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Portland, Tuesday, August 7. Partly cloudy; wind mostly northwest.

STRICTLY TELLERIAN. A characteristic piece of Tellerian crookedness is this:

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Every day some promising thing that Teller conceives the Government should do, it has done. He fiercely arraigns the Administration for its neglect of what it has been constantly doing, and impudently calls upon it for the inauguration of the identical policy it has followed from the first.

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publicity. The mudslinging and political larceny was in his glory that year. Four years later the lines were sharply drawn between protection and free trade, and there were no personalities, except a feeble echo of Maria Halpin, which General Harrison did not countenance.

Honesty and fairness are best in politics. The campaign liar and blackguard has been driven out of the newspaper offices, and he is worse than useless to campaign managers. The highest compliment that is paid to the Oregonian is that it is impartial in the publication of Republican and Democratic news, reserving to itself, of course, the privilege of independent editorial discussion.

It gives as much space to Allgold's speech as to the speech of Roosevelt, to which Allgold replied. This fairness, and the interest for offices is a healthy and progressive sign, for it betokens the approach of the time when we shall have greater fairness and more honesty in the Administration of the offices. In this respect, at least, neither newspapers nor people are any longer the politician's plaything.

AN EXTRA SESSION UNNECESSARY. Senator Teller's demand for the immediate assembling of Congress is superfluous. There is no need at present for the calling of an extra session. The Constitution confers on the President all the powers necessary to protect American citizens at home and abroad. The law also gives him the right to borrow money in an emergency without consulting Congress.

President McKinley has the constitutional power to maintain treaty rights in China, and to protect the lives of our citizens there. Such an emergency operation as sending troops to Peking to protect our Legation is not "war" in the sense contemplated by the Constitution when it vested in Congress the war-declaring power.

There is no popular demand for an extra session, and both Congress and the people are opposed to one at the present time. If it can be avoided, it surely would be used by the Democrats for demagogic purposes; they would delay action, and if the President did in session while Congress was in session and without authority, the Democracy would cry "usurpation."

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TO "REHABILITATE" THE STATE FAIR.

Professor Withycombe, vice-director of the State Agricultural college at Corvallis, has made a pertinent and timely plea for the state fair. His plea is based upon logical grounds, and should appeal especially to the farmers of the Willamette Valley, without whose loyal support and untold effort it will be impossible to "rehabilitate the state fair."

The distance by road or rail from Tien Tsin to Peking is about eighty miles, which could be covered by an army meeting no serious opposition in a week. In September, 1890, the allied British and French armies marched from Tien Tsin to Peking, fighting two battles, at Chang Kai Wan, thirty-five miles north of Tien Tsin, September 18, and at Pa Li Kao, thirty-five miles further on, and about twelve miles from Peking. The time occupied in marching and fighting from Tien Tsin to Peking on that occasion was about three weeks, but at that time there was neither railway nor wagon road of any description.

Six nations are now pounding away on China—the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. There are six commanders, all no doubt very able men. China may be able to stand six commanders more easily than she could meet one poor one, in command of the whole force. When Bonaparte was told by the Directory that the command in Italy must be shared by a colleague, he offered his resignation. "I may be a poor sort of general," he said, "but one poor general is better than two good ones." He was left alone in the command.

The Chinese Government is still playing its game of duplicity. It gave out, August 2, that the foreign Ministers had been notified that they might communicate freely with their respective governments. But it hasn't permitted a word from them to come through. For the last two months there has been incessant lying on the part of Ah Sin, the Chinese minister to the United States.

It will be in order, so long as our Democratic brethren pursue their cant about "imperialism," to remind them, without ceasing, that what is good enough for the negroes of the United States is good enough for the Filipinos. The latter, as a whole, are far less fit for participation in government.

WHERE IS MCKINLEY'S PROPERTY? is a question asked by the Baker Democrat, in a political article. In another article (not political) the same paper says: "There is not an idle man in Baker County who wants to work."

WHAT BRYAN CAN DO. And the Effect of That Potentiality on the Business Mind. New York Times. As we have frequently shown, and the statement is nowhere contradicted, it would be within the strict legal authority of Mr. Bryan's Secretary of the Treasury to attack a fraudulent and defamed man who is only too assiduously doing his best in that station of life to which malicious fate and a cynical Prime Minister have called him.

WHAT GERMAN-AMERICANS THINK. New York Staats Zeitung. While German-Americans dread "imperialism" more than anything else, they have an idea that it will take years to accomplish. They also think that the rabid expansionists will not dare to go too far. But with free silver it is different. German-Americans always feel uneasy when the financial question is before the country. They are a saving people, and the uncertainty of the value of their savings is bound to agitate them.

lars worth by weight only to cents. Mr. Bryan is pledged formally and by his deepest convictions to secure and promote the equality of silver with gold in law and in practice, and to promote the unlimited coinage of silver without reference to its market value or the policy of other nations. It is worth while to incur the obvious and great risks involved in the election of Mr. Bryan, if the risks can not be measured by a calculation of what specific action he would take or try to take.

FROM PROPERT GROSVENOR. The Weak Point in the Republican Column is Maryland. Chicago Times-Herald. In the campaign of 1896 Congressional Charles H. Grosvenor of Ohio earned the reputation of the great political predictor. Before the meeting of the St. Louis convention he issued bulletins at stated periods giving a resume of the delegates as selected, with their choice for President. These early indications the nomination of McKinley, and the event in the convention coincided with G. H. Grosvenor's predictions.

CERTAINLY REPUBLICAN. California 9, New York 38, Connecticut 1, Ohio 23, Delaware 3, Illinois 24, Indiana 12, Iowa 13, Kansas 12, Kentucky 12, Louisiana 12, Maryland 12, Massachusetts 12, Michigan 14, Minnesota 9, Missouri 12, Nebraska 12, Nevada 3, New Jersey 10, New Mexico 10, North Carolina 11, Oregon 12, Pennsylvania 12, Rhode Island 12, South Carolina 11, South Dakota 4, Tennessee 12, Texas 12, Utah 12, Vermont 12, Virginia 12, Washington 4, West Virginia 12, Wisconsin 12, Wyoming 12, Total 278.

CERTAINLY DEMOCRATIC. Alabama 11, Arkansas 11, Florida 12, Georgia 12, Idaho 12, Illinois 24, Indiana 12, Iowa 13, Kansas 12, Kentucky 12, Louisiana 12, Maryland 12, Massachusetts 12, Michigan 14, Minnesota 9, Missouri 12, Nebraska 12, Nevada 3, New Jersey 10, New Mexico 10, North Carolina 11, Oregon 12, Pennsylvania 12, Rhode Island 12, South Carolina 11, South Dakota 4, Tennessee 12, Texas 12, Utah 12, Vermont 12, Virginia 12, Washington 4, West Virginia 12, Wisconsin 12, Wyoming 12, Total 278.

ASTIN'S ENRAGING PERSISTENCE. "Quousque Tandem" is the suggestive caption which Mr. Archer has chosen for an article in the August Critic in which he froes his mind rather emphatically regarding the present post laudate.

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does not write when the mood moves him, but when the publisher demands copy, and in this production he is assisted by his highly capable corps of stenographers. And although Dickens and Thackeray were fairly prolific and industrious, the strictly modern methods of book-writing and book-making, to say nothing of the distribution of books, are quite beside the methods prevailing in their days. It remains for the 20th century to prove that authorship is not an art, but a branch of business.

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