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TODAY'S WEATHER: Fair, slightly warmer; southwest wind.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER: Maximum temperature, 70; minimum temperature, 59; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

CRUELTY OF THE IDEALIST: The American press has seldom shown a greater uniformity of opinion than it now shows over the Philippine friar question.

But all this effervescence does not explain the objection to Spooner's course and the application for his being put under bonds. There are grounds more relative.

Out of this apparent impasse it will not be surprising to see the party itself emerge with a bold decision, but partly satisfactory to either of the principal disputants.

It is in perfect keeping with the record of anti-imperialism that it should have hope and content for perpetuation of existing in the Philippines that menaces the success of American administration and the peace and prosperity of the islands.

It is not surprising that now anti-imperialism pleads for the retention of the friars, that they may continue to harass American administration there and prolong the misery and unrest of the inhabitants.

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for damages to American sealers and whalers. This is satisfactory, so far as it goes, and Russia will undoubtedly make good for all the trouble she has caused American citizens "where never a law of God or man got worth of fifty-three." The American sealer has other claims, however, and the government of the American Government, which illegally seized schooners in Behring Sea over fifteen years ago.

WISCONSIN'S OPPORTUNITY: The Wisconsin Republican convention easily rises, through the attention it gets to the height of a National episode.

The merits of the controversy are not, of course, all on one side. It is doubtless true that Governor La Follette's ambition and the ambition of Millionaire Stephen, who has played the part of "angel" to La Follette's machine, are responsible for much of the war on Spooner.

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In another column will be found a list of fifty-five lumber vessels built within the past two years at Oregon, Washington and California yards for the foreign trade.

The myth of militarism seems to have vanished completely. The Army has been reduced to about 63,000 men. By recent order of the Secretary of War only 18,000 of these will be retained in the Philippines for police duty.

THE MYSTERY OF HEREDITY: The retirement of Lord Salisbury has been made the text for articles concerning hereditary capacity for public affairs.

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of divines the least saintly. None of Napoleon's great marshals left a great child. Cromwell left no great child. None of the great warrior Kings of England left a great child.

It is even true where you would not expect it to be true that in the world of commercial affairs a great man of business seldom leaves a great son behind him. It is true that Commodore Vanderbilt's son proved himself a capable man, but it was merely the capacity to manage wealth that he had.

The old boundary-line feud, that has been responsible for the untimely death of many good and worthy men, was pushed to its logical sequence in Josephine County last April, and resulted in the killing of John Schobach by his neighbor, Gibson.

What happened to Dietrich: Chicago Inter Ocean. Senator Dietrich, of Nebraska, was conspicuous in Congress for his opposition to the Cuban reciprocity policy of the President.

There was no immediate response to this anti-Roosevelt movement, but it put the Republicans of every state on guard. So when, a few days ago, Senator Dietrich offered his services for the campaign in Nebraska, the state committee declined to accept them.

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There will be held in the City of Portland, Or., in 1906, a great fair, to last several months, to commemorate the centennial of the arrival of Lewis and Clark on the Pacific Coast.

The citizens of Portland and of Oregon in general are proceeding in an energetic and intelligent way to get up a fair of which the Pacific Coast and the whole country will be proud.

The Lewis and Clark Fair of 1906 will have exhibits from all parts of the world. It is expected, however, that the exhibit from the city of Portland will be the most interesting.

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It is a slender American character to say that this country went into the war with Spain entertaining any aggressive designs upon Spanish territory. The desirability of honorably owning Cuba had long been felt in the United States, but, at the beginning of hostilities, Congress voluntarily erected a barrier in the acquisition of Cuba as a result of the war.

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NOTE AND COMMENT: Gab is nine points in an argument. The pose is fortunate that Tracy has not driven it out of the country.

If you are a good man in trouble, beat up the church steeple suffers oftener from the storm. If Aguinaldo can't profit from amnesty and self-government, what would he do with independence?

Minister Wain will write a book. In one respect his stay in America has been unfortunate for him. If your promise to add to the Lewis and Clark subscription was good, are you as good as your word?

Alphonso is indeed leading poor old Spain a merry pace for progress. He is said to have learned to swear and to kick highballs. It's not Gates who has the corner in corn, but the farmer. And the farmer, like all philanthropic people, takes all there is coming to him.

What General Smith has done has brought him honor. What he has said has brought him reprimand. Are you good at drawing conclusions? We are assured that neither Jeffrey nor Pitt will be able to stay right, but we do not get his assurance about the advance news of the fight.

