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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain, with thick to high southeast winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 44; minimum temperature, 32; precipitation, 0.23 inch.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5.

MAYOR LOW'S CHIEF PROBLEM.

Mayor Low has no reason to be surprised at the attitude of his late partisan...

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE MILITIA.

The bill for the reorganization of the militia recently introduced in the House...

A PATHETIC WORD-PICTURE.

A singularly pathetic story, and one that appeals all the more strongly to enlightened sympathy...

ITALY'S METHOD.

The Italian Government has taken a decided stand—preventive instead of remedial—in regard to the threatened railway strike...

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his message to Congress, strongly urged the acquisition of Santo Domingo...

In the world of petty politics General Grant made mistakes, but in any matter worthy of his very capacious military brain...

The saving common sense and practical foresight of Grant is likely to be justified today by our tardy annexation of the Danish West Indies.

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"I believe that if all the railroads in the country were owned by Mr. Hill or any one man the shipper would get cheaper rates than now, because the railroads could then take full advantage of existing conditions such as the distribution and handling of traffic."

"But there are other aspects of the case which indicate another tendency, and one that our astute jugglers with millions seem to overlook. Could any one man be trusted with such a question for eighty millions of people?"

The best of all mortal things is not equal to such a pall of irresponsible trust, Mr. Harriman's testimony shows that the school in which to train the best. Look, for example, at the story of the fight over the Northern Pacific. The Oregon Short Line is capitalized at \$8,000,000, borrowed \$3,000,000 for the Union Pacific—that is, Mr. Harriman, representing the controlling interest in both roads, carried through this astonishing deal. The seventy-eight millions were used in purchasing Northern Pacific stock. Why? Not to prevent competition, but just to make sure that a friendly interest would be in control of the Northern Pacific. Why? Not to prevent competition, but just to make sure that a friendly interest would be in control of the Northern Pacific.

There is a waste as well as a gain in such operations, and they do not inspire confidence in the design of the promoters, who will hardly stand the waste themselves and give the gain to the public. But it is a waste of money, and the great centralization remains with the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Burlington, Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Southern Pacific coming close to a monopoly of the passenger traffic of the United States, and the public may wonder why it should not have the power to make wholly public what is quasi public and dependent upon public funds for its existence. In that case there would be no further mystery about stocks or rates, and though the notion seems like a dream, it is unquestionably a common dream with the combination of men everywhere invoking.

Step Toward Pacification. Chicago Record-Herald. Governor Taft's Chicago interviews give a pretty accurate idea of the policies that he will urge upon Congress. He approves not only of a reduction in the tariff on Philippine goods coming to this country, but also of a reduction in the tariff on goods proposed by the Senate committee. He would make the rates 50 per cent instead of 75 per cent of the Dingley rates. This is a specific recommendation which reflects the general spirit of his mission.

Two Views Regarding Cuba. Kansas City Star. In his letter to the Cuban situation Mr. Cleveland elevates the whole discussion above the purely materialistic plane. The subject, he says, involves considerations of morality and conscience. The United States has practically pledged itself to the world to restore prosperity to the island. When war was declared Congress committed the government to the redemption of the island from conditions that had become intolerable. The pledge will not be fulfilled if this Government allows the island to be ruined by its protracted military operations.

What to Read, and Why. Boston Globe. In a recent sermon Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage, talking on "What to Read, and Why," asserts that every man ought to read something every day. "Here," he says, "is the making of history going on, the making of our contemporary humanity, of the great questions of war and peace, of government, of sociology, of industry, of matters of importance to every hand, and you need to keep in touch with them; you need to know what is going on."

One of Heppburn's Bulls. Kansas City Journal. Congressman Heppburn, of Iowa, has developed an unfortunate but laughable facility of making bulls, which, of course, never appear in the Congressional Record. While drafting the Nicaragua Canal bill he spoke of "waffling the sailing vessel that desired to cross the continent." A roar of laughter greeted the remark, to be followed by some "bull" from the gentleman from Iowa had prairie schooners in mind.

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Mr. Schwab's lecture on success does not include any reference to his little experience at Monte Carlo. Perhaps the Kaiser sent Prince Henry over here to see if the Hohenzollern style of strenuous life is the real thing.

