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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair; warmer during the afternoon; northerly winds.

Barometer, 30.0; maximum temperature, 62; minimum temperature, 45; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9.

NEW YORK'S CITY POLITICS.

Acceptance by Edward M. Shepard of the Tammany nomination for Mayor of New York, tendered him by order of "Dick" Croker, is a surprise to many people of that city.

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But this is not uncommon action in politicians; for they are the men least likely of all to be free from the plagues, prejudices and ambitions common to human nature.

ENGLAND'S INDIAN FRONTIER.

The death of the Ameer of Afghanistan naturally is a source of present anxiety to the British Government.

The safety of whose Indian frontier would be endangered if the successor of the Ameer should be displaced by a pro-Russian aspirant to the throne.

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PROMOTIVE OF SOCIALISM.

An international salt trust is a thing well calculated to set people studying. Not only that, but it will only intensify the feeling against great corporations and harden the tendency to sympathize with labor in its contests with employers.

Our domestic salt trust has been aided and abetted by the Dingley tariff; and one has been faint to hope that to abolish the duty would cripple the trust.

The possibilities of the salt trust are easily seen to be tremendous. Ordinary measures and devices pale before the colossal scope of its ambitions and its powers.

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Great Britain greets the advent of Russia and Germany as Persian Gulf powers because of its possible influence upon the future tranquility of the people of India and of Afghanistan.

Great Britain made her first, second and third Afghan wars in order to secure and protect a scientific frontier for India. In those days she was able to make her influence supreme at Kabul by shrewdly supporting with her arms the ablest aspirant for the Afghan throne in 1859.

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