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Weather forecast: Maximum temperature, 65; minimum, 38; precipitation, trace.

Portland, Monday, April 13, 1903.

The Sun, the Earth and Man.

From the anthropocentric theory of the universe human thought has been moving away during many years. This theory was long used as the main buttress of the old theology; for it was argued that the supreme end and purpose of this vast universe was the production and development of a living soul in the terrestrial body of man.

Every inequality of the tariff should be corrected. Well, is the tariff on steel equal to that on iron? Is it a threat and glorification of the American? Well, is the tariff of 25 per cent on boots and shoes necessary? Oh, but we are the greatest manufacturing nation on earth.

The Government's Part.

This coming Summer, during the Congressional recess, and while the members of the Oregon delegation are at home and in the possession of their leisure, it is not unlikely that some of them will be called upon to make a report to the people of Oregon.

Mr. Reames says he expects to be elected. But The Oregonian has full faith that the National Administration will not be rebuffed by failure to send Mr. Hermann back to Washington.

but by the Administration. The convention "indorsed" both Mr. Hermann and the Administration; but to make it perfectly clear the convention ought to have given thanks to the Administration for letting Mr. Hermann out of the Land Office at Washington.

Chiefly Interrogatory.

We are told that the tariff should be accurately adjusted from time to time to the cost of production. No one will pretend that the cost of production has remained stationary since the Dingley bill was passed six years ago.

Undoubtedly, it is said, there are inequalities in the tariff, and they should be corrected wherever and whenever necessary. But we should not reform the tariff, because it is not the tariff that is the trouble.

State Commissioner of Labor.

According to the news dispatches from the state capital, there are numerous candidates for the office of Commissioner of Labor, each securing a number of endorsements as he can.

Hungry Sticks.

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our claim with all the energy and with the support of all the influence we can bring to bear.

The exhibition which the Government has thus far made at all positions in this country, and which will unquestionably be made here, whether there be a special money appropriation for us or not, will go far toward making the general interest of our Fair.

There are special motives connected with our Exposition which ought to make Congress generous in its dealings with us; but, as said above, we cannot hope that it will take the initiative.

An Example to be Commended.

The fact that a pious ecclesiastic of this city is building with his own hands the chimney on the house which contains the heating plant of his church and school is treated by some newspapers as a startling novelty.

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its enactment by the House of Commons, and the House of Lords is sure to pass any measure introduced by the Ministry. Redmond will afford to approve the land bill, for it is a great forward step for Ireland, since it settles the land question and makes it easier to obtain home rule.

There is one declaration of the Democratic platform adopted at Albany, The Oregonian approves, though it knows the Democratic party would not carry it out. That is the declaration that "we repudiate the absurd proposition of continuing high protection on the products of gigantic trusts, now grown plethoric with wealth under Governmental favors."

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NEWS FROM BABYLONIA.

Relics of Ages Long Past Now Gathered and Published. Chicago Inter Ocean. The University of Chicago press has just issued the eighth volume of Professor Robert Francis Harper's complete edition of the great collection of Assyrian and Babylonian letters in the British Museum.

Readers not familiar with Assyrian may mistake the volume for the illustrated catalogue of a manufacturer of mosaic floors. Those who know what accidents may happen in a printing office may take it for a series of page proofs of a "piled" font of composition points.

Another is apparently the letter of a Niveveh rugmaker to his sweetheart, the daughter of a wealthy merchant. He admits that his possessions consist of nothing more than a few balls of yarn and a black cat, but, nevertheless, he protests that he loves her for herself alone.

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JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

He Presents Notable Example of Success Attained Through Perseverence. New York Tribune. The most interesting and significant feature of British politics at this time is unquestionably the personal leadership of Mr. Chamberlain.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The hoodoo seems to have returned. Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson is in town today. Look out, girls!

Some of the trusts will soon be enjoying Uncle Sam from operating the post-steamship monopoly.

One thing about this baseball war is very commendable. No battles are ever fought and no blood is ever spilled.

"We are glad to observe that Miss Alice Roosevelt is back from her Cuban trip. It is too much to expect the public to follow up two Presidential parties at once without getting tangled.

The report comes from South Carolina that a prominent editor has just celebrated his 80th birthday. The remarkable part about him is that he has escaped the clutches of Tillman for so long.

The news notes say that France has appropriated 14000 for automobiles in the army. Now put some of New York's well chautauque in charge, and as devastating and death-dealing machines they will be hard to beat.

Senator Hoar, at the New England dinner in Philadelphia, talked about New England hospitality. "It is better now than it used to be," he said, "but it will stand improvement. I remember how I dined not long ago, at a Connecticut friend of mine. For dinner there was turkey, and it was an excellent bird, and I ate turkey, I said: "John, this turkey will make a fine hash tomorrow."

