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TODAY'S WEATHER: Fair and continued mild; northerly winds.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, JULY 19.

A little while ago the whole argument of the Democratic anti-imperialist was directed toward proof that the Philippines are as capable of self-government as the Cuban...

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Observe that an essential feature of the Democratic anti-imperialist policy is to afford to the Filipinos the same protection that we have given Central and South America...

We scan the Kansas City platform in vain for a single sympathetic word for the Filipinos. Nothing is said about Aguinaldo being the Asiatic George Washington...

The Quilting of the Democratic platform is exciting some comment, and some chagrin among those most concerned. The income-tax plank shaped under the master hand of Bryan himself...

and Waterville, N. Y. The total number of crematories in Europe is 34,000, but this large number is accounted for by the fact that the cremation of the unclaimed hospital dead is made compulsory by the City of Paris to relieve the crowded cemeteries...

THE PROBLEM OF CHINA.

The people of China, hardened and even petrified in ancient custom, are less willing to make changes in their ways of life than are the people of any other land. Resistance to reform, which they regard as mere innovation, is the ground of the present quarrel...

It might be supposed that the war with Japan would have taught China the necessity of study and adoption of the ways of the modern world. It was a terrible defeat of a great nation by a small one...

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CREMATION.

A recently published communication from Rev. Dr. Elliot called public attention to the subject of cremation. The most recent statistics show that the rapid reduction of the dead to ashes by means of fire is taken to more kindly by Americans than by other people...

The answer of Lord Shaftesbury is conclusive, whether we believe or disbelieve in the resurrection of the body. If we do believe in it, we cannot fairly assume that the Christian saints and martyrs lose their chance of resurrection through their heroic sacrifice for the faith...

All the great nations of antiquity resorted to cremation save Egypt, Judaea and China, and in times of the plague the Jews burned their dead. In days when means of transportation were comparatively slow and laborious, when wars were frequent and the slaughter very great, the quickest and most effective way to protect the public health against the infection of a multitude of decaying bodies was to burn them...

General Roberts' position is clearly a most trying one. Enthusiasm that followed his early achievements has died out in England, and the government seems to be waiting in serenity for him to submit a report of his unconditional surrender of the Transvaal...

Of this type of warfare we have had and are still having experience in the Philippines, for which we have paid dear the cost of the liquidation being not yet in sight. For like experience the Spaniards paid heavily in blood and treasure through many years in Cuba, and no one can tell how long this "fight and hide" policy will continue in the mountain fastnesses of South Africa...

THE FUTURE OF HOPS.

The Oregon Hopgrowers' Association is considering another proposition for elevating prices beyond the limits regulated by the natural law of supply and demand. The association met with a fair measure of success at this business last season, but, unfortunately, before they could unload many of the hops they had produced...

Owing to the reckless and primitive way in which the trees that furnish the gutta-percha of commerce have been treated in Sumatra and Borneo, from whence the principal output has come, the supply is almost exhausted. A book has just been published in Germany calling attention to this matter...

Secretary Root, in event of a Chinese war of large dimensions, could not send more troops from Luzon, for General MacArthur says that he could spare them in only a few places. These are troops in the Philippines must be brought back to this country and mustered out by July 1, 1901...

Ten thousand American soldiers are few enough to protect American subjects from murder and rapine by many million Chinese; but they are not in the neighborhood of Lincoln, Neb., about "militarism" that sends our soldiers thousands of miles out of our country to save the lives of our citizens...

By seating the rioters from Shoshone County, the enemies of Governor Steuneger, the enemies of the law for nomination. This so completely identifies the Demo-Pop party of Idaho with anarchy, riot, dynamite and murder, that there can be no such thing as mistaking the general issue in that state.

Of course we shall not carry on the war against the Chinese in avengeful spirit. But war is war, and to go to war is to kill. If the Chinese think we are not going to have an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth and a life for a life, our task may be harder.

Anyway, the Idaho Fusionists cannot undo what the members of the law do. They can do much to show that Steuneger did it as a patriotic American executive, and not as a Democrat. Competition drove the wall paper trust out of business. But the object of a trust is to kill off competition...

hold on the people than seemed likely when he made his entrance into National politics four years ago. He has held the "balance" of probability tends to the election of McKinley and Roosevelt. It frankly admits that "it will be no easy victory, and the battle this year will be the most bitter in the history of the country."

THE KANSAS CITY CHOICE.

