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Today's Weather—Fair and continued warm; northerly winds.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, JULY 16, 1900.

Saturday night's accident on the Fourth-street bridge... The pedestrian and street-car patrol is, in these cases, his own worst enemy.

The strenuous purpose of Mr. Richard Croker to deliver the electoral vote of New York to McKinley and Roosevelt... The office-holder, presumably the favorite of the Republican bosses, had been extravagant in the conduct of the city's business.

Another demonstration... There is nothing surprising in the story that so many people should be surprised at the conditions they find there.

A working agreement of this kind has long been in force in Pennsylvania... The man or woman who joins a stamper to reputed gold fields expecting to scoop up a fortune in a day and to find exemption from hardships and perils is too verdant to make much of a success in this practical, not to say sordid, world.

recognized that this is the way to the development and enrichment of the state. Important as the livestock industry of Oregon is, it is of still greater importance to get the land occupied by settlers who will build homes and till the soil.

A PATTERN FOR STUDY.

Simplicity and effectiveness are the best qualities of the primary system which the Republic of Lincoln, Nebraska adopted for city elections.

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and Gala Mareul, of Kentucky. The first-named candidate, after a long struggle, gained two-thirds of the vote cast—52—and is now "chief of the Gypsies." His policy will be to do what he can to keep the various gypsy families throughout the country united, the idea, perhaps, being that his people will thus be more successful in securing returns from their peculiar type of endeavor.

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law bearing upon the currency and the powers of the Treasury Department in the matter of gold and silver, as best they can, its provisions in so far as they bear upon the question of the maintenance of the gold standard. I shall be surprised if any German vote is cast for the bill.

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DEMOCRATIC REJECTION OF BRYAN

While imperialism is made paramount by the Democratic platform, 16 to 1 is made positive. Silver is subordinated, but its stouter presence, written all over with failure, division and defeat, is still there to work woe to the party that was not wise and courageous enough to leave it quietly inurned.

Wilmington Every Evening.

The action of the Kansas City convention places thousands of good and consistent Democrats in the position they were during the campaign of 1896, unable to follow their party and unwilling to give the slightest aid or encouragement to the Republicans. What they will do is a question.

New Haven Register.

It was the old, weather-beaten, and water-logged issue of free silver at a ratio which is more arbitrary than ever in its history that dominated, combined with the really imperious determination of the party to show his power. In the face of such a revelation to insist that imperialism is the paramount issue is to play the American people for cabbage-heads.

Utica Observer.

The 16-to-1 plank is an obstacle to party unity. It is as absurd, commercially and economically, to declare 16 ounces of silver equal in value to one ounce of gold now as it was four years ago.

Baltimore News.

Unfortunately, the declaration against imperialism cannot be taken by itself. It has to be taken in conjunction not only with the uncompromising pledge for free silver, but also with the character of the elements behind the platform.

Manchester Union.

Imperialism or no imperialism, we can do nothing if Mr. Bryan is to have his way and his free-coinage nonsense receive any further encouragement. We utterly and entirely repudiate the platform and its candidates, and we hope and believe they will be beaten by an overwhelming vote.

Chattanooga Times.

In 1896 the Times believed Mr. Bryan to be wrong; that to force a fictitious value on silver, a metal thoroughly discredited as a money standard by every civilized nation on the globe, was not only bad in theory, but morally dishonest.

Charlotte (N. C.) Observer.

The Observer cannot support the candidate for silver on the platform promulgated at Kansas City. This is of no consequence to the candidate or the platform, but the decision is of much importance to the Observer.

Farmer Bryan's Photographs.

They're taking Farmer Bryan with the bloated head and the big nose. The moving-picture man says it's the best he's ever seen.

FEASIBILITIES OF PARAGRAPHS.

That Farmer—Employer—was much feasting upon at your grandmother's funeral? Book-keeper—Yes; they mobbed the umpire—Harper's Base.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Maurice Gran, the grand opera manager, is to receive a book of reminiscences of his famous singers and composers he has known.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The trouble with the Boxers is that we didn't know they were loaded.

The statute of limitations continues to run on that little bill the Sultan owes us.

The report that ex-Secretary Alger has purchased a rat embalmment plant in Canton is malicious.

It is noticed that Democratic orators are not so silver-tongued as they were four years ago.

A New York man recently died because he had an abnormally large heart. It was not Russell Sage.

