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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair, with easterly winds. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 35; minimum temperature, 37; precipitation, none.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, FEB. 28.

TRUST LEGISLATION ADEQUATE.

We have frequently pointed out the danger of trusting too much in the mere dry bones of anti-monopoly legislation, without full recognition of the absolute necessity for active and persistent efforts to utilize all the machinery which the law puts within reach.

This view of the trust situation is enforced by a recent letter written by ex-Senator George F. Edmunds of Vermont. In this letter Mr. Edmunds tells us that it was the unanimous opinion of the judiciary committee which drafted the anti-trust law that it was an exercise of the whole constitutional power of Congress in the premises.

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FUTURE OF OREGON HOPS.

Reports from different sections of the state indicate that in 1903 there will be an increase of at least 2000 acres in the area of land planted with hops in this state.

Opinions will differ as to the wisdom of putting out more hops. It is only three years since the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association was trying to induce all growers to join in an agreement to leave a certain per cent of their hops unknipped, so that the supply might thereby be reduced and the market price improved.

The question before the farmers of Oregon is whether it will pay to set out new hop yards at this time. The yield and prices that have been secured this year prove that any man would have been richly repaid who had set out hops two years ago as an investment in the hop-growing industry.

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purchase, directing that it stand alone. It may be added that regret for the fate of this appropriation is greatly softened by the reflection that the scalp-bounty deficiency claim, aggregating \$34,288.66, went to a merited debt under the executive penstroke that carried down this and other mildly notorious or distinctly meritorious claims.

At last the tide of homeseekers seems fairly turned toward Oregon. Settlers are coming by the hundreds daily, prepared to make homes here and to engage in productive occupations.

The charm of a hospitable welcome will do more than all the efforts of real estate hustlers to make the newcomers feel contented in Oregon.

It is stated that the bill creating the new Department of Commerce provides only for the confirmation of its chief officer by the Senate, leaving all the contingent positions to be filled absolutely at the discretion of the President.

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labor problem at the mines, the mine-owners desire to replace the Kafirs with Chinese or Hindoo coolies, as white labor could not be obtained except at wages too high to be profitably employed.

Great talents as a business man, great talents as a debater, inflexible moral courage are the salient points in Mr. Chamberlain's statesmanship.

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ASTORIA WILL DICATE.

The city by the sea will now be in a position to dictate the terms of improvement, without the consent of Portland or any other power in Oregon.

Concerning 1909. Woodworth Independent. We can safely trust our interests in the hands of Senator Fulton, whose superior talents and growing influence at Washington will be such that he will not only have the weight there, but will be such a march of progress that six years from now he will be unanimously reelected.

Not Particularly. Lebanon Critic. We sincerely believe that he is the best man Oregon could send to Washington at this time.

Nehalem and Tillamook Also. Salem Statesman. Portland is getting excited about a new railroad into the undeveloped portions of Eastern and Southeastern Oregon.

His Pledges to Multnomah. Corvallis Gazette. In his speech of acceptance, Mr. Fulton promised that as soon as he would be elected he would go to Multnomah to see to it that the county would be kept in full justice.

More Disappointments Than One. Baker City Democrat. At last Charles J. Fulton, of Astoria, Clatsop County, leading politician and railroad lawyer, has secured the United States Senatorship he has so long desired.

His Personal Character. Medford Success. Mr. Fulton is a man of strict integrity, both in personal and political matters.

The Choice a Good One. Newberg Graphic. Senator Fulton proved his staying qualities, and, further, the general surprise after a long fight, found the opposition to him at the last moment.

The Solid Front. Dallas Times-Mountaineer. The election of Mr. Fulton is one of those incidents that may occur at any time under similar circumstances.

Not Much Difference. Walla Walla Statesman. With Mitchell and Fulton in the United States Senate Oregon occupies a proud position.

Why Did They Permit the Strike? Pittsburg Dispatch. When President Bacon, in his address before the Gray Commission, offered to pay the contract miners on a sliding scale based upon the price of coal at New York.

Not Troubled With Conscience. New York Press. The easiest way for a man's conscience (sake) to wear off taxes or to reduce the assessment is to send your lawyer to the bureau.

NO CLOTURE FOR THE SENATE.

Wednesday's debate in the United States Senate disclosed the fact that the right to cloture is so highly prized by Senators, regardless of party, that it is not likely to be surrendered very soon.

Both Republicans and Democrats denounced the cloture as an invasion of the rights of the minority. If united in nothing else they are united in upholding the inestimable right of obstruction to the last ditch.

The Republican leaders have special use for obstruction tactics just now in defeating Senator Quay (an insurgent on their own side of the chamber) and the statehood bill, and in defeating the insurgent of the White House and some of his treaties.

In order to draw recruits from the Democratic side, after the manner of the insurgent Quay, they adroitly called attention to the fact that the "force bill" is a bill to enforce a provision of the constitution not relished by Southern statesmen.

But they have no moral right to go beyond the bounds of fair debate and delay, to resort to methods in which there is no semblance or pretense of argument, their right ends, and it is the right of the majority to bring the measure to a vote.

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PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. "Is the Senator a self-made man?" "No; machine-made." "Puck."

Arthur—Do you love nature? Alice—Oh, yes, I often buy a big box of candy and eat it right in the park.—Puck.

Charlie—That fellow there has killed his horse. George—Indeed? How shooting, football or automobile?—Judge.

What was the name of the man who was killed by a piano?—Haltmore.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Who said the House had ceased to be a deliberative body? "What will Ireland do for rights to kick for when she gets her rights?"

The railway commission bill dies almost as hard as the Dowager Empress of China. Some of the false notes hit by the Salvation Army sound as if they had been struck with a pickaxe.

If Seattle keeps on "reforming" some day it may be a fit place for self-respecting persons to live in. When a man has something disagreeable to do, he tries to get some unsuspecting friend to do it for him.

A Montana man wrote a poem, then committed suicide. It isn't often that a man's misdeeds cause such deep remorse.

Women's rights have received another blow. A Washington legislator has introduced a bill to prohibit women appearing in male attire.

Booker Washington's Washington's birthday speech made it plain that the remarks of President Roosevelt and President Eliot touching the perpetuity of our population did not apply to the negroes.

The New York Press has taken a census that shows an average of less than one child to the family among the millionaires of that city, while the tenement dwellers average three children to the family.

The Washington Legislature passed a law making gambling a felony while Montana's lawgivers were repealing a similar law after eight years' trial, and providing for licensing gambling.

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