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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair; slightly warmer; southwest wind.

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CRUELTY OF THE IDEALIST.

The American press has seldom shown a greater uniformity of opinion than it now shows over the Philippine friar question. Everybody recognizes the justice of the Administration's position, which appeared alike in London, in Paris, and even by critics of the Yellin's procedure at Rome itself.

We shall not discuss the legality of the friar contention of the treaty rights of the religious orders. These are in process of adjudication. Such agreement as is entered into between Rome and Washington will be framed under that treaty and in conformity therewith.

We advert to the topic for the sole purpose of explaining why it is that anti-imperialism is so ready to champion the cause of the friars. It is because there is the contemplated withdrawal that so stirs the blood and arouses the concern of anti-imperialism.

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 and prolong the misery and unrest of the inhabitants. Nor is it to be complained of. Only let us have done with premises that the animus of the proceeding is love of country and friendship for the Filipinos.

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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 north 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 whole country, regardless of party, is concerned at the menace of Senator Spooner's retirement, and urges his re-election.

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.

But all this criticism does not explain the objection to Spooner's course and the application for his being put under bonds. There are grounds more relative. The "stalwart" ring, harking back to Sawyer and now handled by a few Wisconsin plutocrats, has used Senator Spooner's name and influence, if not his active efforts, to frustrate La Follette's purpose and especially to secure the primary election nomination.

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. Spooner has had his rebuke from the state convention. La Follette may get his wish in the re-election of Spooner.

THE MYSTERY OF HEREDITY. The retirement of Lord Salisbury has been made the text for articles concerning hereditary capacity for public affairs. It is true that Lord Salisbury is descended from the Cecil family, which dates back for its first eminent representatives to the reign of Queen Elizabeth and James I.

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of divines the least saintly. None of Napoleon's great marshals left a great child. Cromwell got no great child. None of the great warrior Kings of England left a great child. Edward I, the Black Prince, and Henry V left sons conspicuous for incapacity.

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.

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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. It is clear that a quarrel cannot reach a murderous stage unless both parties thereto are at fault.

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 enterprising newspapers of the State of Washington are already circulating their figures on the coming wheat yield. Like nearly all of its predecessors for the past half-dozen years, it is several million bushels larger than any that has ever been harvested, and, taking into account the increase in acreage, it is in a fair way to amount to nearly 50,000,000 bushels.

Hops are in excellent condition, with 20 cents a pound in sight. The hay crop has been saved, mostly in good condition. Wheat is ripening rapidly, with a prospect generally of a good yield. Oregon is herself again in the outlook for apples. Pears and other fruits will be plentiful, though not with the riotous abundance of some former years.

It is said that Sheriff Cuddehe, of King County, Washington, takes seriously his failure to capture or kill Tracy. Furthermore his political friends take it seriously, and his political enemies see in it a coveted chance to unhorse him, should he again be nominated for the Sheriff's race.

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TRADE WITH NEW POSSESSIONS.

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.

These remarks are a proper preface to a review of our growing commerce with the new possessions, for if territorial greed figures in the case the benefits derived in a business sense would be under a cloud. No shadow of that kind rests upon the title. Five years ago, when Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines were foreign territory, our exports to those islands amounted to \$6,775,500.

These are but the beginnings of a great future commerce. Our shipment of goods to Alaska this year will aggregate \$15,000,000, and about twice as much was sent for that great territory. No one can see bounds to the development of our trade in the Pacific. All our islands there are expanding in business rapidly.

Apparently there is no limit to fusion in Kansas. W. E. Jeffa, a fruit-grower living near Lawrence, Mo., has had success in producing a cross between a cherry and a plum. Charles Dietrich's office table, chair and looking-glass, which he had bought in London in the editor's office of "All About Boston," were sold at auction in London lately for his housekeeper and sold by her to a collector.

Five acres of land around Charing Cross, London, are held by the Marquis of Salisbury. These were obtained by the Marquis in 1850 for use as grazing land at the modest rate of \$2.50 an acre for 500 years. What that bargain has been worth in the Pacific it would be rather difficult to accurately compute.

John Morley, the English statesman, was invited to make a Cabinet Minister. He passed from the editor of the Pall Mall Gazette to the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland. What must come as a surprise to readers of the "Pall Mall" is that the author and statesman at one time thought of going into the church.

Famous men are often curiously little known in the localities where they live. A correspondent recently traveling in a part of Gloucestershire, who had been told that a growth of plums, got into a conversation with an old resident who told him a great deal about plum culture. "Yes," he would say, "it is a very good tree, and you must make up your mind for the other, and you forget your losses. There was a man a year or two ago who had a bush of the variety called 'made 16 shillings a bush'—one of our best plums."

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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 oftentimes from the storm.

Minister Wray 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 Jeffries nor Fitz will be able to fly right, but we do not get his figure about the advance news of the fight.

No law of gods or men will keep boys 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 most fertile and fertile parts 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 plater?" "The plater?" returned she. "The plater?" 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. "No! he laughed and swore at me. He ain't the pastor, is he?" "The pastor?" gasped the lady. "Not he lives around the corner."

Agulnaldo 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 Agulnaldo?" "A. Yes, sir; in Cavite, when he was president, he honored me with a great deal of money."

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." "Till she comes to the end of the year." Not His Fault—Teacher—I don't owe a nickel 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's that chestnut old story that Jack.

Temptation—"You have such a cozy home here," her caller said. "Yes," she replied. "Sometimes I almost feel like giving up my job and coming home to live 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 of a young boy who was asked how he would like to go to a circus. "I would like to go to a circus when I was a little boy," said the father of a young boy who was asked how he would like to go to a circus. "I would like to go to a circus when I was a little boy," said the father of a young boy who was asked how he would like to go to a circus.