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Today's Weather: Showers, warmer; westerly winds.

Portland, Monday, Sept. 24.

THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM.

We shall not justify our occupation of the Philippines by defining our title to the islands. The paramount issue in the expansion controversy is not whether this title was legitimately transferred to us, or whether Spain had any title to sell. We shall justify our occupation by our present and future actions.

ence with freedom. The two ideas are as distinct as they possibly could be. Absolute freedom never exists, either with or without independence.

According to the Declaration of Independence, the adopted shibboleth of the new Democracy, rebellion is justifiable when a government becomes too bad to be endured.

THE MINNEAPOLIS SETBACK. At first blush the result of the direct primary nominations at Minneapolis is a staggerer. Democrats picked their boldest and weakest Republican candidate for Mayor and thus insured his nomination.

With the exception of this one untoward circumstance, the law that we are contending with is not a law that we have created. It is a law that has existed for a long time.

Abstracts will only cloud the discussion. We must meet it squarely. We are concerned more with the future than with the past. If we are fit to govern the Philippines, we should do it.

The "one untoward circumstance" to which the Pioneer Press refers was the nomination of Dr. Ames, the objectionable Republican aspirant, by Democratic voters. It is evident that a direct primary law which admits voters for nomination is not the use of one blanket ballot containing the names of all accredited aspirants.

It is readily conceivable that freedom in this respect might frequently be the sole reliance of the community to defend for nomination a powerful and corrupt aspirant for office. All the liberty practicable must be allowed the voter. Otherwise the law's constitutionality and its popularity will be jeopardized.

shows us just what we knew before—that is, that the direct primary reform must expect to contend with the most determined struggles of politicians to prevent its realization.

ANTHRACITE COMPLICATIONS. The anthracite coal strike is no exception to the general rule that problems of this sort are too complicated to be settled by a simple wave of the hand.

The authorities of Yale University have opened a labor bureau for the admission of every student who is unable to earn the whole or a part of their expenses through college.

A gratifying incident of Pendleton's grand street carnival was the visit of Portland business men, who were royally welcomed and apparently made themselves agreeable.

The steamship Deutschland, in her recent record-breaking passage across the Atlantic from New York to Plymouth, maintained an average speed of 23.36 knots, or 26.5 miles per hour.

AN AFFECTIONATE TRIBUTE. The Albany Democrat thinks it has sufficiently answered The Oregonian's position on trusts when it has quoted Mr. Hanna to a different effect.

Unseemly strife and scandal over the text-book industry are being produced in The Oregonian which indicate that there must be great profit in the business of supplying these books.

and never did support Mr. Hanna is known and acknowledged by all readers of intelligence and in all circles of honest criticism, to neither of which classes the Leader is eligible.

In practical evidence of the revival of prosperity in New England cotton manufacture is the substantial increase of the capacity for output of the widely-extended Andover mills at Londonderry.

The death of Max Koner is reported at Berlin. Koner was one of the six German painters to receive the gold medal at the Paris Exposition.

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Benjamin Constant, the French painter, is now busy with two portraits of the Princess of Wales, which he has taken to Paris to finish.

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PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Bill—Wot did 'Arry get for picking up the old'sy's purse when he dropped it? Jim—38 months—'Tis-Bits.

much misery? Multitudes will ask this question most seriously and not a few will feel impelled to demand that this country profit by the example of New Zealand in "compulsory arbitration."

Refusal to Arbitrate is Censurable. New York Commercial Advertiser. To the unbiased observer this appears an ideal case for arbitration.

Bryan as Author and Critic. Chicago Tribune. It is pleasing to note the naive approval with which Mr. Bryan surveys his own handiwork.

MEAN AND WOMEN. The death of Max Koner is reported at Berlin. Koner was one of the six German painters to receive the gold medal at the Paris Exposition.

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THREE VIEWS OF THE STRIKE.

The Owner's Side. Interview in New York Commercial Advertiser. The coal question is a long story. The present price, \$2 75 per keg, was fixed after the close of the Civil War.

Regarding the hiring of their own shovellers, the miners work in little chambers and niches here and there, and have one or two, and sometimes three, shovellers to put their coal in the cars.

Chicago Tribune. The anthracite miners ask that they be allowed to buy powder for themselves at \$1.50 a keg, instead of having to pay their employers \$2 75 for it.

Another demand which is made is that the weight of the coal be increased from 200 to 205 pounds for a ton, and are often docked exorbitant amounts for impurities sent out with their coal.

Really Means Increased Wages. New York Journal of Commerce. Several of the demands of the striking anthracite miners, which are not so unprecedented, are nevertheless demanding for increases ranging from 30 per cent for the lowest-priced laborers to 10 per cent for those whose wages are highest.

The increases in wages demanded are increases for the men who are paid by the ton. The men who are paid by the ton demand an increase of 50 per cent by demand for the men who are paid by the pound.

The miners have little reason for complaining of a deduction of 50 or 75 cents a ton from the wages for the services of the company doctor, whether sick or well.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Hobson—but he is a closed incident. Bryan is more likely to be left than President. A census in Seattle is worth two in Washington.

Chicago has a smoke inspector. When he is allowed a few thousand deputies he will take up the candidate's cigar. A California editor was robbed of \$20 the other day. The man the \$20 belonged to is entitled to general sympathy.

It is understood from Mr. Bryan's letter the other day that he is willing to become a candidate for President. If the porter would only ride in the baggage-car, Pullman passengers would never need to see a train-braker.

Trade unions resolute against foreign pauper labor, and their resolute sympathy when pauper foreign labor goes out on a strike. An Indiana man was told by an angel the other day that when he was going to die, and he expired at the appointed time.

A citizen of Portland a number of years ago purchased a large tract of land in a fertile section of rolling land, something in less than 20 miles from this city. He planted out a large apple orchard and a peach orchard.

The melancholy days are come, the maddens of the year. The lawnmower's lying idle, but the steam mowers are busy. It starts its rust-destroying work before the break of day.

A teamster who is inclined to be "sporty" and is anxious to make every possible proposition, always when he buys oats, stumps the dealer to judge the weight of the sack for a wager of 25 cents. The dealer, who handles more sacks of oats than his customer, invariably wins the quarter, to the chagrin of the betting man.