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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair and cooler, with northerly winds.

PORTLAND FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1906.

The eternal fitness of things was never more accurately apprehended than by the Democrats of Idaho in the casting out of Governor Steunenberg.

What does it mean to be a Democrat? To be a Democrat is to believe that the powers and duties of the Federal Government should be such as have been expressly delegated to it by the Constitution.

The struggle in Idaho epitomizes the struggle in the Nation. It is the death grapple of two antagonistic conceptions of government. In Idaho, especially in Northern Idaho, have gathered from all over the country devoted adherents of the communist, collectivist doctrines to which the Democracy is rapidly capitulating.

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and transparent excuses offered in the interim. A first-class war between the United States and China, with constant transport service at San Francisco and Puget Sound and none at all at Portland, would make Oregon unanimous for McKinley and Roosevelt.

UNEXAMPLIFIED PROSPERITY. The vast sum of \$1,119,368,816 is the estimated value of the mineral and metal production of the United States for the year 1905. It is an amount unexampled in the history of any country.

FORMIDABLE FACTS. The repulse of the foreign troops by the Chinese forces at Tien Tsin is of far-reaching importance. Admiral Dewey was clearly wrong in his recent expressed opinion that 25,000 men could march right on to Pekin without any difficulty.

Coal is first in value of our mineral products. It contributed about one-quarter of the value of the total of \$1,119,368,816 for the year 1905. It is estimated that the United States produced 1,471,471 tons of coal in 1905.

Commercial statistics for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1906, are equally surprising in their magnitude, the value of our exports exceeding by \$190,000,000 the value of our imports.

WAR HUMORS DISCOUNTED. The report that Li Hung Chang is plotting a coup is probably not well founded, for that the Chinese authorities would never have permitted him to leave his province of Canton and go to Pekin with the exceedingly valuable knowledge in his possession concerning the actual strength of the allies before Tien Tsin.

The only way to prevent such a war as that between the United States and China is to prevent such a war as that between the United States and China. It is not probable that the Chinese have in the field a well-organized fighting force of more than 200,000 men.

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hosts of China, they themselves having slipped the lead—the "yellow peril" is likely to be a reality. The "white man's burden" to this extent be lightened.

Judge D. W. Standrod, nominated by the Idaho Republicans for Governor, is a man of courage and character. He came to Idaho from Kentucky about twenty years ago, when quite a young man, and was a pronounced Democrat.

The governments that can cope with the Chinese situation in the shortest time are Russia and Japan. Japan could land many more troops in China than Russia could, and Japan would go ahead as rapidly as possible.

The Administration is justified on the grounds of ordinary prudence in stationing guards around the Chinese Legation in Washington. Of course, no American who is wholly sane would think of inflicting injury upon Minister Wu Ting-fang.

Bank deposits in Kansas have increased 20 per cent in the past year, and the state is now harvesting the biggest wheat crop in its history. Kansas now has money to lend to the effect East, and local capital, supplied from accumulations of the farmers, is being used for municipal and county bonds throughout the state.

Senator Lindsay will follow the example of John G. Carlisle and open a law office in New York City. He has driven them both out of public life. No man who has not bowed the knee to the silver Baal and who has not the mark of 16 to 1 on his forehead can dwell in the Democratic party.

In his remark that this is the "greatest political contest since the Civil War," Governor Roosevelt is carried away by his own exuberance, etc. The campaign is not a circumstance to that of 1896, and is not likely to be. The prospect of Bryan's election is, unfortunately, too remote to excite alarm or sell extra papers.

charge noted is that in the regular organization, which has already under the steady fire and resistance of old school partisans, practically abandoned every one of the rabid issues of four years ago, except silver. This fact has shaped a new situation and removed the cause for a third ticket. It has made the duty of the so-called Democrats, as we look at it, clear.

What they had confidence sufficient in the previous times to trust the Government to their hands, they had doubt and disapproval of the other. The Democrats wrought a serious injury to their prospects by showing themselves in convention to the voters. This was simply to parade the degradation of their party.

Chicago Tribune. The St. Paul Globe refuses to support the nominees of the Kansas City convention, for they stand on an aggressively free-silver platform. It says: "A body of men who are so backward in their views, which will submit without protest to coercion in the pursuit of a policy which has already proved fatal, and which is openly repudiated by the intelligence and enlightenment of the country, presents no valid claim to having its decrees respected, even though it purports to give voice to the convictions of the Democracy."

Trouble Ahead in China. If the Boxers should be able to expel foreigners from China it is not unlikely that a similar movement might be inaugurated in India against the British. The Faculty of the University of Toronto, Canada, says there is a feeling of intense resentment in India against British domination.

He Won't Play. Nebraska State Journal. Bryan says that if we don't elect him there will be no more of John Bull in this country. That day, he thinks, will be as unrecognized in Nebraska as it is now in the Gulf States, where everybody votes for Bryan, or at least is counted as voting for him.

One of Bryan's Gems. In various newspapers a collection of "gems" from Mr. Bryan's recent orations appears. This is one: There are two ideas of government. There are those who believe that if you legislate to make the well-to-do prosperous, their property will leak through their fingers.

