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TODAY'S WEATHER: Showers; warmer; mostly windy.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5.

POOR IN COMPARISON.

It will, we suspect, be thought no injustice to suggest that our friends of the Bryan party are not really so zealous about the freedom of the Willing as they are desirous to win, through the cry of "Imperialism," a party triumph at home. They really have no such fear as they pretend, that the recently elected liberty party is to be eclipsed. Well do they know that wherever the American flag may be advanced a rational and well-regulated liberty will be established.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

To a representative of the New York Herald ex-President Cleveland recently addressed the following statement: "Buzard's Bay, August 20, 1900. My Dear Mr. Buzard: Your letter received. I am quite sure you wrongly estimate the value of any expression I might make concerning the political situation.

THE FIGHTING BOER.

"The Fighting Boer" is the title of an article in one of our newspapers. The Boer has not shown himself a fighting man nor a resolute soldier. He never fights on equal terms, and when pressed hard always surrenders. He is good in active movement and light guerrilla warfare, but is not a fighting soldier.

A BORN DIPLOMAT.

The resident foreigners in China are naturally anxious that there should be no continuance of the Empress Dowager and her party as the Fekin Government. The Empress must go, if the cross and ugly and the good wife who was looking after things at home wanted much at his hands. He had told her that she should not be a part of the Fekin Government, but she had sworn roundly because the sliding door of the barn was hard to open, and he was in open rebellion when she asked him to make a bin in the corner so that the coal would not scatter all over the floor.

pass from memory, but the fame of Arthur Sewall as a builder and owner of American ships is a part of American history which will not soon be forgotten. His life work and achievements will stand as a lasting rebuke to the men who are persistently endeavoring to demonstrate that legitimate competition cannot be successfully met without Government aid.

WHAT WE DRINK.

Sufficient time has elapsed since the unjust tax discrimination against tea in favor of coffee went into effect to enable some generalizations to be made other than the first and obvious blow at the one trade and encouragement of the other. It is evident that tastes and habits pertaining to diet are susceptible to some, but not to an illimitable extent, from legislation. In hard times heavy taxation could undoubtedly reduce consumption of either tea or coffee to a minimum, but a prosperous people will tend to give their dietary preferences full rein.

WHO NEEDS AN OPEN RIVER?

A little while ago the report was sent out from the Palouse country that certain Fusionists would try to make a campaign issue of the opening of the Columbia River. However sincere or patriotic this purpose was, it seems to have failed of execution. The Seattle convention met and made its platform without reference to the subject. Nobody could object, of course, to a declaration by any and all parties in favor of improving the Columbia, but it was desired to make a campaign issue of the matter, the failure is cause for commendation for their good sense.

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not approve of the reckless methods of the Empress Dowager, yet she has a superstitious reverence for her authority as the representative of the Manchu dynasty. The Empress Dowager is the guilty, responsible authority in all the misdeeds perpetrated in violation of the law of nations. Yet if she were properly punished for her crimes, the whole of China would probably be convulsed in a universal anti-foreign outbreak, which might not be suppressed except by the united efforts of the powers, and might end in the partition of China.

A TALE OF COLORED BISHOPS.

Prohibited in the South, They Are to Talk Politics in the North. A number of Bryan papers say that Bishop Turner and other bishops of the African Methodist Church are going to vote for Bryan and use their influence to collect money and other things to support him. It is said further that with this object in view, the colored bishops propose taking the stump in the Southern States, where almost all colored men vote and colored speakers are allowed to talk politics.

HOW CABLES ARE REPAIRED.

It is said that one of the submarine cables laid off the coast of the United States any year, there are at least three cables working at a depth of nearly 1,000 feet and four in about 16,000, but the vast majority lie in water about 12,000 feet deep or less. Repairing a cable is hard work. The apparatus has to be at once sensitive and strong. The repairing steamer proceeds to the point where calculation shows the break or damage to have happened, and then lowers a grapple, which it slowly drags across the route of the cable at the angles. As soon as a tangle is seen, the grapple rope is noted, due to catching the cable it has hooked, great pains have to be taken lest the precious treasure-trove of the cable be lost.

NO FAKE SHOW.

A countryman was induced to accept the invitation of the showman to walk into the tent and see the leopard change his color. Having passed his quarters and viewed the leopard without discovering anything peculiar about the animal, the countryman walked up to the showman and demanded his money back on the ground of misrepresentation, whereupon the genial showman remarked: "Wait a bit, stranger, wait a bit. The transformation will take place in due time. Just as the leopard gets tired of lying in that spot he will get a move on and try some other spot. This is no fake show. Walk in and see the leopard change his spots!"

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

A Flight of Fancy—Visitor—Good morning, this is very high this morning, eh? And the moon is shining so bright. There wouldn't be no blooming 'th moon—Punch. A Fiction Problem—This is called a problem story, but the problem is not yet apparent. The problem is to write a story. He is learning to keep as nearly as good a tally of prices as is posted by the board of trade, by which tally he sells his crop intelligently.

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