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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain, with southerly winds. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 48; minimum temperature, 42; precipitation, 0.68 inch.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, DEC. 5.

OUR FRIENDLESS WARD.

Fathered, but orphaned, and without friends—this is the prospect that seems to confront the people of the Philippines, so lately freed from Spain, so hardly delivered from the oppression of mismanaging Tagal taskmasters.

Who will be the friends of these new wards of the Nation? Secretary Root stood up for Porto Rico, but he seems to have no word for the Philippines. Senator Lodge doubtless has taken counsel at the White House.

THE LAW AND ANARCHY.

The President in his message urges upon Congress rigorous legislation against anarchists, whose purpose shall be to keep them out of the country, to deport them when discovered.

It is proposed that the offense, now a misdemeanor, should be made a felony and the penalty proportionately increased. Federal and state legislation enacted on this subject would suppress anarchist meetings and speeches.

There appeared before a Justice of the Peace in Cleveland, O., recently, a poor man who admitted that he had stolen some brass from the Standard Oil Company, whereupon the Justice of the Peace discharged the thief with this benediction:

is responsible for the existence of the miscreants who murdered young Morrow.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF STATUS.

At length it seems possible to extract something dimly bordering on information from the Washington dispatches concerning the United States Supreme Court's decision in the four-year diamond rings case.

It appears, then, that this decision establishesthe free trade for imports from the Philippines into the United States ports, regardless of the Spooner law or any legislation of the War and Treasury Departments that has come into existence subsequent to the status under which the diamond rings case was brought.

What was law on May 1, 1900, therefore, when Thomas H. Keefe, Chicago customs officer, seized Emil J. Pepek's fourteen diamond rings, brought with him from Manila, is law today.

In view of the fact, however, that the people of the trans-Pacific trade is one of the people's most important interests, it is exceedingly gratifying that this decision lends so powerful an advantage to the cause of commerce.

Another important effect of this decision, as officials in Washington seem to understand it, is that Philippine ports will become part of the coast line of the United States and therefore foreign vessels cannot pay between Philippine ports and United States ports.

The enlistment of natives, armed with bolos and spears, to fight the insurgents in Samar, is a revival on the part of our American officers of the methods that were adopted in this country by the whites against the Indians from the first settlement of New England and New York down to our latest war with the Indians.

MAKING DOG EAT DOG.

The Oregonian has repeatedly said that unless the monopolistic trusts can be restrained in some way they will drive us to Government monopoly.

The new regiment that Canada will send to South Africa will consist of four squadrons of mounted riflemen, 600 in all. The Canadian Government furnishes the horses, the arms and equipment complete, even to the tents, so that when the force lands in South Africa it will be ready to take the field.

PORTLAND'S NEW CONSCIOUSNESS.

An active and concerted campaign is being made in Portland for the \$300,000, Portland's estimated share of the Lewis and Clark Exposition fund.

parties will be found urging the wisdom of Government ownership of the railroads.

President Roosevelt's action in placing the system of rural free delivery in the Postoffice Department, including the carriers as well as the clerks at Washington, under the civil service rules, and his extension of the classified service in the Indian Bureau, are excellent strokes in behalf of civil service reform.

Japan has today over 50,000,000 of people. Its revenue is about \$128,000,000. Its national debt now stands at \$259,382,000, all accumulated since 1870.

General Chaffee recommends that Aguilado be brought to this country. This suggestion is a good one, for it is exactly in line with the policy we adopted in the case of Geronimo.

Vancouver, Wash., has just voted to sell its electric light plant. The plant was established with high expectations in the way of reform and economy.

APPLIED TO VENEZUELA DISPUTE.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—The officials of the Foreign Office here made a special application of the Monroe Doctrine to Germany's dispute with Venezuela.

MEXICAN COMMENT.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt's message has been very favorably received in government and business circles.

FORBIDDEN TO DRINK "TWO."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Bridgier-General Bell has issued an order to the soldiers in Northern Luzon forbidding them, under pain of severe punishment by court-martial, to drink the native "vin santo" which has been found to produce insanity and lead to crime.

THEORIES OF SPECULATION.

Wall Street Journal. We have received the following: "I am told that in 4 weeks out of 32, stocks can be bought cheaper on Monday than on any other day in the week."

It is a tolerably complete answer to say that if Monday were uniformly the low day of the week it would soon cease to be because everybody would buy on Monday, and it would become high day instead of low.

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BRITISH VIEW OF MONROEISM.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt's message to Congress holds the first place in the afternoon newspapers here today.

The spirited declaration for Monroeism will cause a flutter in Europe, says the London Standard.

After noting that the surplus population of Europe, largely in the possession of the corrupt Spanish, over whom the United States throws its aegis without guaranteeing good government, the Westminister Gazette concludes: "It is not easy to affirm this in the interests of mankind, and when the United States, after warning Europe not to enter America, proceeds itself to step out from the American Continent, even a theoretical defense is difficult."

The Deutsche Volksblatt declares that the policy enunciated must expand American production, and therefore, "measures for the protection of Austria production are required by the dictates of self-preservation."

The Austrian Volks Zeitung believes that the strength of the message lies in the moderation of its tone, adding: "It is here one tree which has borne only one fruit. It has spent all its strength in producing one perfect blossom, and the history of my daughter and her ancestors. She is the supreme flower of 100 forgotten generations."

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Congress can now act accordingly. The quick or the dead—Miss Stone. A Sign of Winter—COAL \$14 A TON. Everything comes to him who waits, also to him who eats mice pie. A driving storm usually operates with free rains. What will the Sultan do when he crosses the divide and there is the d-v-l to pay? The only smoke nuisance in this part of the country is the altitudinous price of good cigars. The beetles that are eating a stone church in Middleton, O., are evidently not afraid of solid food. Perhaps it was the spirit of the times that led the President to do a little side-stepping in the message. Terrible Terry and the Terrible Turk have convinced us that there isn't such a lot in a name after all. It is now up to some youthful statistician to calculate how much the message would be worth at magazine rates. Now is the time to point with pride to the Treasury surplus. No telling what will happen to it in the next few months. The allied poets of the Sandam are threatening to send in another contribution. Due warning will be given, however. Every cloud has a silver lining, but the present imperfect state of flying machines does not justify the organization of any aerial mining companies. The Isthmian Railway is the only line in the world that can advertise a ride from ocean to ocean with the scenery composed of red-headed war all the way. On Saturday he spread his tail, a gobbler great and fine; On Sunday he was present when the family came to dine; On Monday he served up, cold, in many a tempting slice; On Tuesday he was snatched, with a dash of oil and spices, for a dinner; On Wednesday he was sandwiches; on Thursday he was ground; And made his farewell bow as harsh when Friday came around.

Prima Donna Calve's father, a hale and hearty peasant, nearly 90 years old, resides in the south of France. He is immensely proud of his famous daughter. Pointing to the rose trees in his garden, he said to a visitor: "Look at these. Most of them are covered with blooms, but here is one tree which has borne only one rose. It has spent all its strength in producing one perfect blossom, and the history of my daughter and her ancestors. She is the supreme flower of 100 forgotten generations."

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