It may soon be necessary to fish Dewey out of political obscurity and send him over to China to land more glory.

No one ever suspected that Webster Davis was sufficiently friendly to the Republican ticket to oppose it openly.

It is said that Mark Hanna is going to Lincoln this summer to take a post-graduate course in the art of boating.

Moving pictures are great institutions. Without them we would never be able to get a life-like photograph of Aguinaldo.

The man who successfully shoots Niagara Rapids usually attempts to shoot the Falls next. Such as have done so are now doing their boating on the Styx.

The fourth annual lecturer of the "Cercle Francais de l'Universite Harvard" will be Monsieur Gaston Deschamps, the well-known literary critic of the Paris Temps. He will sail for America early in February and will give at Harvard, under the auspices of the Cercle Francais, eight lectures on the "Theatre-Contemporain."

People lounge up trees. On the velvet grass, People lounge "long the paths. Watchin' others pass, Children crowdin' round the pit, Throwin' to the bears; Candy-suckin' the gals, Bellin' out their wails, Children pokin' at the seals, Layin' on the bank, Children crowdin' up a drink "Round the water tank, Children restin' up an' down, Children here an' there, Children hidin' in the swings, Children everywhere, Startin' at the animals, Nighin' at the flowers, Not a thing to fret about, Life ain't got no cares for them, Nothin' but a lark, Makes you young again to spend Sunday in the park.

N. I. Gilham, who resides at Hillsdale, on the hills west of this city, having occasion to build a woodshed, cut off a maple tree, which stood on the site, thinking that when the trunk was inclosed and deprived of light and air, it said nothing of rain, it would die. He did not understand the vitality of the Oregon maple, and the power exercised by growing things as well as he does now. Shortly after the woodshed was completed the maple trunk began to throw out sprouts, and they grew and they grew, without any sunshine and without any dew, and hence this tale of woe. A few nights ago Gilham heard a great crash and cracking in his back yard. He imagined that cattle had broken into his premises, and went out and looked around but saw no cattle nor anything else to account for the noise. Next morning he found that the tender sprouts from the maple had torn the whole roof off his woodshed. He has not yet decided what he is going to do about it.

Many persons ask for information on some subject, as for instance "What constitutes a 'miner's inch' of water?" and expect a categorical answer. This is a question which may be answered in many ways, and legal decisions produced to back up the answer in each case. For example, there are five different definitions of a miner's inch of water in use in Oregon, and there have been some 20 different definitions in this state on the subject. In all the states together, courts have rendered about a thousand decisions on the subject. It can, therefore, easily be seen that it is not possible to answer definitely off-hand—just how much water goes to make a miner's inch.

"Farmer" Bryan's Photographs.

They're taking Farmer Bryan with the bloated head and the big nose.

The moving-picture man says it's the best he's ever seen.

They show him in his overalls, with boots up A-pickin' luscious melons from the watermelon trees.

They're moving arguments of his old setting hen.

And, best of all the films they've got is one of him drivin' his self-binder in a waving field of hay.

Another view depicts him with a heavy-handed hoe—

He's billin' up the growing wheat in a well-tilled field.

And then they have him in a tree, where earnestly he tries, To find enough dried apples to concoct some of his "patent" medicine.

With old blue jumper, big straw hat and rolled-up sleeves he stands A-plantin' melons, with his horny hands.

And contemplates the callouses upon his horny hands.

But all the farmers will admire the energetic way

He drives the big self-binder in the waving field of hay.

The picture man has other views. There's a view of him

In search of cracked oats in the field upon the peaceful hill.

And still another shows him with a scythe, A-plantin' melons.

And, last, there's the matter with the "farmer" candidate!

One view shows him harnessing a horse, and you can see

That he has hung the crupper where the brittle ought to be.

The hold-back is a check-rein—but the best of all, they say,

Is where he's bindin' into abreast the scented new-mown hay.

The overalls show creases that are straight from waist to toe—

The tailor makes them that way, and the tailor ought to know.

The blouse is cut in proper style, the shirt is drowsy, too.

And, to top the view, the neckerchief is tucked into the vest.

For William is a farming man, he harvests his cracked oats,

And his photos taken, so they'll harvest him some votes.

And won't the farmers shout for him with voices blithe and gay?

Each time they see the binder in the waving field of hay?