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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair, with nearly stationary temperature. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 40; minimum temperature, 29; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, FEB. 5. NAVAL NEEDS AND USES.

There is a resolution before the House of Representatives calling on the Secretary of the Navy for a permanent programme for the steady increase, equipment and manning of the Navy...

President Roosevelt has said, and has often repeated the statement, that the best possible safeguard for this Nation is an adequate and highly efficient Navy...

There is every reason to believe that the Navy is now, generally speaking, an object of interest to a large majority of the people of the United States...

The only reason Senator Turner can think of against his serving on the commission is its time and place. His intellectual disqualifications have never occurred to him or to the President...

ON THE JOLTING OF PUBLICISTS. The reasons for the decline in our exports of manufactures have been so often and so expansively set forth that it is needless to go over them...

GRATEFUL EVIDENCE OF FALLIBILITY. In the days of the Fathers, of course, we had no such array of incompetent clerks as occur while they diversify the Legislative landscape at Salem...

Vermont went for prohibition by 1500 fifty years ago, and now goes for local option by 1600. By such narrow squeaks of voice in the people in Oregon, mighty and thunderous tones escape speaking through the wrong megaphone...

How the Bargain Was Made. The Columbus Trust offered to sign the canal treaty at an annual rental of the right of way of \$50,000 in addition to the lump sum of \$5,000,000 to be paid down...

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MERE ERRORS OF JUDGMENT. Colonel Arthur Lynch is universally accounted a good fellow. In Washington, in New York, in Boston, where he met many men of prominence in political, social and business circles. His many admirable and even amiable qualities of mind and heart gained him friends by the score, who cherish the memory of his companionship and look across the sea with sympathetic regret along with him at the wrongs of his country...

Turner's Ineligibility. Senator George Turner is talked of as a member of the Alaska Boundary Commission. He is reluctant to serve, for the ostensible reason that the sessions will be held in London and will consume considerable time. We suspect, however, that the Senator's excuse is merely a subterfuge. The steady work which would prevent his effective service upon the commission can hardly have failed of his observation. Modesty estops him from mentioning them. Let us supply the omission...

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He went to tax all all-bodied old men and on any old subject, which fact has become a jest on both sides of the chamber, held the floor. "Does this bill cure the mouth disease?" inquired Uncle Joe of a company of statesmen near him. "Yes," said they. "Well, then," replied Uncle Joe, with a wave of his hand toward the voluble Southern Democrat, "I am for it." "Now, Willie, whatever you do, don't be piglish," was the parting shot of a fond mamma as her darling set forth to a school social. Willie jingled his coin in his pocket. No, he wouldn't spend a cent for the library fund, which the school was trying to swell. Ten cents for a new top. Twenty-five cents for a pure glass marble. And 10 cents more for "Foxy the Sleuth, or the Adventures of a Boy Detective"—and that would finish his pile. At the hall there was a tempting array of nuts, cake, bottles of soda pop, sweets of all kinds from candy cans to sticky molasses kisses. "Willie Jones, you'd look just too sweet swinging a cane," he heard a maid at a booth call out. Willie was out 25 cents, but he looked "sweet" swinging his cane. Soda pop, chewing candy, chocolate cake in generous quantities saw Willie broke. So he started home with his cane, and at the door handed his mother the handle. He wasn't feeling the best in the world, and during the night was quite sick. "Didn't I warn you that you couldn't eat everything with impunity," chided his mother next morning. Willie's brow wrinkled angrily and he replied indignantly: "I didn't eat any impunity."

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