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TODAY'S WEATHER

SHOWERS; warmer; southerly winds, increasing in force.

TROUBLE FOR "OLD COMMUNITY"

It is plain to be seen that the new railroad policy is in peril. It is menaced both from without and from within. The movement from the outside is in the form of an attack on the Northern Securities Company, the so-called railroad trust.

COURAGE OR ASSURANCE OF HONOR

George Alexis, Rough Rider, former clerk in the mail division of the New Orleans postoffice, who was appointed on the personal recommendation of President Roosevelt, was convicted on the 22d inst. of having stolen articles from the mails.

The truth is that courage in battle is a very cheap and common quality. Pug-nut carries with it no necessary assurance of honor or credit.

No man can see what will come of the present railroad movement. It is big with possibilities. Unquestionably events of the past year have made the idea of Government ownership more welcome to the people than it ever was before.

It will be worth the while of Oregon fruitgrowers and others to read an article on another page of this paper, treating of the Oregon apple trade in New York. It appears from careful observation and inquiry that the apple product of this state has the call in all markets where it is known, and that it usually commands the trade at a higher range of prices over all competitors.

A FRUITLESS APPEAL

On the whole, the dissatisfaction expressed by Republican newspapers with the Philippine tariff bill is greater than might have been expected, for party discipline is strong. It was to be expected that such independent journals as the New York Evening Post, Boston Herald, Philadelphia Ledger and Bulletin, and Washington Post would condemn the illiberality, but not, perhaps, that positive and even indignant protest would arise from such supporters of the Administration as the New York Tribune, Chicago Inter Ocean and Record-Herald, and San Francisco Chronicle.

The present effort is directed toward securing from the Senate an amendment of the House bill, reducing the Dingley rate on Philippine imports. An excellent basis for such action is the recommendation of the Taft Commission, which favored rates only 50 per cent of the Dingley schedules.

OUR LATIN-AMERICAN ELEPHANT

There is no reason why differences between European powers and minor American states should not always be recognized in the economy with regard to arms and without friction between Europe and the United States. There are no hard and fast lines for these settlements, or for the part that this country is to play in them.

CONDEMNED, BUT INVINCIBLE

Every newspaper of any real independence in political expression condemns the bill relating to the Philippine Islands which the Republican managers are trying to jam through Congress.

LET'S BE CONSTANT

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ANOTHER BLOW AT SHIP SUBSIDY

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TAXING PHILIPPINE IMPORTS

Chicago Inter Ocean. Tobacco-growers in any foreign land can sell their raw leaf in our markets by paying a duty of 50 cents to \$1.50 per pound, according to quality.

Nor do the beetles of the Payne tariff seem to end here. While we compel the islands to pay these taxes in order to sell their products to us, our raw sugar, when sent to them, pays but 25 cents a ton.

MATTERS OF FACT

The United States has sent out a commission to the Philippine Islands to investigate and report what is just and right in the Philippine Islands with regard to them.

BEARING ON REPROBITY

The vote of the Philippine bill shows pretty clearly what would be the fate of the Republic if it were to be adopted.

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AMUSEMENTS

Jefferson De Angelis was introduced to a big Portland audience at the Marquam Grand last evening through the excellent medium of "A Royal Rogue."

De Angelis has played in the theater repeatedly. De Angelis is always funny. He can sing a song with no particular humor in his voice, and his audience will laugh from every part of the house.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

"The Girl from Maxim's" at the Marquam. The sale of seats will open at 10 o'clock this morning for "The Girl from Maxim's," which comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, with a matinee Saturday.

THE RED SEA PASSAGE

I remember that in one of his talks Mr. Washburn referred to his belief that the most profitable education of the people of his race required various methods.

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Chicago Tribune. Shade of General Scott!—And this is the immortal Julius Caesar! Do you know, General, that one of the favorite exclamations of my countrymen now is "Great Caesar—You flatter me."

NOTE ANONIMOUS

Last call for resolutions: The weather remains uncommittal. If you have sworn to swear them now.

We'll get those D. Windies for next Christmas, maybe. Be sure that your relation doesn't become a "hang over."

THE HUSBANDS OF SOME WIVES HAVE GIGARS TO BURN

The husbands of some wives have cigars to burn—in the kitchen stove. During the last week no onc could justly accuse General Miles of talk too much.

MISS STONE HAS ALLOWED SEVERAL DAYS TO GO BY WITHOUT DYING OR BEING RESCUED

She is apparently getting careless of fame. The Christmas Comemorative discussed the President's message at length, which was exceedingly considerate, in view of the fact that the message never discussed the Comemorative at all.

PERHAPS UNCLE SAM HAS BUILT BETTER

than he knew in paying \$25,000 for the Philippines, said an Army officer who recently returned from the islands. "I think we have successfully solved the problem of what we shall do with the Philippines. Whatever may be their faults, they make the best servants in the world. If you can cure them of petty thievery. Overcome that, and you have an ideal servant. At home here we are confronted everywhere by the servant girl proposition. Bring the Philippine men here, and the servant girl question will be a dead issue. The men are small, active, and not afraid of work. They could be trained to do general housework, just as the Chinese do on the Pacific Coast. I had a Filipino servant in Manila, who did my cooking, my washing—in fact, everything that a servant girl is expected to do in the United States, and doesn't. Bring the Filipinos here, and we will kill two birds with one stone. We will solve the servant girl problem at home, and break up the insurrection in the Philippines."

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

"Is your friend Wilkes a literary man?" "Oh, no; merely a successful novelist." "Judge! Do you dare to kiss your mother more than once?" "Daughter (overly)—Well, mamma, I know it wasn't less than once—Fack."

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