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TODAY'S WEATHER—Generally fair and continued cool; overcast, windy.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 42; minimum temperature, 29; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

AT SALEM. It is freely conceded that the result of organization fights at Olympia is very untrustworthy in its bearing on the Senatorial election, and we have little doubt that this is also true, possibly in even greater degree, at Salem.

The combination that launched the candidacy of Mr. Harris was close to Mr. Fulton, but the combination that elected him represented very diverse interests.

So in the Senate. No fact in recent Oregon political history is better attested than the continuity with which Mr. Brownell has maintained friendly relations in every faction of the Republican party.

He nominated Dolph, he nominated McBride, he nominated Simon, and, unless we are mistaken, he nominated Mitchell. That his personal qualities are held in high esteem by the Senate is proven by the mere fact of his victory over so earnest and able a contestant as Dr. Andrew C. Smith.

We shall go on record right here with the prediction that they who fancy President Brownell's committee or even chairmanships will be in any sense prospective are likely to discover their error without long delay.

The Oregonian may be deceived, but from the developments at Salem so far it is strongly impressed with the conviction of independent disposition on the part of the members. We undertake to say that there is a total vote of any Republican candidate for the presiding office of either house which can be labeled as the sole and exclusive property of any one party leader or Senatorial candidate.

The members are exercising a freedom of choice which has not been in evidence at Salem for many years. Dr. Smith's strength proves it. Frank Davey's strength proves it. This is a good augury, not only for the Senatorial election, but for the more natural work of the session.

We shall find many members, undoubtedly, who will dare to act upon public measures without regard to their effect on the fortunes of Senatorial candidates.

Expectation of great influence on the Senatorship by the death of Representative Tongue is probably destined to disappointment. Neither Herr nor Hermann, we take it, is likely to hand away his chance of the Senatorship for the Congressional bird in the bush, which nobody, as a matter of fact, can promise with assurance.

bill in the Senate, which has only two months in which to act on it. The trade with the Philippines, except as the first article of Manila hemp, which is on the free list, has been smaller than some sanguine individuals thought it would be.

It is not to be dispensed with the ultimate productiveness and political greatness of the Philippines. Their capacity is great, and the day will come when the United States will be an extensive consumer of their different products.

MONEY THAT WILL RETURN. Oregon cannot do better at this time than to devote \$50,000 to making a display of the state's resources and industries at the St. Louis Exposition next year.

IRRIGATION ON LARGE SCALE. The irrigation question has long since passed the point where the efficiency of irrigation may be demonstrated by the wildness of the water.

Material relief will come to the front-bank East by removal of the 67-cent duty on coal. This will admit Nova Scotia coal to the populous centers of the Atlantic seaboard, and may even ease the stress as far as Chicago.

Only One of Many. It was after a long siege of "strained relations" with Secretary Hitchcock that the country press declared its sympathy for the country press.

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Pleasantries of Paragraphists. Rodrick—You say I have faced bursting shells. What battle was it? Van Albert—None! He is a chutney-roaster. Chicago Daily News. Sunday school teacher—And I took Noah a hundred years to build the Ark.

ately due to a preconceived action among dealers to hold back the supply for the purpose of forcing prices still higher. This, at least, is the only explanation of the fact that long railroads leading into Chicago, guarded by trainmen whose orders are to hold the cars indefinitely, it is inconceivable that any Americans could become so maddened by greed as to enter into a combination to freeze people to death for their own profit.

The key to the success in life achieved by Thomas H. Tongue is given in the words of his friend and classmate, Benton Killin, of this city: "In his school-days he was no dawdler; he knew what he wanted and how he was going to accomplish it. Evenings, mornings and Saturdays he grabbed on oak grubs and earned his way through college in that way."

