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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair; winds mostly westerly.

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PORTLAND AND ITS RAILROADS.

President Mallen has availed himself of the Oregonian's invitation, and in another column gives, over his own signature, the Northern Pacific's position in its controversy with the O. R. & N. It is a straightforward declaration, concerning those matters there can be no mistake.

When Congress meets in December it will have to act promptly to authorize the recruitment of the necessary number of men to replace the departing United States Volunteers and regulars.

PEKIN SHOULD BE OCCUPIED.

With the capture of Yang Tsun, a base has been obtained for the collection of supplies coming up from Tien Tsin by road and river until the railway between the two places is put in working order.

WHAT OREGON NEEDS IS PEOPLE.

It is true that Pekin was occupied by the United States French troops forty years ago, but the present generation of Chinese know nothing about that, and if they have heard of it, have been taught to believe that it was a peaceful and friendly occupation.

Get this, and railroads will break their necks to cover the state and get trade through low rates. Get this, and commerce will come of itself.

sively, but a man must do something for himself. It is about that way with a community.

CRIPPLED BY THE POPULISTS.

The Secretary of War replies to General Sumners' tender of his services to raise a volunteer regiment in Oregon for service in China that there is no authority of law for the acceptance of such a tender.

ABOUT TIME TO QUIT.

The Baltimore Sun is always respectable, usually dignified and frequently thoughtful. As a type, therefore, of Southern anti-imperialism, an appeal to it to be reasonable and sensible should not be wholly vain.

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER OF CHINA.

The Empress Dowager of China was merely the concubine of the Emperor Hien Feng when she became the mother of his only son, Teng Chih, who succeeded him.

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The Grand Army veterans, who are to have their National encampment in Chicago the last week of this month, will meet in what is likely to be the hottest period of the Summer at Chicago. It is safe to predict that the military will range about 50 in the shade during the week of the encampment.

In the departure of President McClelland from Forest Grove, Pacific University loses a man of high character, an educator of broad attainments and an executive of great zeal, discretion and efficiency.

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The burden of the World-Herald's charge against Theoretical Economists, meaning, of course, the professional free-traders as a general thing. That is undoubtedly true. Political economists, like other folk who try to make sciences without the proper material, argue a priori, and undertake to cut everybody's coat with the same pattern.

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England community 54 hours was endured in North Carolina for two years. We agree with the Springfield Republican that "the rise to power of so many negroes was entirely legitimate and proper."

We are not making these standards too high. We are aware that there are many white office-holders who fit in the same category with the negro politicians of North Carolina, but they are the exception, whereas the naturalists which the North-Western negroes incur have no parallel in this country before or since the carpet-bag era.

What is most singular is that the North Carolina negro office-holders never for a moment realized that through their capacity of their race for real citizenship was on trial. They paid no attention to the public at large, but plunged headlong into a sort of free-for-all and corrupt practices, and began to teach the white people a lesson in race hatred and intolerance.

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why the whole body of wage earners should vote against him, but there are others, among which are the following: Bryan is opposed to all protection of our armies, and the industry which affords employment for an army of wage earners, he favors free trade mostly to glut our markets with foreign goods and thereby to rob 1,000,000 or 2,000,000 laborers of jobs; he is opposed to restricting immigration of those undesirable foreigners who come here and cut down wages; he favors oligarchy minority rule in Kentucky and opposes majority rule there because the majority are mostly wage earners; he refuses to denounce the gigantic Tammany trust, controlled by imperial Dictator and Blackballer Croker, while Augustus Van Wyck, one of the elegants to nominate Bryan, has, through the ice trust, so cruelly swindled the poor and needy of New York.

THE PRODUCTION OF GOLD.

The Mining and Engineering Journal has published a revised statement of the production of gold for the year ending 1899, from which it appears that the value of the product for the year was \$12,307,318. The Australian mines yielded gold of the value of \$7,556,149; the Transvaal, \$2,750,000; California, \$1,981,169; Colorado, \$1,300,000; and Canada, \$1,020,000. Of the gold production of the United States, Colorado furnished \$3,338,700, and California, \$1,981,169. Gold was coined by the United States mint during the year ending June 30, 1899, to the value of \$19,587,130, and the money of all kinds in circulation in this country on July 1, 1899, amounted to \$2,025,254, a per capita circulation of \$2.60.