No Third Ticket. New Haven Register (Dem.). As a supporter of that ticket (Gold Democrat) four years ago, for the reasons we have stated, we should question the revival of the movement this year. It could but repeat the experience of 1896, which, at the end, when the vote was counted, revealed something of a loss in dignity.

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Popular Vote of 1896. Table with columns for State, McKinley, and Bryan. Total: 7,104,719 for McKinley, 6,602,553 for Bryan.

What of the Workingman? New York Evening Post. Three factors contributed to McKinley's great majority in 1896—the Gold Democrats, the business element, and the workingman. It is almost certain that the overwhelming majority of the Gold Democrats will oppose Bryan again this year.

Salvation in Defeat. New York Times, Dem. The election of Bryan dooms the Democratic party to extinction and infamy. It is only by sending the party to the wall once more through the fires of defeat that it can be purified and made fit for salvation and a future life.

Fought in Fancy Uniforms. London Daily Mail. The present war in South Africa is showing the nearest approach the British Army has ever made to rational dress in the field. It seems almost incredible that these days of easy and serviceable khaki, for instance, that the Life Guards fought at Waterloo in scarlet coats, light blue breeches and buff waistcoats.

Hard Luck in Kansas. Kansas City Star. Populists whose political stock in trade is denunciation of the money power for depriving them of the right and opportunity to work had better stay away from Kansas until the crop is in. The farmers are going out with shotguns, rounding up all the tramps they can find and compelling them to work in the harvest fields for \$2 a day and board.

MEN AND WOMEN. General Cronie, on hearing of the capture of Pretoria, is reported to have remarked: "I saw it from the first, and I think we all did." Mrs. Theresa M. Roles, a colored woman, has received permission from the Board of Health to conduct a business as a nurse in Cambridge, Mass. Her husband is in the same business in Boston.

It looks as if Aguinaldo's last death proved fatal. Bryan is still talking. The next time he says anything the facts will be given to the press. McKinley would better remain in Canton, although Li Hung Chang has found it necessary to leave there.

The gentlemen who are sending the news from China could get lucrative employment writing circus advertisements, if they only knew it. Bryan needs a rough rider for a running mate, and it will be easy to take Adlai down to Texas and give him a few instructions in ostrichmanship.

Lord Arthur Wellesley, who by the death of his brother has become the fourth Duke of Wellington, would be a poor nobleman if he had not inherited a large fortune from his mother, who was a Pierrpont by birth. The Wellesley family at one time possessed immense estates in Ireland, but these were sold early in the century by the first Duke's elder brother, that Marquis of Wellesley who was one of the first English Peers to marry an American girl—namely, Marianne, daughter of Richard Catton, of Philadelphia, and widow of Robert Patterson, whose sister Elizabeth was the first wife of King Jerome Bonaparte of Westphalia, and the ancestress of the existing family of American Bonapartes.

We like to see. And make a fuss. And say that we're getting hot. But though we scowl. And growl and howl. We really know that it is not. The mercury. Each day we see. Crossed our fingers over the line. And think it's hot. Because it's got. Up somewhere close to 80.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Much More Likely.—"Is there anything about in the old Testament which you had to read up in profane history for that?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Evidence Against Him.—"Is he a drinking man?" I infer so. He is said to be pasty. Led by a string of cats, or on many long cruises."—Chicago Evening Post. Reasonable.—"Husband—I don't see why you have accounts in so many dry goods stores. It makes the bill so much smaller."—Harper's Bazar. "There is a rumor on the loose," said the chamberlain. "That the Christian press crop has been inflated. It makes the bills so much smaller."—Detroit Journal. "Where did 'Whoever runs this paper' remark the value who had picked up an old copy of the New York Journal, dropped by a polar relief expedition, 'is a lobster.'"—What the matter? "asked his mate. "Why, he says, 'Under no circumstances should you go into the water after a meal.' Where are we to get it then?"—Philadelphia Press.

At Rest. Where's unless they weep. Their waxes into the deep. She sleeps a charmed sleep. Awake her not. Led by a string of cats. She came from very far. To seek where shadows are. Her pleasant lot. She left the rosy morn. She left the fields of corn. For tilled and sown and sown. And water springs. Through sleep as through a veil. She sees the sky look pale. And hears the nightingale. That softly sings. Rest, a perfect rest. Shed over brow and breast. Her face is toward the west. The purple land. She cannot see the grain. Ripening on hill and plain. She cannot feel the rain. Upon her hand. Rest, rest for evermore. "Toca" and "Toca" and "Toca." Rest, rest, at the heart's core. Till time shall cease. Sleep that no pain shall wake; Night that no morn shall break. Till joy shall overtake. Her perfect peace. —Christina Rossetti.

Riches. What to a man who loves the air. Are trinkets, gauds and jewels rare? And what is wealth or fame to one Who has a brother to the sun? Who drinks the wine that morning spills Upon the heaving-kissing hills. And sees a ray of hope afar In every glimmer of a star? What to a man whose God is truth. Are spoils and stragglers, forsooth? Who looks like the doors of death For loitering life, sublimar breath? For safety's sake, he'll fling in Kings In knowledge of diviner things. In dreams immortal that unroll. And burst to blossom in his soul! —Christina Rossetti.