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to deal. The cause of causes of defective vision in the young, when every faculty should be alert and every sense acute, is, indeed, to be deplored. It is proof of a lightening bolt, however, to be ready to deal with the effect. In many of the larger cities of the East, where conditions of life, including hurry, noise, ill-lighted school buildings and tobacco smoke in ill-ventilated homes, have combined to weaken the body and arrest physical and mental development, the eyes of school children are examined once a year by opticians and, where necessary, to arrest if possible the growing tendency to myopic conditions and other visual defects.

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SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS. Quality Better Than Ever. Hood River Glacier. The New Year's Oregonian is a great paper. It is not only large as in former years, but the quality of its reading matter and illustrations is better than ever.

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EVEN OXNARD LEARNS. Chicago Inter Ocean (Ren.). Washington dispatches say that the Oxnard beef trust has been created in opposition to justice and reciprocity with Cuba. The speedy ratification of the pending treaty with Cuba is confidently expected.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. They're off at Salem! All is not gold that one gets in his pay envelope. Those seem to be pretty lively stockmen who are now meeting in convention in Kansas City. If talk would burn, then the numerous conferences over the coal situation would afford immediate relief.

Probably England and Germany will again act in concert when it comes to declaring a blockade on Mr. Kipling. Congressman Bowserock is from Kansas, but is no relation to Jerry Simpson, who boasted that he didn't wear 'em. The Philadelphia newspapers print as news, but without comment, the fact that a young lady there has been asleep for three weeks.

We like all things in rhythm that are terse. Though some be bad and some a little worse, but let us lift our prayers in concert now to put the kybosh on the Khayyam verse! The Crown Prince of Siam cables a denial of the report that he will wed an American girl. What was it the jolly milk maid said? The Chicago Record-Herald declares that Chicago is the greatest railway center in the world. It is also the greatest stockyards center.—The Examiner.

Et tu, William! If it be not an impertinent question, will some one tell us what Mr. Schwab does to earn that million a year? We all know how he spends it. Governor Dole appears to be about the whole thing in Hawaii, and the politicians admit they are afraid to hear him. These who have seen portraits of Governor Dole will not wonder at it. A prizefighter's jaw was broken during a contest in Baltimore Saturday night, and his manager gravely announces that this will necessitate his indefinite retirement from the ring.

The next time we are appealed to in aid of the famine-stricken people of India we shall recall that seven-mile procession of gold-mounted elephants, and the fact that the Delhi hotel man charges \$300 a day for board. Indiana, not to be outdone by the tales from Kansas, has come forward with a big vegetable story. A farmer came into Friendwood the other day bringing with him a turnip which was 30 inches in circumference and weighed 12 pounds.—Philadelphia Ledger. Now watch Kansas!

All the nations represented at Venezuela's capital and pretty much all of Venezuela were at La Guayra to see United States Minister Bowen off for Washington. Let us hope that they will all be there to greet him in the same spirit when he goes back. Should those first 100 American miners whom the czar will permit to prospect for gold in Siberia find what they are looking for, we will bet our friend Nicholas a red Oregon apple that all his 6,000,000 soldiers can't keep the rest of the American miners out.

New Jersey is the corporate home of the trusts, and the State Legislature is ever ready to fly to their relief.—Louis Republican. We deny it. The New Jersey Legislature is in aid of the trusts or of anything else, may walk, run, ride, slide, crawl, wait, jump, hop, skip or gambol, but it cannot fly. It is a body that is not to be made light of. These are names of towns in Wales, according to the London Daily Chronicle, and we confess our admiration for the railroad conductors on the line that runs through Paragahastialangamukalana, Pitakandaragolukalana, Damungahawakalana, Makukamagahodentya, Bannagadolekumalana, Dodanagahullakalana, Lintakalagahodentya, Manuhagahulakalana, Karagahamukalana, Manuhagahodentya.

Overheard over the long-distance from Salem: "I see Jones has got 45 votes certain." "He had, but—"

"And nine that he's sure to get." "Well, you are doubtful, which are likely to come his way." "Yes, but—"

"And 25 that have pledged themselves to vote for him on the second ballot." "Looky-her, I—"