Just How It is Weakens Bryan's Chance of Election. Chicago Times-Herald. Since Bryan, with the aid of Croker and Van Wyck, has succeeded in making New York one of the "impossible states" for the Democracy in November...

And what of sun-kissed, wind-swept Nebraska? State pride and discontent gave it to Bryan in 1896. But Nebraska has elected a Republican legislature...

The same opportunity which the Democracy had to court success in New York has been thrown away in Maryland by the specific election of Maryland by the Democratic vote...

Democratic Electors: Alabama 11, Arkansas 11, California 11, Colorado 11, Florida 11, Georgia 11, Kentucky 11, Louisiana 11, Maine 11, Massachusetts 11, Michigan 11, Minnesota 11, Missouri 11, Montana 11, Nebraska 11, Nevada 11, New Jersey 11, New York 11, North Carolina 11, North Dakota 11, Ohio 11, Oklahoma 11, Oregon 11, Pennsylvania 11, Rhode Island 11, South Carolina 11, South Dakota 11, Tennessee 11, Texas 11, Virginia 11, West Virginia 11, Wisconsin 11, Wyoming 11, Total 51.

BUREAU OF THE MONEY POWER.

Difficult to Tell What Will Become of the Trusts. New York Journal of Commerce. It is stated with great confidence that the coming year will see a revival of the people in that of plutocracy against democracy. The statement sounds imposing; it is impossible to extract from it any definite information...

Most of the people who use this formula of plutocracy probably have never heard of the power of money with law, or courts, or social institutions. There is a little truth and a good deal of error here, and what is true is due to weakness of human nature and is not the result of any special power over other men...

Competition drove the wall paper trust out of business. But the object of a trust is to kill off competition. Which goes to show that the trust is a mere adversary for economic law.

Election Not Already Decided.

New York Evening Post. Republican newspapers in the Middle West do not accept the official view of the election is already decided, and Bryan's defeat assured. On the contrary, one finds plenty of warnings that the election is not yet decided...

owners. Probably the abrogation of democracy against democracy is not a bold stroke, but some of them are in very queer company.

A CAMPAIGN OF DECEPTION.

Eastern Democrats Assured That "Silver is Dead." New York Tribune. Certain things have to be noticed and kept well in mind during the whole of the campaign which is being waged in the United States...

It must be remembered from the start that this systematic deception which is being carried on by many voters who do not belong to that side. Every day men of standing and influence, who presumably do not want to cheat their neighbors, are found saying much more than they mean...

With this sustained effort to defraud voters about foreign matters there is a kind of a "silver" campaign made by the characteristic recklessness of the demagogue eager to catch votes by if he can, and indifferent to the incalculable harm which may result from weakening the credit of the law...

The Truth About Manila Saloons.

Army and Navy Journal. We predicted just what has come to pass. When the volunteer chaplain, Rev. Mr. Wells, on his return, was asked by the papers for the statement that one of the results of American occupation has been an increase of saloons from four to more than 400, we ventured to prophesy that local cooperation would be decidedly lacking...

"Croker's Flop."

Brooklyn Eagle. "I believe in expansion," said Mr. Croker at the beginning of last year. "Are not our people as powerful, intelligent and as patriotic as those of England?" he asked before the battle occurred...

MEN AND WOMEN.

Queen Victoria has purchased for \$155 a man-of-war to be used as a floating school for Windsor Castle and the neighborhood. The Emperor of Germany confided to a friend recently the fact that he was becoming weak in his old business and had decided to take daily lessons in fencing.

Rev. C. A. Barlow, who has been pastor of the old West Church, Boston, for over 50 years, celebrated his 87th birthday on the 17th inst. He was born in the town of Andover, Mass., in 1813.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Croker has beat his tomahawk into an ice pick and his wigwag into a refrigerator. The boy who is the last to take a bath at home is the first to run away to go swimming.

The little, bustling, busy bee is worth his weight in gold. If those who keep him are content to have and not to hold.

Cyclone Davis is in Chicago, carrying wind to the Windy City. Davis never did have much tact.

Beneath the apple tree the youth "Nod" through the dormitory camp. But spend the long and weary nights. All doubt is with cramps.

Having not died for several days, it may be taken for granted that the Emperor Dowager is regaining her health.

The number of ministers of the gospel who feel called to preach religion to the benighted Mongolian is falling rapidly off.

The climate of Chicago will not be healthful for census takers if the population of that city does not reach the 2,000,000 mark.

Mr. Watterson may be a follower and not a leader, but like the average wild gander, he continues to honk after he drops to the tail of the procession.