For never was a story of more worth than this of Juliet and her Romeo, and now Sarah Bernhardt and Maude Adams are going to make polyglot out of it. The Vatican knows something of diplomacy itself. It has not lived these long ages to be caught at disadvantage by any younger nation come out of the West.

Mary MacLane is in Chicago, even within the shadow of Chicago University, where they make eholars while you wait. If Rockefeller is a greater man than Shakespeare, the latter gentleman must be to Mary as 30 cents.

No law of gods or men will keep eyes from plunging into cool water on a hot day. It remains for us to decide whether a function as natural as eating is a crime. The city ordinance may be good but we have to deplore the necessity of it.

"Peace and Harmony," about the Democratic brethren. But there's the trouble. The party has had too much peace and harmony. It needs a shaking up to rid it of its discordant elements. "Peace and harmony" is only a shell and the canker is within. Regeneration is the only remedy for the incurable plague.

Anti-expansionists back in Boston keep up their noise. But our island possessions, the major part of the platerers' part of our domain. If the anti-life long enough they may have to embody in their principles not only our new possessions but of Florida, Oregon, Texas and California. Let us hope they will not live that long.

A new era is opening into Oregon. Wealth is to be extracted from rocks and soil and streams and trees, in large part, by strangers. The sons of Oregon should rise up if they would inherit the gifts of their mother state. The fabulous wealth of Oregon's timber resource—nearly all of this is in the hands of strangers. And likewise in every other resource, opportunity is closing fast.

A timid ring summoned the housewife to the door. She found a young man who looked as if he suspected his green tie and Tuxedo cravat would draw too much attention. "May I see," he ventured nervously in syllables so closely riveted together that the housewife could hardly split them apart, "may I see the platerer?"

"The platerer?" returned she. "The platerer? Oh, yes. He's working upstairs. Climb the ladder on the outside of the house." The young man surveyed the ladder doubtfully, but grit his teeth as if fully determined to overcome every obstacle. Soon after the doorbell repeated its timid ringing. "I showed him my license," he stammered. "He who he laughed and swore at me. He ain't the pastor, is he?"

"The pastor?" gasped the lady. "Not he lives around the corner."

Aguinaldo does not love to be called a disreputable scrub and mongrel. He knew so miserably little that he made war on the United States. It is said he will lecture in this country. We may expect a great many scatter-brains of this kind. This is what Archbishop Nolan, said of him before the Philippine Commission: "Q. Do you know Aguinaldo? A. Yes, sir; in Cavite, when he was president, he honored me with a great deal of attention."

"Q. What kind of a man is he?" A. He is poor. I cannot say whether he is cultured or uncultured. He has had only three years' course in secondary instruction, without any benefit to himself."

"Q. How does he speak Spanish?" A. He speaks Spanish. He has learned any since he has been in the field, but before he could not follow a conversation in Spanish."

"Q. But he is not more force of high character than the men he has gathered about him?" A. Not at all. Circumstances have favored him. He has no personal virtue whatever."

Mother—How do you like your new teacher? "Oh, she's a splendid teacher. She don't care whether we know our lessons or not."—Titmouse.

Not His Fault—Teacher: "I don't own a car in the world. Touches—Then nobody will lend you more than a half cent."—Chicago Tribune.

"Yes!" "Yes, he has killed more people without getting his name in the papers than any other member of the life."

He Learns Something—Grandpa: "My father used to tell me that all play and no work made Jack a lazy boy. Harry—Did he? It is that chestnut old as the chestnut."

Temptation—"You have such a cozy home here," her caller said. "Yes," she replied. "Sometimes I almost feel like giving up my job work and living in it for a while."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Direct Query—"I never went to a circus when I was a little boy," said the father to his son. "Why not?" "Because your father wouldn't let you go unless you would be good!" asked the youngster, in entire innocence. "Why not?" "Because your father wouldn't let you go unless you would be good!" asked the youngster, in entire innocence.

It Wouldn't Work—"If people are so crazy for outdoor exercise I don't see why they don't get up garden-hoeing parties and such things." "Wouldn't it do all the difference between exercise and work that exercise accomplishes nothing."—Chicago Evening Post.

Quest—"Yes, I still have the first dollar I ever made, said the gray-haired passenger. "The idea!" exclaimed the traveling acquaintance, "and how did you keep it so long?" "I was very imperfect, being my first, and I'd have had trouble in passing it."—Philadelphia Press.

He Knew—"There is a good deal of literary around here, isn't there?" asked the man from the north. "No, sir," replied the man from the wilds of Arkansas. "That used to be, stranger," replied the native to whom the inquiry was addressed. "But since the consular revenue officers have done busted the business plumb up"—Judge.