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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 50; minimum, 40; precipitation, .05 of an inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain; brisk to high westerly winds, diminishing during the afternoon.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, SEPT. 12. AN ORIGINAL AND SAPEINT STATESMAN.

Now we begin to get a line on the qualities of Mr. John S. Clarke, nominated for United States Senator by the Democrats of Ohio and endorsed by W. J. Bryan.

The decision in the Northern Securities case is proof positive that through all the seven years in which the trusts have been taking possession of the business of the country there was ample law, if it had been enforced in its entirety.

Observe that it is only seven years that the trusts have been taking possession of the country? Why seven? Possibly we wrong Mr. Clarke, but we shall undertake to say he picks on 1897 as the first year of trust domination because of the coincidence at that time of Democratic exit from National power.

What he means is that there has been law enough for Republicans to destroy the trusts, but not enough for the Democrats. The Republicans had the opportunity to destroy them, but the Democratic party couldn't destroy them because there weren't any.

Mr. Clarke seems to have overlooked some of the evidence. We submit a few trusts that were in existence under Democratic administration:

Organized Capital. American Sugar Refining Co., \$187,000,000. National Salt Co., \$18,000,000. National Starch Mfg. Co., \$18,000,000.

Second Administration of Grover Cleveland (elected 1892) received as its inheritance the Sherman anti-trust law of 1890. There were four years in which to smash the trusts we have named into smithereens and prevent the formation of others.

But it is Mr. Clarke's understanding that the trusts have been at work only since McKinley went in. Possibly when his little oversight has been brought to his attention he will acknowledge his error and correct it; and possibly he won't.

Mr. Clarke, moreover, enunciates a Philippine policy. He goes on record as in favor of granting the Philippines immediate independence, reserving coaling stations, which they have always been ready to grant to the United States, and of saying to the rest of the world "Hands off." As Mr. Clarke is programmed as a business man, let us present his theory in the terms of business.

Let us say that, in due course of trade, he has acquired a coal mine, which proceeds to mutiny. He will thereupon proclaim its independence, and say to all the rest of the world "Hands off." As to how the mine is run, murderously, ruinously, riotously, or otherwise, he will wash his hands, merely maintaining an army and navy about it to protect it from the aggressions of others and from the consequences of its own acts. It can readily be imagined how long Mr. Clarke, if he has any business sense, would continue such an arrangement. He would speedily find, if business experience has not already taught him as much, that responsibility cannot be assumed without authority. He cannot stand as sponsor for the coal mine before civilization unless he has the power to regulate the acts of the coal mine. It will be cheaper for him to put his own superintendents, bookkeepers and weighers in the mine than to buy or conquer it again afterward, as the British had to do in South Africa.

It seems to us that the Senate contains men enough like Clarke already—enough incorruptible patriots like Tillman and learned men like Dubois.

to erect a monument to Sacajawea, the Indian woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark from the Mandan country to the Pacific, at "Three Forks," a spot of peculiar historical and geographical interest. That state claims to have been first in the field in the proposal to honor this brave and tactful Indian woman.

Instead of weighing what has been written, we have reached a court of arbitration by an aristocracy of fools.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The contrast between the extent and volume of our commerce in 1903 and that of 1893 is illustrated by some figures just presented by the Department of Commerce and Labor, through its Bureau of Statistics. These figures show the imports from and exports to each of the grand divisions of the world in 1893 and in 1903, and thus show at a glance the growth during the period so covered. They show that imports have grown from \$86,000,000 to \$1,025,000,000, an increase of \$939,000,000, and that exports have grown from \$87,000,000 to \$1,430,000,000, an increase of \$553,000,000. They show that \$92,000,000 of the increase in imports comes from Europe, \$55,000,000 from Asia, and about \$5,000,000 each from North America, this American and other territory. They show for Oceania an apparent fall-off of about \$5,000,000, but this is due to the fact that the merchandise brought from Hawaii is no longer classed as imports, having been now classed as territory of the United States. If this were included in the figures of imports in 1903, it would show a growth of imports from Oceania of about \$9,000,000.

Imports into the United States from Grand Divisions, 1893 and 1903. Year ending June 30. Europe \$188,450,000 \$1,025,000,000. North America 183,752,712 188,572,929.

Exports from the United States to Grand Divisions, 1893 and 1903. Year ending June 30. Europe \$61,975,710 \$1,029,587,728. North America 119,788,889 15,640,661.

Old Soldiers in Congress. Although the Civil War has been over 38 years, there will be 77 men in the 58th Congress who fought in it. Forty-seven fought on the Union side and 30 on the other.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. A Texas Steer—to the bar. No respectable island would be seen in the East Indies without a national escort.

Religion in the Capital. PASTOR E. HEEZ SWEM EXPLAINS: "HE Wanted a Glass-eyed Wife; Sunday night, they were unable to find one. Free news short services, 24 Baptist Ch. Auditorium, 4th and Va. ave. S.—Washington Star.

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