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TODAY'S WEATHER - Fair and warmer; northerly winds.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, AUGUST 29.

TARIFF AND TRUSTS.

The steel trust, in an effort to show its financial strength and capacity, submits to the New Jersey Court of Chancery that it is making a clear profit of \$150,000,000 a year.

It is a fair question, and one not to be ignored, evaded or thrust aside, whether this powerful and prosperous concern stands in any longer need of a protective tariff.

Iron bars and steel billets are protected by a duty of from three to seven-tenths of a cent a pound, that is, from \$4 to \$14 a ton.

Cars, carriages and buggies pay \$35 to \$45 on each \$100 of valuation, yet we market abroad \$10,000,000 of them annually.

Another class of duties contribute to the profits of trusts controlling the necessities of life. Salt pays 5 cents per 100 pounds in bulk, and 12 cents in packages.

to enjoy the proceeds of their labor at the expense of their physical, mental and moral development.

OREGON AND CUBA. The Oregonian's contention for generous treatment of Cuba has been based on the broad ground that our duty to the island, as to Porto Rico and to the Philippines, is to put the erstwhile subjects of Spain in the same position.

It is well to bear in mind, however, that the matter has a more serious bearing. It touches the pockets of our people as well as their conscience.

There are other items of export in which Oregon is interested, such as provisions. Some of the last year's exports to Cuba were:

Provisions \$1,333,333; Iron and steel \$1,333,333; Hides \$1,333,333; Boots and shoes \$1,333,333; Manufactures of cotton \$1,333,333.

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THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The English newspapers are pleased with what they characterize as President Roosevelt's modified interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine.

For Republican leaders to pretend that eradication of these tariff abuses cannot be undertaken without disaster to business is only to exhibit their ignorance or insincerity.

colonization by any European power, but the political changes of nearly eighty years have left Great Britain with no ambition with which the enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine in its entirety can possibly interfere.

The British possessions in America are secure under the Monroe doctrine, and Great Britain has no interest in contesting the protest of the United States against the acquisition of new territorial rights in North or South America.

DAUGHTER'S DELAY.

The ship channel of the Columbia River above Willow Bar has shallowed to about 17 feet at low tide, although the river is not yet down to the level.

A period of several months has elapsed since the grain shipping season was at its height.

The betrothal of the Grand Duke Michael, brother of the Czar, and in the throne, is a matter of great rejoicing to the faction in Russian court circles that is hostile to the Czarina.

The increasing price of coal is so severe a hardship to the people of the Atlantic seaboard that the Springfield Republic urges the removal of the present duty of 67 cents a ton on soft coal.

A HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The hop harvest is just at hand. This means that hundreds of pickers, mostly women and children, will soon be afield, ready and eager to earn their share of the money that the hop industry annually brings into the state.

Hasty generalization is admirably exemplified in this paragraph from the New York Evening Post: 'One of the curious results of abolishing the convict system is that it has increased the crime rate.'

combining wage-earning with amusement, the hop harvest is not only objectionable, but full of promise, both of pleasure and profit.

Mr. Craddock, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Kansas, declares that if he is elected he will reduce the taxes of the people one-half.

The New York State Democratic Convention has been called for September 30. New York has always been a Republican state since the rupture of the party in 1852.

His Significant Omission. President Roosevelt's speech yesterday was, for the most part, a rather tedious example of what the imperialists so greatly prize.

Largely Due to the 'Insurgents.'

The Republicans of Idaho have endorsed the President and called for tariff reform. If the best-sugar men in Congress had not made such a desperate fight against the tariff reduction in the duties on imports from Cuba...

This Beats the Oregon Case.

Atchison (Kan.) Globe. In Franklin County a boy of 19 recently married a woman of 48. This woman had a son grown up the same time this son also married. Now the son's father of a child and the Ottawa papers are presenting the step-father as a record-breaker as a man who became a grandfather before he could vote.

'I Fights Mit Sigel.'

(These verses, by Grant P. Robinson, are a specimen of the many lines of the same character that were current during the Civil War. The recent death of General Franz Sigel recalls them. There was a parody on it, signed 'Eberhardt,' in the Elworth Carpa booklet, ending with 'I runs mit Howard.')

THE BRAVE VOICE OF IDAHO.

The action taken by the Republican State Convention of Idaho is another proof of the aroused feeling in this country on the subject of tariff revision, particularly in its relations to the great Northwest.

These Idaho Republicans apparently belong to the class of old-fashioned protectionists, those who believed that it was desirable to put up with the industries of the country by temporarily according to the Representatives of these an opportunity during the days of early growth to charge their fellow-countrymen with the most atrocious crimes.

Of course conventional resolutions cannot bring about tariff changes; but such resolutions, which are entirely at odds with the wishes of the political machine of the Republican party, would not be adopted unless there was a strongly pronounced feeling on the part of the people whom the delegates to these conventions represent.

TAX RATE IN THREE CITIES.

Chicago Record-Herald. The tax rate in the city of Chicago for 1902 has been fixed at \$14.50 on \$1000. As the assessed value in Boston approximates the actual value this is the equivalent of a rate of 7.50 per cent on the assessed value.

PERSONS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

John R. McVicar, of Boston, is the first white child born north of the Arctic Circle. He celebrated his golden wedding anniversary on the 23d inst. He was born in Fort Revolution, Great Slave Lake, January, 1828, and was christened by Sir John Franklin.

NOTION'S MARVELOUS PROGRESS.

Chicago Tribune. The statisticians of the Treasury Department have taken account of the National stock and a marvelous showing they make of the 'progress of the United States in its area, 'progress of the material industries.'

Another indication of this great prosperity comes from the agricultural section of the country. The value of farm property in the United States in 1901 was \$14,000,000,000.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

When planters disagree well, we just have to pay the bill, and it's no power, either. The Shah has gone to France, and now the English speak the word the way it should be spelled.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHS.

'So Gayboy has recovered.' 'Yes, The lucky fellow was too poor to be worked on.' 'Not Keeping Up.' 'My Ugh-John-I wish you would tell Kathleen the cooks her steaks too much. Mrs. Ugh-John-You are three girls late, John. The name of the present one is Mollic, -Chicago Tribune.'