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TODAY'S WEATHER. Partly cloudy, with probably occasional showers; southerly winds.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, APRIL 4.

AN FRANKLIN NECESSITY.

Rev. Frank E. Coulter's frank espousal of qualified socialism on Scriptural grounds may serve one useful purpose...

Jesus was himself ignorant of the great institutions and establishments of a complex civilization, and could not foresee our modern industrial development.

Whether he read the books or imbibed them through the more common oral method of the East, it is certain that he drew his theology and ethics code from the books of the Hebrews...

There are two ways of avoiding the logical dilemma which Mr. Coulter unwittingly thrusts upon the church. One way is to say that Christian socialism is unobjectionable.

The other way of escaping the dilemma is to claim for the teachings of Jesus that they are not socialistic, and this is as impossible as the other.

Franklin Pierce was in correspondence with the secession conspirators up to the outbreak of the war. He did not, like Cushing and Butler, lift his voice for the Union after the firing on Sumter...

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Salem, desiring to testify its thanks for past favors and to signify its hopes for more, may make salams before the President's sacred majesty if it wishes to; but it need not expect like abasement in others.

MORE THAN ONE ARGUMENT.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is still floundering around in a maze of misrepresentation which it uses in lieu of facts in an effort to create a sentiment favorable to the gigantic shipping subsidy graft.

THE TENACITY OF POLITICAL HATE.

The Massachusetts Legislature recently passed a bill by a risig and unanimous vote appropriating \$25,000 for a statue of General William F. Bartlett.

The Connecticut Senate the other day approved an appropriation of \$1000 for a monument to John Brown in Torrington, on the condition that the town of Torrington acquire the ancestral Brown homestead and make it public ground.

There is another matter which also concerns the constituents of the Post-Intelligencer, and that is that it requires the product of nearly 100 wheat farms to fill a vessel like the German bark Henriette, which is now headed for Portland.

In conclusion the Post-Intelligencer says: "The truth is that the Oregonian knows little about the shipping business, and cares less."

Having renounced allegiance to the revolutionary government of the Philippine Islands and sworn allegiance to the United States Government, Aguinaldo is now in a position where he can be of great service in procuring complete pacification of Luzon.

None are so blind as those who will not see. For example, the Oregonian, referring to your editorial in Tuesday's issue, if you have no objection will you kindly publish the list of names of firms signing the petition for a free-trade tariff in this city, and greatly obliged.

The correspondent, who is a business man himself, evidently cannot see any reason why business men should hesitate to have their requests concerning gambling signed in the papers.

The reports that frauds have been detected in the Commissary and Quartermaster Departments at Manila strongly prove that our latest war is no exception to our wars in the past or those of modern Europe.

Commissaries were not those who ought to have been tried for the navy's bankruptcy and left it to the navy. There were frauds practiced upon the Government in the Revolutionary War...

There were frauds practiced upon the Government in the Revolutionary War; in the War of 1812-14, and in the Mexican War. In the army of the first Napoleon fraudulent Quartermasters and Commissaries were so common that Napoleon on one occasion ordered the execution of a Commissary who had sold 150,000 bottles of wine intended for the army and pocketed the money.

AN INNOVATION, INDEED.

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RENNAN ON CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM.

Rennan in his "History of the People of Israel" points out that the prophets, notably, Jeremiah, were anarchists, who declaimed perpetually against the rich, against social inequality, against commerce, trade and industry and national progress of every kind.

The whole country will rejoice in the appointment by the President of Calvin T. Titus as cadet at large to West Point. The term "at large" never before had so wide a significance in this connection, the appointee having been called to the acceptance of the place from far Manila, to which place he returned after having been the first to the rescue of his imprisoned countrymen.

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OVER TWO MILLIONS.

How much did the late Legislature appropriate? So far as two sets of figures from different sources agree exactly, but all point to a higher total than was anticipated. If the following figures are not corrected sufficiently, the Journal will be glad to make any further additions or subtractions.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Total for higher education... \$325,229.32

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AMUSEMENTS.

The complete breakdown of Maurice Barrymore, who is now confined in a New York madhouse, is less of a shock to the many theatergoers who have long been accustomed to look upon him as one of the foremost American actors...

There has been a surfeit of clergymen on the Portland stage of late. After John Storm's mad pursuit of Gloria Quaker through three impossible acts of "The Christian," "The Village Parson" read melodramatic lines in a deep bass voice from the stage at Corvax's...

