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TODAY'S WEATHER: Increasing cloudiness, with showers by afternoon or night; cooler; southerly winds.

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Elsewhere appears a united appeal for contributions in aid of the Texas sufferers. Response should be prompt and generous.

A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

What shall it profit a man to vote McKinley out and Bryan in, if by so doing he discourages business, destroys confidence, eliminates profits or loses his job?

A man will look at a dollar a long time before he puts it out if there is some doubt about what kind of a dollar he is going to get back.

He needs to know that if he puts out his dollar, he is going to get back a dollar, and not a few cents.

That is what happened in 1893 and on up to 1896. The dollar was in doubt. We had a great many kinds of dollars, and whether the Government would have both the ability and the desire to keep them all of equal value was becoming very questionable.

The mere transfer of sovereignty is not in itself adequate occasion for the assertion of consent or protest from the transferred people, as when Germany took Alsace-Lorraine, or when Holland traded New Netherlands to England for Guiana, or if Great Britain should buy Delagoa Bay from Portugal, or if we should buy the Windward Islands from Denmark.

Judge Pipes also shows that the South never asserted the doctrine of "consent" the anti-imperialist sense, but only the constitutional or statutory right of secession.

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It is incredible that a woman in her right mind should attempt to cross a railway track but twenty-five or thirty feet in advance of a swiftly moving train, yet this, according to the testimony, Mrs. Nancy Nalles did, near Carleton, Yamhill County, Tuesday forenoon.

INVITATION TO THE ARTS.

A more searching inquiry into the theories of Bryan concerning the Philippines than was presented in this paper yesterday by Judge M. L. Pipes, we have never seen.

Judge Pipes holds that the phrases "freedom" and "consent of the governed," so freely used by Bryan in discussion of the Philippine problem, are inapplicable to the case, and he endeavors to show how the true significance of these phrases has been perverted.

The other tenet of anti-imperialism noticed by Judge Pipes is the idea that if a man is "free," he is entitled to an independent government. This, too, as he shows, is inaccurate. Liberty and oppression are not designative of forms of government.

The Oregonian has always held that while trusts undoubtedly contain within themselves many effective elements of their own downfall, this fact in itself is no mitigation of the iniquity of the trust evil, nor should it prevent or delay all remedies law may provide in the way of tariff reduction, publicity, forfeiture of charters, etc.

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KRUGER A FUGITIVE.

Paul Kruger, President of the Transvaal Republic, is a fugitive in Portuguese territory. This fact may be taken as conclusive of the end of the Boer War.

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Kansas, Washington, Wyoming, South Dakota, and possibly Utah, Montana and Colorado. It is more than a fighting chance that McKinley has in some of the states west of the Mississippi.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Bryan is not a finished statesman yet. There were a good many cases on the Shriners' desert. Jupiter Pluvius was the only Fair visitor who was not welcome.

The children of the Boxers may perhaps live to see Von Walfersee. Senator Wellington's name is the only high-toned thing about him.

Lincoln, Neb., has decreased in population in the last 10 years. Some people can guess why. A cook at Pullman stabbed a man who complained about his food. This was adding insult to injury.

The City of Galveston has 37,738 inhabitants. The result has just been declared by the Census Bureau. The public will be able to keep within bounds its surmise that the New York Democrats protected the locust.

Mr. Bryan is said to be preparing more speeches. He would be better employed if he spent the time preparing his audiences. When the last army of the Boers shall be captured probably there will be enough English sea at liberty to make up another British Army.

The Chicago Democrats have counted majorities for Bryan in a number of pivotal states, but the Republicans may possibly demand a recount. England's anxiety over the speed of the Deutschland seems to indicate a fear that hereafter the battle may be to the swift instead of to the strong.

When Senator Frye was at the Rangeley Lakes, a native approached him and said: "Mr. Frye, I am puzzled to know whether I should call you Mr. Frye or Senator Frye." "Well," responded Mr. Frye, "if I was in Washington today my friends probably would say, 'Good morning, Senator,' but anything goes up here, Bill, as good as anything."

