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TODAY'S WEATHER—Showers, with occasional snow squalls; brisk south to west wind. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Clear, with occasional snow squalls; brisk south to west wind.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.

OREGON AND THE PHILIPPINES.

In another column on this page we reprint extracts from the St. Paul Globe, on the subject of the Republic of Oregon. In their state platform put forth last week, in relation to the Philippine Islands.

The Globe is a Democratic party newspaper; and what it says on this subject undoubtedly foreshadows the position to be taken by the Democratic party of the country. The Democratic party will demand abandonment of the Philippines by the United States.

The assumption that retention of the Philippine Islands by the United States is inconsistent with the principles of liberty is a strange and remarkable estimate, by those who put forth the assumption, of the nature and quality of the liberty which we ourselves possess.

We have not dealt with the Philippines as we have dealt with Cuba because the conditions were and are wholly different. We did not go to war with Cuba for the Philippines, but did go to war on account of Cuba.

Now, as the "great doctrine that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed" is asserted that we are denying it to the Philippine. The assertion is a thoughtless one. No doctrine like this can be used with good sense as a mere catch-phrase.

The whole scheme is preposterous. Great Britain can protect her own coasts from invasion by her navy and her domestic levies, and her great colonies are able to take care of themselves.

Of course, he knew better. Bryan, with his limited reading and lack of logical power, may originally have been fooled by his own folly, but General Butler had too large a brain and was too well equipped with knowledge to have been other than a dishonest advocate of dishonest money.

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comment. We yield to expediency and convenience rather than to the theory of consent of the governed. To the same conclusion the Philippines are fast coming. Consent on their part will result in exhaustion of their power of resistance, and with demonstration to them that the rule of the United States will be in accord with the principles of justice and freedom.

LEGISLATIVE PLEDGES.

The perils encountered by the Cuban relief bill on its way through the House are very suggestive of the chances taken by any Congress wherever it undertakes by its act to bind one or all succeeding Congresses.

Yesterday upon a close vote the Speaker announced that the House refused to go into committee of the whole. The bill was technically arrested right there, and might have been blocked right had not McClellan of New York called for a division.

There is nothing in our system of government that recognizes the acts of one Congress as binding upon another. Treaties are binding, but they may be abrogated. Laws made by one Congress may be repealed by another.

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suffer the blockade of their ports. As a military power, Great Britain can always make herself felt powerfully through her predominant naval strength and skill and the ample resources of her army chest, but it is folly for her to assume that she can raise four army corps for imperial service out of Canada, two in Australia and one in New Zealand.

NOT WORTHY OF A STATUE.

The proposal now before the Massachusetts Legislature to erect a statue to General B. P. Butler is vigorously opposed by a number of eminent men who knew General Butler's political and military career.

Today President Roosevelt at the South Carolina Exposition will present to Major General Jenkins, formerly an officer of the Rough Riders, a beautiful sword, the gift of South Carolinians who honor Major Jenkins, the gallant son of a gallant Confederate General killed by the fire of his own men at the second day's battle of the Wilderness.

The marked increase a few months ago in the price of meat throughout the country was met by consumers at first with protest, and then by querulous inquiry into the cause.

From far-away Oregon comes the ominous sound of a tolling death knell of hope of independence and liberty for the Philippines. In convention assembled the Republicans of that state loudly declare their opposition to retaining the Philippines as a dependency of the United States.

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REPUBLICAN VIEWS OF SUBSIDIES.

Representative Hepburn, chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, said he was inclined to look upon the ship subsidy bill as at present made up with disfavor.

Representative Corliss of Michigan said he was against the Frye ship subsidy bill on general principles.

Representative Allison and Dolliver voiced the sentiment of a large number of Iowa when they voted against the ship subsidy bill. I will follow the leadership of the two Senators and vote against the bill.

Representative Cushman of Washington said: "I don't like the bill in its present shape. There is a good deal of feeling against the people who voted against the bill, and it is not surprising that it will be modified materially in the coming session."

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SOURCES OF OUR FOREIGN BORN.

The population volume of the 13th census has been analyzed, and the composition of the American people, ethnologically, geographically and in various other ways, and no analysis of the American people is more interesting than that of nativity and parentage.

Both parents born in America 67.7 per cent. One or both parents born abroad 32.3 per cent. Total 100.0 per cent.

Those one or both of whose parents were born abroad are thus divided: Parents foreign 27.6 per cent. Mothers foreign born 22.2 per cent. Total 49.8 per cent.

The immigrants from South and West Europe are less intelligent and less assimilated than those from North and West Europe. But the immigrants from Italy and the Balkans are particularly satisfactory as common laborers and workers in stone and plaster.

THE OLDEST AUTHOR.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

It's an early winter. What we need is a little rain. "Now let the eagle bird spread his wings for a long flight skyward."

