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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.—Maximum temperature, 70; minimum temperature, 50; precipitation, 0.

TODAY'S WEATHER.—Partly cloudy and occasionally threatening; cooler; westerly wind.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, SEPT. 19.

NO DICTATION OR INTERFERENCE. Employers must be free to employ their work people as they see fit.

In these words does the National Association of Manufacturers record its opposition to the walking delegate and his propensity to be in where he has not been invited.

This is all perfectly satisfactory, with possibly one trifling detail. It should be explained, perhaps, in what way the National Association of Manufacturers, its president, Mr. Parry, or its promoter, Colonel Kahlo, become parties to a contract concerning wages between, for example, the Inman-Poulsen Company and its hands.

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pinching and persecuting the public is of no advantage to the public. The public would rather run their mills at a loss, and their coal mines at a loss, than suffer the pains and penalties that might be imposed by the private ownership of a coal-mining monopoly.

CHAMBERLAIN HAS A FUTURE. Mr. Chamberlain retires, but not with discredit. He has taken the manly course, the logical and the wise.

It is not to the derogation of Mr. Chamberlain's achievement that his position is essentially wrong and unpopular. To be one of those unfortunate things is sufficient to damn most undertakings.

It is unnecessary to repeat, His agitation is not economic, but political. He seeks to solidify the empire by cultivating the colonies. Now the vitality of an organism's outlying members depends upon the vigor of the center of power.

It is total to fortify the colonies and enforce the most of authority. Everything that adds to the greatness of the colonies at the expense of the United Kingdom hastens the day, not of greater imperial strength, but of dissolution.

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to resist the encroachments of Russia, and for this reason would be likely to favor the Sultan as long as public sentiment in his own country will permit it.

The present situation ought to be solved by the expulsion of the Turkish government from Europe, and the creation of a great confederacy of Balkan states from the Gulf of Salonica to the Black Sea.

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perhaps the middle, layer of fruit in boxes, it would quickly improve the quality of fruit offered in our local markets.

This is not suggested as a matter of moral reform, but as a material benefit to all concerned. No one is made homesick by computing the value of a bushel to observe the simple regulations of honesty by a close grading of the stock that they place in market.

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Not Incredible, but a Scary Lie. Tacoma News.

All Other Conflicts Faded. Pilot Rock Record.

Good Way Not to Get On. Bend Bulletin.

Strictly on the Fence: Astoria Astorian.

Treason in a Teacher. Tacoma Ledger.

The True Villain Found at Last. Deschutes Echo.

Don't Wait Too Long. Walla Walla Union.

Sure Proof of High Character. Cottage Grove Nugget.

Fecundity of the Douglas Fir. Roseburg Plaindealer.

Among the Clouds, in closing the Mount Washington season with its last number, makes personal appeal to every reader.

Nothing else can save the forests on the north slope of the Presidential range from destruction.

A NEEDED LESSON. The hopgrowers of Oregon have learned that a few bales of moly hops will cause the entire product of their yards to be graded down.

New Zealand, for such a small her in the world's farmyard, cackles very loudly over her legislative eggs.

Sir Thomas Lipton may be considered as almost a naturalized citizen, now that he has had appendicitis.

OUT WITH CHAMBERLAIN. S. B. H. in New York Commercial.

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