic help and the wages that they receive are controlled by a diversity of conditions that render prescribed rules for their gov-

ernment wholly impracticable. They are, indeed, matters that concern only the persons engaged in household service and those who hire them. A woman's congress has no right to concern itself with such matters, and if it does, it is a mere waste of time and perhaps helpfully suggestive way, but for the laudable body of the Nation to discuss them is folly that bears the stamp of the meddling.

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THE PACIFICATION OF THE PHILIPPINES.

The proclamation of amnesty issued by General MacArthur to all Filipinos who have not violated the rules of war will doubtless, from the extreme liberality of its terms, be largely accepted by the insurgents. The truth is that the power of the insurgents has been killed. The remnant of irrecalcitrants have joined the government and the outlaws and swelled the bands of brigandage, which has been a feature of the conditions in the Philippines for many years.

The lynching of an innocent negro has horrified the South and brought the whole system of summary justice under reproach where its inherent wrong had not been so clearly and so brutally manifest. The Mobile Register declares that the nature of the crime makes it necessary for white men to presume a black man guilty until his innocence is proved.

The troubles between Governor Brady and his Alaska constituency grow out of radical differences of opinion as to what is best for the territory. Their diverse views are founded on the irreconcilable contentions between the old Presbyterian missionaries and the large new population that has invaded the northern country and intends to control its affairs.

THE ROOSEVELT FAMILY.

The stock of which Governor Roosevelt comes has been distinguished for hereditary public and private virtues, political and business talents, more than any family in our country, unless it be the Adams family, which from President John Adams down to the latest generation has maintained its reputation for high public capacity and private worth.

Governor Roosevelt's grandfather, Cornelius Roosevelt, was a successful merchant for forty-seven years, and made a large fortune, much of which he devoted to the organization of public charities. Governor Roosevelt's uncle, Robert B. Roosevelt, was a Democratic Congressman of great ability for many years, who stood firmly by Lincoln and the Union during the Civil War.

The St. Louis Boxers.

A crowd of "Boxers" chased a woman through the streets of St. Louis, pelting her with sticks and stones. Her offense was riding in a street car. Her refuge was in a saloon. The mob would likely have proceeded to tear the clothes from her back and drench her with paint—as is the St. Louis practice—had not Mrs. Mary Back arrived on the scene.

WHAT ARE TOWNE'S CHANCES.

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The Matter of National Irrigation Is Likely to Be Pressed upon Congress

The matter of National Irrigation is likely to be pressed upon Congress vigorously in the next few years, and unceasingly, until some general plan for reclamation of the vast areas of the Nation's "unwatered empire" is matured. Wastage of the water supply by means of quick and devastating drainage through levees and canals, systematically dispense the water supply at the expense and under the direction of the Government is little less than appalling to the Eastern members of the National legislative body.

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GOING BACK TO BRYAN.

Mr. Watterson's Strange Apostasy From Sound Principle.

Mr. Henry Watterson announces his reversion to Bryanism. He was a leader of the Democratic revolt against the Chicago platform. Now he professes his willingness to support Mr. Bryan, knowing quite well that Mr. Bryan is committed to re-entrance to the Chicago platform, and that therefore Bryanism today means just what it did in 1896, plus some additional heresies and deceptions.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Colored Baden-Powell, the defender of Mafeking, has always been something of a journalistic favorite of the Standard. He is the London Chronicle's correspondent. The Shah, who is expected to arrive in England about the middle of the summer, will spend a few days at Windsor as the guest of the Queen, and besides being entertained by the Prince of Wales, Lord Salisbury and the Lord Mayor, there will be a gala performance at the opera in his honor.

A Plantation Revival Hymn.

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Ham Garland's Silver Tongue.

Ham Garland has been getting himself into St. Paul by a speech in which he glorified the Indian and attacked all pioneers. There are enough pioneers still living before the time of the old-time historian to book on such a statement. But didn't the same silver tongue formerly vibrate in praise of the Alaskan trapper-bitter? Has the pioneer changed since Ham was in the Klondike?

GOSSIP OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Rumor now reaches Washington to the effect that a new bill is to be prepared by the Senate, which will take the place of the act which authorized the Senatorial career of Hon. S. B. Elkins, Senator from West Virginia, at the expiration of his present term, and place in his seat Hon. John T. McGraw.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

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