THE PRODUCTION OF SILVER.

The gold production of the world since the discovery of America in 1492 has amounted to \$10,000,000,000. For the first 50 years of this century the world's production of gold was \$25,000,000. During the 49 years from 1851 to 1899 it amounted to \$6,851,711,565, or two-thirds of the product of 47 years. The production of the first half of this century was four times the product of the second half. During the same 50 years the world's production of silver was \$1,300,237,000, making an average annual production of gold and silver combined of \$26,300,000. The average annual output of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver, and the average annual output of both metals combined was about one-seventh of last year's product of gold alone. After the discovery of gold in California, the world's production of gold from 1851-99 averaged \$123,208,100 annually; from 1851-70 it averaged \$125,361,500; from 1871-90, \$115,081,600; from 1891-99, \$115,081,600. The gradual but serious decline continued without interruption. It is hard to say what the interruption will have been, but the record of the last nine years of gold production has dispelled all doubts as to the fact that the average of gold for those years has been as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Production. 1891... \$120,000,000; 1892... \$120,000,000; 1893... \$117,000,000; 1894... \$117,000,000; 1895... \$117,000,000.

THE DESERTED WIFE.

Mrs. Bressi, carrying her baby, came over to New York yesterday morning to consult a lawyer. She said that she had been annoyed so much that it was her intention to engage counsel to put a stop to it as God is my judge. Her husband had known the mission of his husband to Italy. I would have informed the police and caused his arrest. I would have gone so far as to cable to the Italian Government to arrest him as soon as he set foot on Italian soil. This is my feeling in the matter. I sympathize with the poor widow of the King as much as any woman with a heart as soft as mine can have. In sorrow, still the police are dogging my footsteps, my neighbors scoff at me, and I have no word or comfort in my misery.

MEN AND WOMEN.

A French physician Dr. Hervieux, has made investigations which indicate that the spread of smallpox. Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant and her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, will attend the Grand Army encampment at Portland, Ore., on the 15th inst. The Regent of Spain has conferred the title of Marquis de Bismarck on Senor Lopez de Castell, Spanish Ambassador to France.

THE PRINCESS THEATRICALS.

The Princess Theatricals of London, a house of players, Charles Keen, Charles Matthews, Dion Boucicault, Charles Fechter, George Vining and others, is to be converted into a continuous writing house, the first of its kind in London proper.

THE SULTAN OF TURKEY APPRECIATES THE EUROPEAN PRESS.

Some German actors recently gave a performance of his plays, according to a foreign paper. The Sultan was to take his bath at the time appointed for the performance to begin. But rather than miss it he had the tub raised to the water level and the actors were to appear, and so enjoyed the bath and the play together.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Towne found out very suddenly that he was not the paramount issue.

The Massanas are evidently persuaded that there is lots of room at the top.

We are not especially fond of horse meat, but the French can eat it we can.

Has Bryan been extending the consent of the government to the Democrats he has whipped into line?

China is a great graveyard, and its greatness in that respect bids fair to increase very rapidly.

Now doth the festive burglar man proceed to make a raid.

Has he got our back-scratched money by his very taking ways.

It is nearly time for a party of Boxer envoys to come over and seek the aid of the great Democratic party.

One Populist ought to be enough on a Presidential ticket. That is what Bryan thought when he viewed the finish of his friend Towne.

A new machine has been invented which will revolutionize the salmon industry in a few years, provided there is any salmon industry by that time to revolutionize.

President Harper having proved that a family can live on \$300 a year, will now pass around the hat that said families may drop the balance on hand into the Chicago University endowment fund.

Governor Roosevelt wishes to have it understood that his name should be pronounced in the Dutch fashion, Roosevelt, and not Roo-sevelt, or Roos-velt, as it is often heard. In Dutch the doubling of "o" indicates merely a protraction of its sound.

