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Portland, Wednesday, January 27. The hand of the diligent maketh rich...

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THE MANGHURIAN PERIL. It is certainly a dismal picture which some of our agitated publicists draw of Manchuria under the fostering hand of Russian development.

One hardly knows whether to indulge the more terror at this dread outlook or at the equally ominous spectacle involved in Russian supremacy of the sort that stifles all development and makes of the land a barren desert.

The main thing, evidently, is to view with alarm, and it makes little difference whether the cause of fear be a good Russia or a bad Russia.

The idea that a teeming and prosperous population is a menace to its producing neighbors is very old but very persistent.

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BIRTHDAY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. President Roosevelt has been invited to visit Jackson, Mich., on July 6, the date of the semi-centennial anniversary of the Republican convention, which at Jackson fifty years ago nominated the first state election ticket known under the name of Republican.

Resolved, That in view of the necessity of battling for the first principles of republican government and against the corrupt and oppressive rule of the present administration...

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From the Populist point of view the so-called Democratic party comes the reiterated assertion that no man shall be nominated at St. Louis who was a bolter in 1896 or 1900.

This is supposed to be sweeping enough to exclude as candidates most of the conspicuous Democrats from Mr. Cleveland down who did not ball with joy the programme of repudiation and revolution set forth at the Coliseum in Chicago in the year first mentioned.

Yet the convention of 1896 nominated a bolter in the person of Mr. Bryan; he was renominated four years later at Kansas City, and, if words and actions mean anything, he is a bolter even now.

Mr. Bryan and his Populists in Nebraska bolted Mr. Cleveland in 1892 and Mr. Bryan came to Chicago four years later as a bolter in the person of Mr. Cleveland.

It is true that he and they have since then set up the claim that they voted for Weaver, the Populist, in 1888, in order to get their names on the ballot in 1892.

Nebraska, but it will require only a glance at the returns from that state in that year to show the fallacy of this assertion: Harrison ..... 37,271 Weaver ..... 24,943

If Mr. Bryan and the other Populists who admit that they voted for Weaver had been particularly earnest in their professed desire to deprive Mr. Harrison of his office, they would have done it easily by voting for Grover Cleveland.

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