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

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1900. The speeches at Kansas City and the platform adopted by the Democratic organization are quite as radical and as socialistic as it was in 1896, or even more so.

The way to reaffirm is to reaffirm. But the problem the "conservative" Democracy was trying to solve was, how to reaffirm without reaffirming.

Democratic politicians have been unfortunate for two scores years in selecting platform makers. Only twice since 1860 have they built a structure that would bear the strain of a campaign.

We are afraid our Democratic brethren are hard to please. Here is the Chicago Chronicle, declaiming against "militarism" but upbraiding the Administration because of its alleged lack of vigor in sending military forces to China.

termining the course of the convention on the silver question. Not one of the delegates has a vote; not one would be a factor if it had. But so it is with Bryan. He is strong, but so does it little good to be strong; weak where it is fatal for him to be weak.

THE FALSE ALARM. The Kansas City platform is a piece of flamboyant rhetoric. The tone of it is shriek and hysteria. The writers laid themselves out to make it intense.

It is strange that men should imagine they could alarm the country with this ridiculous and sorry stuff. Yet this is denominated the "paramount issue."

The proposal is, first, that we "give the Philippine Islands a stable government; second, independence; third, protection from outside interference."

Bryan is a platform in himself, because Bryan is Bryanism. It is not possible to dissociate him from the quick doctrines he has been expounding.

WE MUST PLAY OUR PART. In the speech at Emporia, Kan., Governor Roosevelt said to the Philippines and it won't come down. Do you respect most the man who goes through life feeling if he can't have an easy time, or the man who sees his work done?

This Nation was built by men who saw the end and did it when the doing counted for something. If Samuel Adams and John Hancock had been cowards or pullbacks, or little Americans, when George III was attempting to tighten the royal bonds about the colonies, we should have had no United States of America.

Samuel Adams' town committee of correspondence grew into inter-colonial committees for the defense of the liberties of the colonies, and the inter-colonial committees into the Continental Congress and the merican Nation.

It is to be said for Charles Towne that he proposed to get that Democratic nomination if he could. But it looks as if a man who was a Republican up to 1896, a Bryan Republican up to July 4 of the same year, is not a good enough Democrat even for the Democratic party.

chattel. It turned away from expansion when the Civil War hurled King Cotton from the throne. Were the slave-owner as strongly entrenched in National politics today as he was in 1860, Cuba would be accepted as a gift from the Almighty; and as for the Philippines, with the vast population they offer for slave labor, the Democracy would not be deprived of them even at the cost of secession.

The decadence of the Democratic party has not left the country without men able to rise to the new situations created by war and commercial development. The Republican party has them in Roosevelt, Fairbanks, Beveridge, and a host of others. The Democratic party has them, too, but they are the light under the Bryan bushel.

THE PACE OF THE MINISTERS. The assumption that the official representatives of Pekin of foreign nations have all been murdered is likely to be confirmed by events, but their situation is not altogether hopeless. Prince Tuan, the leader of the revolt, is a man of intelligence enough to know that to kill the Minister of another state is among the unpardonable offenses that always lead to war.

In all the records of victory that sanitation science and its basic principle, cleanliness, have scored over ignorance and filth in the last dozen years, none stands out more boldly than that which tells of the stamping out of yellow fever in Havana.

DECLINE OF THE CAMPMEETING. The old-fashioned campmeeting has been transformed into the peaceful Summer school in nearly all the most enlightened states. The Union, and this change is a subject for public congratulation. Mystical no longer masquerades in the robes of religion.

THE KANSAS CITY PLATFORM. The canyon (Idaho) Echo. Those planks that the Democrats are trying to put into the platform down there at Kansas City don't jibe. They have laid around in the sun and rain for four years till they are warped like a corkscrew.

FOR ANTI-CONSIDERATION. Los Angeles (Cal.) Times. By the way, while we are chatting over this expansion business, there is one question which our Democratic brethren may find pertinent and interesting. It is rather hard to answer: Did Uncle Sam ever make a purchase and lose money on it? Or, to put it in another form, ever sold territory and lost money?

Richard Croker's Epigram. Baltimore American. Mr. Richard Croker, since his return from Europe, has been saying a great deal better religious moral and social culture than they ever obtained during the frantic campmeeting's years of most productive life.

Need of Anti-Imperialists. New York Mail and Express. The anti-imperialists are in some danger of committing an irreparable error. They need not be afraid of a single partisan; not a platform, but a rattle. This equipped and located, they might in time grow up with the country.

of Porto Ricans or Hawaiians, and the few misguided Filipinos who are meeting death from American bullets can have all the peace they want by just asking for it.