In an interview in London, Senator Clark says if he gave anything at all to the Democratic campaign fund he did it privately. He would have saved himself considerable notoriety if he had followed the same rule with his gifts to the Montana Legislature.

The news of the death of First Lieutenant David G. Spurgin, Twenty-first Infantry, at Manila, recalls the fact that a number of Army officers have lost their sons in the Philippines, where Lieutenant Spurgin's father, Lieutenant-Colonel Spurgin, is now stationed as Collector of Customs at Manila. Among the officers who have lost sons in the Philippines since the war began are Colonel H. G. Lane, retired; Captain F. A. Boutwell, retired; Major A. B. Koyne, retired; Major-General O. O. Howard, retired; Major C. W. Foster, retired, and Captain A. D. Scheuch, Second Artillery.

An old soldier who served in the Civil War and who was well acquainted with Silas L. Bryan, the father of W. J. Bryan, in the town of Salem, Ill., between the years of 1861 and 1865. He says S. L. Bryan was a lawyer and for some time Judge of the Circuit Court at Salem. He was a bald-headed, sharp-nosed old fellow, and in considerable demand among the Democrats as a public speaker. He was thent and domestic, and W. J. Bryan inherited his "gift of the gab" from him. He was a bitter copperhead, and a prominent member of the Knights of the Golden Circle, a Democratic gang whose object was to sow discord among loyal men of the North and to "torment widows of Union soldiers." Every Union soldier and every loyal citizen hated the Knights of the Golden Circle as the devil hates holy water, and those who are alive still have much the same feeling.

The late Lucius E. Chittenden, who was Register of the Treasury during Lincoln's Administration, alone knew the name of a mysterious benefactor of the United States during the Civil War. Charles Francis Adams, who was then Minister to England, suspected that two ironclads, which the Lairds were fitting up, were destined for the Confederate service. He pointed to the British Government, which would not detain the vessels unless Mr. Adams would deposit \$1,000,000 to protect the owners from possible damages. Mr. Adams could not put up that amount of money, and the state of affairs was critical when a man called upon him and offered to loan the amount without security. He was made to take \$100,000 in United States Government bonds, however, and for 48 hours Mr. Chittenden worked without sleep, signing his name to the bonds in order that they might reach him in time. The name of this man was never divulged, but three years ago Mr. Chittenden told a Boston Globe reporter that a paper containing it would some time be turned over to the State Department.

THE HEAVEN CHINESE.

Written in 1870.

Which I wish to remark— And my language is plain— That for tricks that are dark, And for tricks that are vain, The heaven Chinese is peculiar, Which the same I would like to explain.

Ab Sin was his name, And I shall not forget his name In regard to the same. What that name might imply, But his smile it was positive and childlike, As I frequent resorted to Bill Nye.

It was August the third; I was out with the kids; Which it might be inferred, That Ab Sin was likewise; Tet he played it that day upon William, And me in a twinkling.

Which he had a small game, And Ab Sin took a hand; It was such, the same, He did not understand; Tet he smiled as he sat by the table, With the smile that was childlike and bland.

Tet the cards they were shuffled, In a way that I grieve, And my feelings were shocked At the state of Nye's shoves; And when the game was o'er, and he bowed, Which was Nye's intent to deceive.

But the hands that were played, By the heaven Chinese, And the points that he made, Were quite frightful to me, Till at last he put down his cards, And when he had dealt into me.

Then I looked up at Nye, And he smiled upon me, And he rose with a sigh, And said, "Can this bet We are raised by Chinese cheap labor." And he went for that heaven Chinese.

In the scene that ensued, I did not take a hand, But the floor it was strewed Like the leaves on the strand, With the smile that was childlike and bland, In the game "the did not understand."

In his sleeves, which were long, He had twenty-four jacks, Which was coming it strong, Tet I state but the facts; And he bowed me to the door, Which was frequent in traps, that were taken.

Which is why I remark, And my language is plain, That for ways that are dark, And for tricks that are vain, Tet he was raised by Chinese cheap labor, Which the same I am free to maintain.