The chances are that the President will not see a single pitchfork all the time he is in South Carolina. The Democratic candidate for the Mayoralty seems to be playing now-you-see-him-and-now-you-don't.

A New York woman is living without any backbone. A good many politicians seem to be in the same plight. Two Presidential nominations are reported from Washington. Some of the booms are getting an early start.

An Italian anarchist has been sent to jail for six months. That length of time usually proves effective in an Italian jail. The Boers say the war will last four years more, but it is likely that they reserve the right to ask for an extension of time.

One S. Skeffington has arisen in England as a coronation poet. But even Austin ought to hold his own against a man with a name like that. Some day some one will go to sleep for a hundred years and will wake up to find the Nicaragua Canal begun, and the Boer War a little further toward its end.

There are yet a few offices on the fusion ticket which haven't been offered to Pennoyer, but the leaders will have to hurry if they want him to refuse them all. "Parson Lowther may escape from the consequences of denial of the story of Eve and the snake," says a Kansas paper, "but it's a good thing for him that he did not deny that Noah story. We ain't much of a Christian ourselves, but blessed if we will stand for a crank who don't believe in Noah!"

A national school inspector in Ireland was once examining a class in geography, and having reason to correct an answer to a question regarding longitude, proceeded to ask for a definition of latitude. There was a slight pause, and a young lad answered: "Please, sir, we have no latitude in Ireland. The government won't allow us any."

A woman in Scotland had lost her husband, and the minister, calling to console with her, found her sitting in front of a large bowl of porridge. "Terrible loss, terrible loss," sighed the minister. "Aye," was the reply. "It's a terrible loss to me. I've just been greelin' a night, and as sure as I finish this wee dram porridge I'm just gaun to begin again."

A curious story comes from Kansas of a man who wanted to tell a neighbor what he thought of him without laying himself open to a suit for damages. So he hit on a plan of sending him each day a postal card with only one word written on it in a large hand, in addition to the date obscurely tucked away in a corner. The person receiving the cards recognized the handwriting, and suspecting something, kept them until they stopped coming, when he read them consecutively in the order of their reception. What he read was "Ridiculous old Bill Jones is the meanest cuss in town," and he at once instituted a suit for slander against the sender. The latter's lawyer, however, called attention to the fact that the postal card containing "ridiculous" though mailed first, was dated the day after the date of the card having the word "town." Moreover, a careful inspection would show that after the word "ridiculous" was an exclamation point, and after the word "town" was an interrogative mark, so that the series of postal cards might be made to read, "Old Bill Jones is the meanest cuss in town? Ridiculous!" He claimed, therefore, that instead of slandering the plaintiff his client had defended him from slander, and this plea was sustained by the court. But, all the same, everybody in town insisted that the first reading of the cards was the correct one, so that the writer attained his object.

The Universal Voice. New York Press (Rep.) It must be discouraging to a faithful and courageous public official like Pension Commissioner Evans to find himself sacrificed to the "exigencies" of a newspaper which is so financially important but of serious political consideration. But to Commissioner Evans it must be cause for gratification and to American opinion a just cause of protest that the editor of the newspaper press and of the people of the country, whatever the partisanship of the one or the other, cordially disapprove of the "exigencies" of the press. A frank condemnation of the proceeding.

PLEASANTNESS OF PARAGRAPHERS This is No Joke.—Biggs—A well-known scientist says that men who work live longest. Diggs—I don't know about that. It depends on whom they try to work.—Chicago Daily News. Progress—"Jabez is getting used to public speakin', ain't he?" "Oh, yes. I remember when you could hardly get him to stand up, an' now you kin hardly get him to sit down."—Funch. On the Old Farm.—Elli Cousin Tom's Boy (from New York)—Uncle Abner, you'll please put a point on these arrows! We're playin' the "bull's-eye" an' they won't stick into the cow this way.—Julius. Willing to Accommodate.—"Is this, then, to be the end?" he sadly said. "Oh, I hope not," he replied. "I shall endeavor to make a week for the theater, if you say so."—Chicago Record-Herald. "Aunt Alice, were you very bad when you were little?" "No, indeed, my dear! I used to be very good." "Well, I think it's much better to be bad, so as to have something interesting to talk about when you grow up."—Funch. Martha—You don't mean to say you have accepted that Mr. Spooner? Why, he is so awkward, you know! I saw him holding an umbrella over you the other day, and all the water it caught he allowed to drain right onto you. Nancy—What better proof could I have that he is in love with me? He hadn't the heart idea that it was raining, the dear man!—Boston Transcript. His Tenure of Office.—"So you're going to keep Bill Hunker in office?" "We are," answered Farmer Corbison. "We don't want him out. He was so slick that he didn't give anybody a show in a horse trade or anything else, an' he got us all in a row. I'd like to have to travel on the same road with him. You kin bet he'll stay in Congress. We couldn't indict him nor have him kidnapped, an' he's got to get rid of him somehow."—Washington Star.