The new German code of civil law defines the rights of a husband as being supreme in most social affairs. He may prescribe the hour for dinner, the manner of serving it, the number of servants, and may limit the quantity of linen to be purchased in the year; but he may not open his wife's letters under any circumstances without her expressed permission. Also he may forbid his wife to write a certain misliver or to dispatch it if written, but he cannot prevent her doing so if she is bent thereon. And he has no right to open the letter in order to find out its contents.

Senator Vest has a story he sometimes tells to illustrate Arkansas character of the Bonhomie mawkish type. According to the narrative, the Senator, in the days following that Civil War, was on wild country road, which had been blocked by a huge tree. The natives were trying to drag it out of the way as a whole when Senator Vest arrived on the scene, looked at the tree and at the helpless crowd of Arkansas natives, and then said: "Why don't you cut the tree in two at the middle and haul the ends out of the way?" There was a moment of silence, broken suddenly by the cry of the crowd: "Thanked for his gun and exclaimed: 'Yanked by gum!'"

In the case of all Baronets created prior to the reign of Queen Victoria, there is a clause which provides that the eldest son of every Baronet may claim from the sovereign the honor of knighthood, attaining his 21st year. The only Baronet's heir to put forward any such pretension since Queen Victoria has been upon the throne is the present Sir Robert Peel, prior to his father's death, and there is no doubt that had he not been debarred by financial reasons from pressing his claims in the courts, he would have been able to force the hand of the Queen exactly in the same way that two squires of every Baronet were able to compel Kings George IV and William IV to invest them with the dignity of knighthood.

Adulteration of Spices. The Dairy and Food Commissioner of Pennsylvania is investigating a firm of spice manufacturers in consequence of the report of a chemist that the cayenne pepper adulterated to the extent of 25 per cent, cloves 20 per cent, white pepper 7 or 8 per cent, butchers' pepper 12 per cent, and black pepper 10 to 15 per cent, and 12 per cent in cinnamon. The manufacturers supply a large number of retailers who sell at cut prices. The percentages of adulteration are less than those often alleged to be common in spices.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. May-Air and Pamela had a falling out last night. Clarence-What was the cause? May-Air. A hammock-Harlem Life. Sister-in-law-How like his father the baby! Mother-His certainly! The Jim in some way. He recently kept me up half the night-Punch. His Liberal Policy-"I believe in taking some things for granted." "Yes; when you get me the novel you said was delightful, I noticed the leaves were not cut."-Chicago Record. His Reason-Courtney-Chess hasn't drank a drink of beer since he took the "accident policy." Cassidy-Why? Castigan-He's a politician. His always robs men that gets hurt.-Judge. Different-Dawdler plays golf so well he could be taken for a professional. "Yes, I suggested it to him, but he says nothing would induce him to work so hard in hot weather."-Detroit Free Press. Bids His Time-Wrang-So you have changed your mind about deserting your party this year, have you? Tuther-Yes. There are so many fappers that I'm afraid I wouldn't be noticed. So what's the next-Indianapolis Press. McKinley Is Our Man. N. H. K. in Bureau Republican. McKinley's fame has had a boom. Since ever it began; No silver crank can win this year-McKinley is our man. From North to South his fame resounds, And every breeze doth fan. Frye sees to see this old refrain, McKinley is our man. There's not his chance for Colonel H. To get his "Auntie" clan. In sight of Washington, because McKinley is our man. So let him hustle after votes And get them work thereon; But on election day he'll find McKinley is our man. A Song of True Workers. Rights of workers in St. Louis Republic. The world is sweet, the world is fair. To earnest workers all; Its mornings dawn in beauty rare. Its evenings tranquil fall. Or high or low in its danger. The task our souls must share; If but its nobler aim we see, The world is sweet and fair. The world is fresh, the world is new, To those that work thereon; It seems but to the life we lead. All state and old with sin. The blessed ones of labor's class, Working with purpose and zeal; They find the world in God's good plan, Forever fresh and new.