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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair, with northerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 85; minimum temperature, 63; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14.

THE INCIDENCE OF TAXATION.

The fact that taxes are falling more and more upon real estate till now there are few other values that are reached for taxation, almost puts a quietus on the demand for single tax.

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To be Mayor of Greater New York at its present critical period of municipal history, Mr. Reed offers a unique opportunity for permanent public usefulness and influence than any position he has thus far occupied.

THE DISEASE-BREEDING MOSQUITO. Entomologists are giving a very close and minute description of several varieties of him. But you must have a microscope, in order to identify one from another, and you must know how to use the microscope, as well.

NOT DETECTIVE, BUT NEWSPAPER. The Oregonian is not in the business of ferreting out offenses against the laws of the country, of detecting crime or punishing criminals.

REPUBLICAN SCISM IN WISCONSIN. Wisconsin Republicans have fallen into such discord that the Democrats have high hopes of again getting possession of the state.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND THE CIVIL WAR. A convention of Confederate Veterans, in session at Baton Rouge the other day, protested against the use of certain Northern text-books in Southern schools.

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formed, and they finally mustered enough strength in the Legislature to defeat an adequate primary election law. They found that the proposed reform in the method of nominating candidates for office would eradicate the political boss, and they were sure that the people of Wisconsin still needed that species of functionary, and they were so averse to surrendering the power which they held by virtue of the political machine that they chose to have the Republican party stultify itself rather than carry out its plain pledges.

Now the anti-La Follette faction has organized for the avowed purpose of taking possession of the Republican party in the state and evicting the Governor and his friends, and particularly their odious reform notions. They regard the necessity for this action as immediate because there is a great deal of work to be done if the hold of the La Follette party is to be shaken from the regular Republican organization.

THE AMERICAN MAN. The most important, because the most fundamental, of the problems confronting the quality of the American man concerns his physical condition as compared with that of Europeans.

SHAMROCK II IS A BEAUTY. Upon this point all who have watched her as she lies at anchor off Stapleton, Staten Island, are agreed. The opinion of experts, indeed, is that she is by far the most handsome and graceful yacht that has come over seeking the America's Cup.

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bined, has increased upward of 250 per cent. Canada's exports and imports are about twice, per capita, those of the United States. Her population is about 5,500,000. Her export trade for the year ending June 30, 1900, is given as \$191,884,000. Her imports are \$158,822,512—a total of \$350,706,512. This gives a per capita of \$70 per capita for Canada against \$30 per capita for the same period in the United States.

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GOLD PRODUCT AND MONEY MARKET.

New York Journal of Commerce. The probability of an early resumption of gold mining on its normal scale, in South Africa, lends interest to the discussion of the influence of the production of the precious metals on prices, and on the rate of interest which capital can command in the money markets of the world.

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WHAT CUBA NEEDS MOST.

Chicago Tribune. The tobacco dealers of Havana are sensible men. They make a forcible argument which may have some effect on the tobacco raisers of the United States, to whom it is especially addressed.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

To get some of Rockefeller's millions, first show his oil. Kansas favors a disposition to say its prayers only when necessary.

The only perpetual thing about perpetual motion is the perpetual discovery of it. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Remember the Lord and the bath-house fund.

The strikers should make sure they will not be starved into eating their own words. New doth the fly with buzzing din. Breeze bewitching Elysian, you know, but never rest on beauty skin.

The South is more bent on burning negroes at the stake than on drawing the color line. We always could do more work in Winter than in Summer, especially now since it's Summer.

George Gould has a daughter. She will probably grow up to make some poor Count happy. Kruger will neither come to the United States nor go to South Africa. We admire his pluck.

In summertime when the weather is hot, when the sun is boiling and the ice is not, how much more beautiful than ever, the snow, the snow, the beautiful snow. She was indeed a charmer. But I didn't dare go near her. Her boss constructor to meet.

Our own John Barrett seems to be the only one of the late war heroes who has not suffered from iconoclasm. A bald-headed man is not necessarily a victim of circumstances. He may be a writer of testimonials for hair restorers.

Shlepp-car porters will form a union, but whether a demand bigger tips or to boycott the comic papers is not given out. He was caught by the undertow. In bathing in the sea. It was a crab, you see. A man in Chicago killed his wife and himself because she wouldn't go somewhere with him. Let us hope he got home alone.

It has been found expedient to reduce the size of the British force in South Africa. The reason is that only a small part of the army could keep up with the enemy. When Hanna promised the full dinner pail we thought he was big enough man to give it. But it turns out that Hanna is a mere shoat compared with Carnegie and Morgan.

In a recent imaginary battle the fleet defending England's coast was totally defeated, and all the ships were destroyed. The English are rejoicing that the enemy was not a real one. For a watering-place. It is a fast place. And none better exists, I ween. The coffee and milk. Are the same like. And are the best water I've seen.

The Navy has ordered all its officers to cease talking about the Schley-Sampson dispute. If the order could reach the newspapers there might be something left for the court of inquiry to do. It has been quite a while since Admiral Dewey was married, and it is therefore probable that he will preside over the court of inquiry into the case of Mrs. Dewey. The Admiral has so far recovered himself, that he has expressed no opinion about the Schley-Sampson controversy.

How in the world is the boys' bath-house going to be free if it is not a "public utility"? We commend this very serious problem to the Hon. J. N. Deal, of the charter Commission. Public utility means any "public utility" be free unless property-owners pay for it? We propose this also to the Honorable Gentleman, Can anybody imagine a greater "public utility" than a bath? Will not baths increase the mutual comfort of those who ride in public street-cars in warm weather? Next to a well-fed citizen, is there any better citizen than a clean one? Let us discover whether it was an oversight that baths were omitted from the list of "public utilities."

"While society was busily engaged on Thursday afternoon enjoying the social functions," says a Newport special to the New York Tribune, "Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., dressed in grimy overalls and jumper, covered with dirt and oil, and head in foot, was crawling in and out among the intricate machinery and boilers of the torpedo-boat Stringham, intently examining every part of the little craft, which is here awaiting her speed trial before she is accepted by the Government. For more than three hours Mr. Vanderbilt was aboard the vessel, and it is safe to say that not the minutest details of the construction of engine and boilers escaped his critical eye. Mr. Vanderbilt had accepted an invitation from the builders of the boat to inspect her, and spent the greater part of Thursday afternoon in what appeared to afford him the greatest enjoyment."

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Our latest submarine is named the Adzer. Her business will be to subtract from the numbers of the enemy—Boston Transcript. He'll hear that Jack Danahy is blowing a assure present or future concessions, which the strike leaders well know could not be given except by such a powerful organization as the steel trust. The boys want some of the trust pie for themselves. The struggles now on in different parts of the country are all the same. So long as they are peacefully conducted society must endure the inconvenience and loss, whatever it may be.

The Rock That Menaces. Indianapolis Sentinel. The report that John D. Rockefeller has become a billionaire serves to call attention to that alarming concentration of wealth which the trust principle encourages. Such immense personal fortunes have always preceded the domination of plutocracy and the downfall of republicanism. There is no reason to believe that the republic will prove an exception. At present we are going the beaten path.

Thin Attendance at the Churches. New York Herald. The latest reason given by experts for the great falling off of attendance in New York churches is the increasing prosperity, which enables citizens to leave town for the summer. There are some "old-fashioned" churchgoers who dispute this and assert that less sensationalism, less worldliness and more practical "gospel sermons" will bring more hearers into the pews.