With Hon. Richard Croker Properly in Chief Position. Chicago Times-Herald. At the risk of being a little premature the Times-Herald is moved by the pernicious activity of certain Democrats in Kansas City to appertain among them the Cabinet positions under Bryan, which are the spoils for which they are polling.

Increased Exports. New York Journal of Commerce. The increased exportation of manufactured goods continues to excite astonishment in spite of the fact that copper ingots and refined mineral oil are counted as manufactures, and these two items make a large part of the whole.

Marked Difference. Philadelphia Inquirer. Word comes from the West that the farmers of Kansas and Nebraska are unable to procure hands to do their Summer and Fall work. The explanation is that the men who formerly did this work have gone to the territories.

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GOSSIP OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. WASHINGTON, July 5.—Washington generally has no sympathy with the withdrawal policy in China; but it is determined that this opportunity for punishing those guilty of the Pekin horrors and later the opening of entire China to trade and development shall not be lost.

Politics in Minnesota. According to recent reports that reach Washington, Minnesota will make a fine showing in the Fall election, and stand out prominently in the Republican ranks.

Our New Army. "Our friends, the Democrats, are trying," said General Charles Dick, secretary of the Republican National Committee, recently, "to make everybody believe that the Germans vote if you don't vote for the Democratic party, but there is not the slightest likelihood of this being the case."

Fighting Forces Compared. The following table shows the leading countries of the world, with their population, their standing army, and the number of soldiers in each country has per 100 of its people:

Table with columns: Country, Population, Army, Soldiers per 100. Includes France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Turkey, Great Britain, Italy, United States.

The Flumber's Dream. Josh Wink in Danmore American. THE Flumber dreamed, and to him it seemed that a future great was his. For he thought that he was gay in Paris, where he made coin with a wiles.

EVERY breeze that blew he would charge for, and he would take the place of his pleasure was that there in France he was running a hotel.

IT was full of guests, and all their requests were the sort that cost them dear. And he sighed: "Kind Fate! Exposition rates are the rates that give me cheer."

THEIR bills were long and the rates were strong, from champagne down to beer. His dream was sweet, and he'd not repeat: "The rates that give me cheer."

NOTE AND COMMENT. The 16-to-1 plank is put in the platform on edge. The situation in Pekin is the same old Chinese puzzle. Prince Tuan would be a good man to have around in dog days.

When the moon is full and the stars are out all night, the earth may be excused for being a little soaked. A rainmaker who is after a reputation should advertise that he will demonstrate his skill on next Fourth of July.

Minister Wu has been talking of the breaking up of China. The inference is, of course, that he has been lecturing on the servant girl question. The Birmingham (Ala.) Trades Council has removed the color line, and will hereafter receive negro delegates from local unions which may have them.

With Mayor Van Wyck at the Kansas City convention the climate may be made endurable. Of course, he will furnish the delegates with tea, and Bryan will cut it. While they were reading the Declaration of Independence to the Manila school children, it would not have been inappropriate to read the riot act to the insurgents.

J. C. Monaghan, ex-Consul at Mannheim and Chemnitz, who has been appointed professor of commerce in the new school of commerce established by the Wisconsin State University, began work in a cotton mill at Salem, Mass., when only 8 years old. He attended night schools and after many reverses managed to work his way through Brown University.

Louis Blanc, the manager of the establishment at Monte Carlo, has asked the Parisian chess player, Armand de Riviere, to undertake the management of an international chess tournament, to be played in Monte Carlo in December next. From 10,000 to 15,000 francs will be given in prizes. All the leading chess masters, Lasker, Pillsbury, Schwaner, Marshall, Janowski, Marco, Schlechter, Tschigorin, Meises and others have already promised to take part in the tournament.

Governor Roosevelt, in his letter of thanks to ex-Confederate General Thomas L. Rosser, of Virginia, for his promise of political support, says: "I am half Southerner myself. My mother was a Georgian, and of my two uncles one was an Admiral in the Confederate service, and the other was a midshipman who fired the last gun from the Alabama before she went down. Probably over half my regiment was composed of the sons of Confederates."

The policemen of Pekin are, at least were, armed chiefly with small drums, which they beat loudly in order. It is presumed that the German police are doing the same thing. All night long the watchmen beat their way around the streets, and as a natural consequence are said to make few arrests. The pigeons of Pekin have each a light whistle tied to their tails, which give forth a loud sound as they fly. The blind also use drums to announce their way, and warn other people to get out of their way.

"I've a song here that I think will do." "Is there any more in it?" "Not a particle." "Is there any more in it?" "Not a morsel." "Leave it, if it answers your description, it will turn out a gold mine." "I'll take it." A Head Observant.—Cassidy, meeting Mr. and Mrs. Casey.—Ah, Pat! That boy is a perfect picture of you. Casey.—Shut up, ye fool! Somebody left it on our front steps, and I'm taking it to the police station.