The way Oom Paul keeps on fighting when England has important business for her, army in other fields shows how utterly lacking in consideration he is.

Prince Ching, who is reported to have organized resistance to Prince Tuan, to Boxers, and the disloyal soldiery, and to be exerting himself to protect the foreign legations and all Europeans in Peking, is the uncle of the Emperor, and was the head of the Taung Li Yunan until deposed in favor of Prince Tuan. He is a very intelligent and forceful man, who fully comprehended the consequence to the integrity and independence of the empire of the destruction of legations and the massacre of accredited representatives...

A short time ago a citizen bought a popular novel, and having been much pleased with it, when he had finished it, gave it to a friend, to have and to hold. The recipient read the book and enjoyed it so much that he wished three of his friends, whose offices were in the same room, to enjoy the same pleasure. He therefore loaned them the book to be read in succession. The first read the book and placed it on the desk of the second and it disappeared. After a few days, the book not having been returned, the second party bought a copy, and the third party secured it at the library, by a fluke. As the second party was going home with the copy he had bought he called at his grocer's and was told that he had left his book there the last time he was in. This proved to be the missing book which he supposed some one had taken off his desk. This book he returned to the owner, who undertook to take it home. He had many places to call at before he went home, and in all of them he laid down the book and, either his attention was called to it as he was going out, or remembered to go back for it. Finally tired of going about and he had to rush his grocer about several places, he placed the enchanted book in the tail-pocket of his coat, preferring to risk an interview with his better half on the subject of torn pockets to losing the book. He had visited three places, when he noticed that he no longer had the book. He rushed back over his trail, and at each of those places was assured that he had no book when he called there. He knew that he had had a book, but could not remember where he had left it. He started to hark back to his trail still further, but as he was crossing the street he had a spring aside to escape being run over by a car and something banged against his leg and recalled to his alleged mind the fact that he had put the book in his pocket.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

A Time-Saver.—Parker—Your wife tells me you have just bought her a new wheel. Lane.—Yes, she can now run home from the golf links and see the children occasionally.—Detroit Free Press.

The View-Point.—Fisher—That town boy has been around here nearly a week and never once tried to kill us. Stead—Hah! He seems to be a good deal of all human attributes.—Indianapolis Press.

One of Them.—"A Chicago man has gained the power of speech by trying to commit suicide," remarked Mrs. Beechwood. "I was about to give him a dose of the kill-or-cure remedies," added Mr. Beechwood.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

An Expose.—"She has been divorced three times," said the Boardwalk gossip. "But," remarked the Chicago lady who had not caught the drift of the conversation, "perhaps she did not marry until late in life."—Philadelphia North American.

Have, Indeed.—Art Dealer—Here's something fine. It's "The Battle of Waterloo," by Van Dyke. Markley—Is it really? I thought Van Dyke died before the battle occurred. Art Dealer—He did. But—er—see, this is one of his posthumous paintings.—Philadelphia Press.

An Artistic Debt.—"The theater owes a great deal to the Shakespearean drama," said the girl with the dark glasses and the pensive expression. "Yes," answered the young man with wide ears, "but you must not say that I ever saw any of Hamlet and Romeo and Juliet."—Washington Star.

The Trembling Boer kept before Li Hung Chang and strove to explain matters. "I must have lost my head. I see no other reason why I engaged in the uprising. O Son of the Blue Sky," he wailed. "You are a trifle off in your grammar," interrupted Li. "You are a great and you are small." And the executioner stepped forward at the proper signal.—Baltimore American.

EVOLUTION.

"I Am Great and You Are Small!" on the Survival of the Fittest. A sparrow swinging on a branch. Once caught a passing fly. "Oh, let me live!" the insect pruned. "With trembling, pitious cry. 'No,' said the sparrow, 'you must fall, for I am great and you are small.' The bird had scarce begun his feast before a hawk came by. The game was caught. 'Pray let me live!' Upon him from the sparrow's cry. 'No,' said the hawk, 'you must fall, for I am great and you are small.' An eagle saw the raven and swooped upon him from on high. 'Pray let me live! Why would you kill me?' 'Oh, let me live!' the raven said. 'For I am great and you are small.' But while he ate the hunter came; He let his arrow fly. 'Tyran!' the eagle shrieked, 'you have no right to make me die.' 'Oh, let me live!' the raven said, 'for I am great and you are small.'—Translated from the German in Presbyterian Standard, Charlotte, N. C.