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TODAY'S WEATHER - Fair, northerly wind.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

ANOTHER BACKWARD STEP?

The political contest of the Presidential year is now fairly begun. It will be the leading topic during the next seventy days.

One party stands for well-defined policies and for distinct purposes. The other party has no policy except that of negation, objection, obstruction and opposition.

The party of positive action stands on its history of fifty years, and points to that history with the assurance of content and achievement.

Protectionists assured that the Democratic party would not injure them; for the "legitimate" interests of industries of the country have always been the object of the extreme solicitude of the Democratic party.

Many things have been irrevocably established in this country, against the protest and over the opposition of the Democratic party, without resting the party to favor.

And in general as a National policy, why not have a party that does things rather than a party that objects, as this one has objected during fifty years, to everything that has been done by which the country has become great.

turn it backward. We think the country, on consideration, will not allow another backward step now.

SIGNS OF DISINTEGRATION.

It is practically impossible for any considerable activity to be manifested in Judge Parker's interests by one set of his followers without rousing another set to fury.

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New York Evening Post: "He touched nothing that he did not reform," should be the epitaph of David B. Hill. There may be communities where Hill will be useful on the stump, but we doubt whether there is a place in New York State where his appearance will not make voters for Roosevelt.

Although this bitter talk about Hill was a week ago, here he is going about making speeches for Roosevelt by this same policy of abuse.

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the assistance of the women of Portland and of the entire Northwest will be essential to the success of the Fair. As stated in jerky hexameter by Longfellow:

As unto the bow the cord is wound, So the man is woman.

THE VICTIM OF BAD LOGIC.

For a space of six or eight squares in the South End is a region apparently marked by melancholy for its own. In the North End there is greater display of wickedness, but the enlightened sensibility of that strenuous quarter do not seem to realize that they are miserable, if they are, but assume a levity of demeanor which is a very good imitation of the genuine article.

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warehouses where it is received. An experience of many years in making these estimates has demonstrated that information of this nature is more accurate than that given out by men interested in bearing the wheat market or selling grainbags.

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THE FALL OF TAGGART.

New York Press. An imperial ukase from the Democratic Chair, Mr. August Belmont, has put "Chairman" Tom Taggart incommunicado. The nominal head of the Democratic campaign owes his degradation undoubtedly to the circular letter marked "confidential" and circulated in the strictest confidence, among several thousands of editors throughout the country.

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IMMORTALITY OF DELUSION.

Letter in New York Sun. There appeared the other day in the London Times an account by Rider Haggard of a telepathic communication between him and his favorite dog which he evidently considered of great importance. It seems he had a nightmare in which he dreamed that his dog had been killed and he cried to him for help. It turned out that the dog had been killed about that hour. It does not seem that the coincidence of time and place, while as to the manner of the dog's death the dream gave no sign, or none that could be deemed a coincidence.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Jones-Henry. A Greenville, Wis., editor a few days ago published the following enthusiastic account of a wedding in that town: "Miss Jennie Jones and Bob Henry were married at the Jones mansion last night. The bride is a daughter of our Constable Jones, who is a good officer and will undoubtedly be re-elected next Spring. He offers a fine horse for sale in another column. The groom runs a grocery store on Main street and is a good partner of our ad columns and has a fine lot of bargains this week. All Summer he paid 2 cents more for butter than any store in town. The happy couple left on the 10 o'clock train to visit the uncle in Milwaukee, who is reported to have lots of money and Bright's disease. Bob certainly has an eye for business."

Hard Lot of a Wyoming Editor. Editing a newspaper is a nice thing. If we publish jokes people say we are rattle-brained. If we don't we are fools. If we publish original matter they say we don't give them enough selections. If we give them selections they say we are too lazy to write. If we don't go to church we are heathens. If we do go we are hypocrites. If we remain at the office we ought to be out looking for news items. If we go out then we are not attending to business. If we wear old clothes they laugh at us. If we wear good clothes they say we have a pull. Now, what are we to do? Just as likely as not some one will say that we stole this from an exchange. So we did. It's from the Wyoming Derrick-Dillon (Wyo.) Doublejack.