"Yes, George, it will," the farmer answered, "provided you leave off now."

A story comes from San Francisco that a noted French gentleman recently strolled into a Market-street restaurant and ordered mutton chops. When the chops came they were so tough he couldn't masticate them without twisting out his teeth, and he called the waiter. When the functionary came the Frenchman waved his hand at the offending article with a most deprecatory air, and said: "Bah!"

"Oh, no, no, sir," said the waiter, without hesitation, "Bow-wow!"

Those who have had no practical experience in the use of liquid fuel are often surprised at the elaborateness of some of the methods employed to secure efficient combustion of the oil. One of the latest is the Orde system, which is employed for steamships. First, the oil must be freed, as perfectly as possible, from water. This is done by preliminary settling in a tank. From the tank the oil is pumped, under a pressure of 60 pounds to the inch, into the burners. On its way it is heated to a temperature just below its boiling point, and then, emerging from the inner tube of the burner, it is met by steam and air heated to 800 degrees or more, and thus is entirely converted into vapor. In this form it is sprayed into the flame and consumed.

"There are pickpockets and pickpockets," says a New York correspondent. This touching little incident has to do with one of the gentlemanly variety. On Tuesday evening Effie Shannon discovered, to her sorrow, that one of the light-fingered gentlemen had relieved her of a purse. Beyond a small sum of money it contained nothing of any value. But it was gone, and that's all there was to it. The following evening the purse was delivered to her home with one dollar in it. There was also a note, as follows: "I took your purse. It contained thirteen dollars and your cards, from which I learned your address. As I am superstitious I return one dollar and keep the rest. A Gentleman Lifter."

That proverb, "The main thing that there is honor even among thieves."

Most of the American toothpicks come from Franklin County, in Maine, near the forest home of the white birch, out of which 95 per cent of the domestic toothpicks are made. This wood is soft and pliable and of admirable resistance for the purpose for which it is used. Whole mills in Maine are engaged in supplying the country with toothpicks, and in the industry it is to be found some of the finest and most intricate of machinery. So tremendous is the output of these machines that in a brief season, during the Spring, enough toothpicks can be made to supply the markets of the entire country for the year to come. A further idea of the capacity of the machines may be had from the fact that the only men necessary to operate and run all the mills in Franklin County. Other mills of this kind are scattered throughout Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and Western New York, but the real home of the toothpick is in Maine. White birch is not the only wood used for the domestic toothpick, maple and poplar being employed as well, but birch has the property of retaining its forest odor and sweetness.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

"Does he interest himself in books?" "No," smiled Mrs. Newrich; "my husband has clerks to do that for him."—Detroit Free Press.

"Husband—I should like to have one good, long smoke without your interference. Wife—You'll have plenty of time for that, after you are dead, William.—Judge.

Ellis—I suppose my engagement to Fred was a complete surprise to you. Stella—Your engagement to anybody would have been a complete surprise to me.—Brooklyn Life.

Mrs. Bacon—My husband is so tired when Sunday comes. Mrs. Egbert—Why so? "His rest got through reading the paper of the Sunday before."—Yonkers Statesman.

Visitor—How do you get along without models for your child studies? Daubler—Oh, that's easy. I've already had two; but it's a little bit of a job to get the models of the club essays of model children.—Chicago Daily News.

Jim—it seems to me that the lawyer who is defending your case is using some pretty extravagant language. Jack—No, it's not. It was much more extravagant if you knew how much he is charging me for his services.—Baltimore Herald.

"Father," said the youth, "what is your understanding of the saying, 'The race is not unto the swift'?" "Practically, my son," replied the wise father, "it means that in the race of life the fast man don't usually come ahead."—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Hillins (sweetly)—Do have another piece of cake, Cousin John. Cousin John—Why, really, I've already had two; but it's a little bit of a job to get the models of the club essays of model children.—Chicago Daily News.

Johnnie (excitedly)—Ma's a winner! Ma's a winner! She said she'd bet you'd make a pig of yourself!—Let me get at him! exclaimed the wide-eyed man, trying to force his way through the crowd surrounding the President. "Stop him!" shouted one of the guards. "He's an anarchist!" "An anarchist be damned!" said the struggling man. "I'm the father of 21 children!"—Chicago Tribune.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "what you are doing is just the favorite in that race?" "That's what I said, and I think it's a gloomy rejoinder." "Well, I don't pretend to know much about such things, but I really can't see a lecturer, and I think that makes him an unpopular should be called a favorite."—Washington Star.