The Japanese are studying the art of brewing. Is it their intention to brew more trouble for China? Hon. Wu Ting Fang has succeeded in arousing the antipathy of organized labor. He is not as smooth a politician as he thought he was.

Every once in a while a man learns that he cannot successfully throw dynamite in a stove. But the same man never needs to learn it twice. The ground hog was still loafing around the office when we went to press. We shall withhold our favor, however, until he dashes off that poem.

Grover Cleveland talks about the "attractive visitations" to the Democratic party. Of course, he doesn't mean that any of them, came from the direction of Lincoln, Neb. Edouard de Reszke is telling a story which is partly at the expense of himself and brother, Jean, and partly at the expense of an American, who, in a Paris hotel, pounded on the partition wall with shovel and tongs to make them stop snoring, and finally entered a complaint. When he learned the names of the complainants, he was severely chastised. "And fellows" he was called. "I've paid almost any price over in America just to hear those fellows snore."

An impecunious representative from a Western State met five friends on the street, reproves them for being correspondents. "Come in and have a drink," he said. They went into the newest and most elaborate cafe in the city. Each of the five friends took a Scotch highball of the kind that cost 25 cents each. The impecunious representative took a glass of beer. "What's that you're drinking, Jim?" asked one of the friends. "That," said the Representative, as he nervously fingered the check calling for \$1.25 and held up the glass of beer as all would see it, "is a lesson in deportment."

Attorney-General Knox, while practicing in Pittsburg, was one of the busiest lawyers in America. A few years ago he was much put out because he had to accept a few dollars from a friend met him as he was leaving the office. Knox was swearing hard. "What's it all about this time?" asked the friend. "I have been knocked out of a trip to Egypt. My folks wanted me to make an argument in a case, and I told them I could not be here. They told me to fix my price, and I said \$50,000, thinking that would put them out of the notion. It did not. They took me up, and my plans are all upset."

A tablet to the memory of Annette Jans, "wife of Rev. Everard Bogardus, and the most famous woman in New Amsterdam, 1659," has been sunk into the wall of No. 23 Whitehall street, New York City, a tremendous red brick building, which occupies the site of her humble home and its surrounding garden. This is the pious work of Knickerbocker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. As for Annette, her later fame comes from the fact that heirs of her body have been turning up ever since the 19th century was young to get a slice of the property of Trinity Church.

An Englishman and the Idaho Girls. St. Francisco Argonaut. When comic songs were all the rage in London, Leslie Stuart, the composer of the music of "Florodora," decided to try his talent in composing ragtime music for the London music halls. "I soon mastered the new time to my own satisfaction," said Mr. Stuart, the other day, "but I was all at sea on titles and subjects for my first song. I secured a map of the United States and found that Idaho was by far the best rhyming state, so in a few days 'My Girl From Idaho' was ready to sing. But there is a popular prejudice against Idaho, and the audience that heard it first seemed to like it."

"The next day the following message was sent to the theater and later turned over to me. It was signed 'An Idaho American' and read: 'You blasted Englishman, don't you know there isn't a coon in all the state of Idaho? But there are plenty of Idaho. They can't shuffle their feet; they can't sing. But they can shoot, and, gracious, how they'd like to have you for a target!'"

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Tom-Don't you consider Miss Kayne rather dull? Dick-Well, after the way she cut me, she isn't dull at all. Francisco Chronicle. "Speaking of the tool trust," remarked the observer of events and things, "Croker thinks he can trust Nixon while he's away."—Yonkers State Journal. At Larchmont—Amy-How did Ada like the yachting trip? Blanche-She was quite ill, but she bore up wonderfully. She knows what everybody else knows. Chicago Evening Post. Entitled to Praise—"Flirting," said the mother, severely, "is dangerous." "In that case," replied the daughter, "I should think you would be proud of my courage."—Chicago Evening Post. Idle, but Proud—"My friend, you don't seem to be doing anything. Would you like the job of clearing the snow off these sidewalks?" "Clean snow? Sacra-cra! I am a chauffeur!"—Chicago Tribune. Shattered Hope—"Maude's new automobile coat is a awful disappointment to her." "What's the matter with it?" "Why, it doesn't make people stare at her a bit!"—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Clark—"I would like to get off early, sir, as my wife wants me to do some odd jobs around the house." "It is light enough. Manager—Don't you know you're late?" Clark—"Thank you, sir. You've been kind."