The Russians are still luring 'em on. We guess maybe the Japs will stop when they get to the Baltic. The public's interest in the street railway merger is just a common, ordinary nickel. We might as well hand over our electoral vote to Mr. Shaw now and let him take it back.

The Russians, as usual, are holding the enemy fast by inserting their nose between the Japs' teeth. Mr. Jim Hill is kind enough to admit that he owns a few million shares of Northern Pacific stock. Princess Louise also ran away with Lieutenant Count Vicht in 1857. Long time between elopements. If Henry Casaway Davis ever becomes President he will be 86 before his term expires. The bother isn't worth the money.

Weather item: Prospects at Port Arthur are for [An Early Fall, [A Late Fall. We view the troubles between the State Barber Commission and the barber coalition with great equanimity. Our safety is working very well, thank you. If Murderer Oakman will kindly lay down his arms, he will contribute much to the ease of mind of various pursuers who think more of a whole hide than they do of any paltry reward.

As we understand it, the more arrests the police make the more efficient the department. Just study that proposition awhile and see what a fine advertisement it is for a peace-loving community. Bill Chance, of Astoria, put up a foolish tale about all the ladies being after him, and about going to send him to the asylum. A number of wise men in Portland have saved themselves from Bill's fate by keeping their mouths shut. It isn't always prudent to say what you think.

Governor Herrick, of Ohio, is accustomed to taking a spin in his automobile every morning when in Cleveland. A park policeman reported him as having exceeded the speed limit, and Chief of Park Police Goldsall went to see the Governor about it. The latter owned up that he was not going at a lively gait, whereupon the chief said that a reputation of the offense would mean arrest. "That's right, Chief," said the Governor, "always do your duty. But if you put me in jail, Joe, I'll pardon myself out."

Eckley B. Coxe, one of the wealthiest mine operators in the anthracite region, has declined to accept the Democratic nomination to the State Senate. He is a nephew of the late Eckley B. Coxe, who, after being elected to the State Senate in 1879, refused to take the oath of office, because he was required to swear that no money had been used to bring about his election. Subsequently he was induced again to be a candidate for the same office, and was elected by an overwhelming majority. It was thought that young Coxe would follow in his uncle's footsteps, but his love for political purity is so great that he does not care to take any part in the game as it is played in Pennsylvania.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.

Insurance Agent-What are the proofs of your husband's death, madam? The Widow-Adversity, poor fellow. Now he'll have to work for a living and pay off a few bills-Smart Set. "How long have you been here?" asked the girl who had just arrived at the Summer resort. "Oh, only three days," replied the other. "Oh, up her hand," replied the other. "Police Magistrate-You are charged with fighting. What have you to say for yourself? Prisoner-Well, your honor, I am a professional pugilist, and... Police Magistrate-Dismissed-Columbus Dispatch. "I like to hear your wife talk," said Gledby to Sadby. "Her speech is so precise and condensed," replied Sadby, "especially measured in bushel measures.-Cleveland Leader. Dora (the millionaire's daughter)-How miserable Arthur looks since I rejected him. Clara-No wonder, poor fellow. Now he'll have to work for a living and pay off a few bills-Boston Globe. Little Clarence (who has an inquiring mind)-Pa, when a man is too lazy to work, too proud to beg, and too honest to steal, what can he do? Mr. Callipers-Oh, marry money or organize a new fraternal order.-Puck. Mrs. Burslar-We might as well light de gas, Bill; dere ain't a soul in de house. Recorder-Dere ain't no soul in de house, but we'll do de de robbin' dar's ter be a night off-All de de gas com'pny be a night off.-Puck. Angelina Manayunk-Don't you think it was directed at the photographer to expose his line that? Her Dear Friend-Oh, I don't know; you might want to use the picture to send in reply to a matrimonial advertisement.-Boston Traveller. Hodge (to the photographer who had a tooth drawn)-You say, how much do you want for the job? You did it so quick. Dentist-My charge is two-and-six. Hodge-Two-and-six? Why, a doctor down at our place drawn a tooth for me for two-and-six. Dentist-That's a round round and round the room-I never see'd such hard work-and he only charged me a shillin'-Scraps.

Continuation of the 'NOTE AND COMMENT' section, containing various short pieces, jokes, and news items.