Nat Goodwin, who is determined to rob the stage of a good comedian in order that he may have a chance to judge of the merits of a new interpreter of Shakespearean roles, has gone so far in his plans to play Shylock, as to have the photograph of the actor, Heretofore Mr. Goodwin's announcement that he was to leave comedy, has been regarded as a joke...

OUR INVETERATE OFFICE-HOLDERS.

There are some odd things about our inveterate office-holders by appointment. They constitute as we have said, a political class as firmly established as the public treasury as if they were glued there by fire. Yet they are the very men who are filled with noble rage at the thought of a public service to which entrance is by merit and not by birth...

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

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The early bird catches the grip, if he happens to live in this neighborhood. Charter Harrison seems to be about the kind of Mayor Chicago wants, after all. Aguinaldo seems to be playing for a Brigadier-General's commission for himself.

The cabload of "anti-imperialists" still refuse sternly to approve the capture of Aguinaldo. Atkinson has not yet applied for a Filipino dictatorship, but he still has plenty of time.

Our old friend, the deficiency in precipitation, is in danger of turning up in the death column. A prominent actor complains that actors do not act properly on the stage. Why give them knives, anyway?

Perhaps if the Sultan of Turkey were to give a church fair he could raise enough money to pay that little bill. 'Twill soon be necessary to stock the market with, For trust magnates' conveniences, With billion dollar bills.

One of the first things that should be taught the benighted heathen is the duty of offering up prayers for Hon. Mark Twain. The man who predicts the June flood hasn't been heard from yet, but don't think for a minute he has gone out of business. Sixto Lopez says he is anxious to see Aguinaldo. Possibly wants to learn if his chief has become sufficiently versatile to look like all the photographs lately printed.

Song of Dewet. I come from some place, here or there, I leave my name and my name, The British seek me everywhere, But none of them can find me. I sail forth at break of day, And capture half an army, Then, like a shade, I fade away. Before they see or hear me.

Quite Like Home. An old-fashioned fight over the spoils of politics seems to be going on in the city government of Havanna. The National party, whose members are at present in the crib, does not propose to allow the Republicans, who at present happen to be drawn salaries from the city, to continue to do so any longer. They are to be bounced to make room for the friends of the Aldermen of the National party. This is like old times at Havanna, a contemporary of the city, where there were 250 employes in the city buildings, where, in the most reckless days of Spanish rule, there were not more than 30 or 50.

Wheeler on Funston. General Wheeler, as might have been expected, makes no mistake as to the character of Frederick Funston, and the merit of his recent achievement. The old cavalry leader, himself an intrepid fighter, declares that he has never known anyone so fond of venture as General Funston. The Aguilard expedition was thoroughly characteristic of the Kansas. It was not a spectacular exploit undertaken for the fame it might bring. It was more in the nature of a military duty, and the excitement it would afford.

William the Adviser. It is rather peculiar to find the Kaiser telling his generals that they ought to do should storm times like those of "Forty-eight" once more be seen in Berlin. The monarch now known as "William" was more than half inclined to abdicate then through sheer discouragement. William II would hardly feel like following that example at any rate. Have not his troops got a new barracks near his royal palace?

Magnetism for Aguinaldo. New York Journal. Let him be brought across the continent and made to feel the power, the grand and noble and the good will of the country that offers him a share in its mighty inheritance. Then let him be taken to Washington, and there let President McKinley exert upon him some of those magnetic attractions that disarmed Democratic opposition in the last session of Congress.

Ases to Grand. Baltimore World. This world is filled with people, from the cabin to the throne, Who are full of deep-laid schemes and little plans-lets of their own, And the more just get among them the oftener you will find That nearly everybody has "a little ax to grind." There's the young girl in society, who'll treat you awfully well; She'll make you think she's yours alone, your best friend, your own; She's using you to split another and somebody most unkind; She will give to you the throw-down when she has no ax to grind.

Florida Times-Union, Democratic. While we admire Mr. Bryan and fought his battles humbly in this isolated part of the political vineyard, we cannot appreciate his principle nor understand his motive in attacking Grover Cleveland by weak ridicule. When history glows with bright pages of Cleveland, Mr. Bryan, we fear, will not occupy more than a footnote on its pages, nor will he ever do a forefather in a village tradition, nor be a more inglorious Milton long by the clouds of fate.

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