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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 70 deg.; minimum, 43 deg. TODAY'S WEATHER—Increasing cloudiness, followed by showers; south to west winds.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 1904. ALLOWANCE FOR INCREASED CONSUMPTION.

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loss of time and general disarrangement of the school schedule is due to lack of forethought on the part of the School Board. There has been dilatoriness, certainly, somewhere, or the work would have been completed in time.

Perhaps too great leniency has been shown to the contractors, who as a class have to be spurred to promptness in carrying out their obligations by impending penalties for delay. Perhaps the trouble originated in the plumbers' shops, where trouble is almost constantly brewing, the public as usual being the victims of the discomfort and loss that results.

A sentence that often fell from the gray goateed of the teacher in a former generation, upon the home-made copy-book of the pupil of the village school, was expressed in these words: "Procrastination is the thief of time."

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PARKER AND THE COMMON LAW.

New York Tribune. President Roosevelt completely demolishes his opponent's trust remedy programme which when first promulgated was hailed as the inspired utterance of the great Justice who, while others were plunging about for spectacular cures, had been drinking deep at the well of English law, pure and undefiled.

The growth of monopoly, of which complaint is justly made, cannot be laid at the doors of the courts of this country. No federal court or the Supreme Court of the United States, the Court of Appeals of this State and the courts of last resort in many other States warrant the assertion that they commonly law developers affords a complete legal remedy against monopolies.

This discovery was evidence of a Daniel come to judgment, and we were all glad to note the difference between a rough rider and a judicial minded statesman who knew the right way to proceed in harmony with the existing law and order.

There is no common law of the United States. Its rules can be enforced only by the State courts and officials. No federal court or official could take any action whatever under them. It was this fact, coupled with the inability of the States to control trusts and monopolies, which led to the passage of the federal statutes known as the Sherman Anti-Trust act and the Interstate Commerce act; and it is only through the exercise of the powers conferred by these laws and by the statutes of the last Congress supplementing them that the national government acquires any jurisdiction over the subject.

That is precisely true. We are credibly informed that a Democratic lawyer who noticed Judge Parker's blunder called his attention to it, and the Judge admitted that he was wrong. At any rate, he now knows it, and must realize that his methods of "trust busting" are in need of revision.

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FAVORABLE VIEW OF MRS. EDDY.

Lawrence, Mass. Telegram. The formal dedication of the new Christian Science temple at Concord, N. H., the gift of Mrs. Eddy, calls attention to a point which is worthy of notice.

Any personality which can command such following as Mrs. Eddy has gathered under the banner of Christian Science, is certainly in a marked degree extraordinary. How has this wonderful woman succeeded in establishing so vigorous and so splendidly enthusiastic a body of religious workers? What is it that causes the Christian Scientists to devote themselves and their resources unhesitatingly to the cause? What new element has been injected into the religious life that produces such remarkable results?

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MAXIMS OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

When the weather is good for crops it is good for weeds. Our place as a Nation is and must be with the nations that have left indelibly their impress on the centuries.

No other citizens deserve so well of the Republic as the veterans, the survivors of those who saved the Union. We have passed that stage of National development when appreciating other peoples is felt as a tribute to our own. Publicity can do no harm to the honest corporation; and we need not be overtaxed about sparring the dishonest corporation.

The voice of the weakling or the craven counts for nothing when he clamors for peace; but the voice of the just man armed to potent. I do not think, so far as I know, that I have ever promised beforehand anything I did make a strong effort to make good afterward.

But virtue by itself is not enough, or anything like enough. Strength must be added to it, and the determination to use that strength. We desire the peace which comes as of right to the just man armed, but the peace granted on terms of ignominy to the craven and the weakling.

The very existence of unrestrained hostility to wealth should make us all the more careful in seeing that wealth does nothing to justify such hostility. No one can too strongly insist upon the elementary fact that you cannot build the superstructure of public virtue based on private virtue.

It is no use to preach if you do not act decently yourself. You must feel that the most effective way in which you can preach is by your example. We do not wish to discourage enterprises; we do not desire to destroy corporations; we do desire to put them fully at the service of the state and people.

A man of great wealth who does not use that wealth decently is, in a peculiar sense, a menace to the community, and so is the man who does not use his intellect aright. It should be as much the aim of those who seek for social betterment to rid the business world of crimes of cunning as to rid the entire body politic of crimes of violence.

If demagogues or ignorant enthusiasts who are misled by demagogues could succeed in destroying wealth, they would, of course, simply work the ruin of the entire community. I expect you to be strong. I would not respect you if you were not so. I am a Christian; I want to see it moving spirit among men of strength.

A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the country is good enough to be a good citizen afterward. More than that, no man is entitled to, and less than that, no man shall have. I have heard the millionaires say, "I have had to work all my life to make money, let my boy spend it." It would be better for the boy never to have been born than to be brought up on that principle.

Everything that tends to deaden individual initiative is to be avoided, and unless in a given case there is some very evident gain which will result from state or municipal ownership, it should not be adopted. The man who by evading or wrong-doing acquires great wealth for himself at the expense of his fellow, stands as low morally as any predatory medieval nobleman, and is a more dangerous member of a society.

There will be fluctuations from time to time in our prosperity, but it will continue to grow as we have seen it grow with great vigor of individual citizenship and permit it to work out its own salvation under proper economic legislation. I believe that we are now, at the outset of the twentieth century, at the beginning of a new era of progress, and that we cannot help playing the part of a great world power; that all we can decide is whether we will play it well or ill.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Spread of Education in U. S. (Approximate Figures.) 1850..... 96 men injured in class rooms. 1875..... 96 men injured in football games. 1890..... 207 men killed in football games. 1900..... 690 men seriously injured in class rooms, tank scraps, etc. 1905..... 637 killed and wounded at football.

The straw hat lingers on the head of Autumn. The Fall is here, but where's Port Arthur? "Before Day" clubs in the South will cause white people to be after dark. There should be some ghostly visitants at the coronation of King Peter in Belgrade.

Now that the chorus girls of New York are for Parker, his campaign must be in good shape. The bargain crass has now reached meals. Macy's advertises "lunch, 25c" in the New York papers. According to the St. Joseph Gazette, Kurupakita reports that it was Orloff with him at Liso Yang.

Vanity Fair says that the million troubles placed in a bank by the Czar for his infant son is known as "The Fresh Heir Fund." They did something at Monument the other day that couldn't be done at Chicago—they spotted a robber by his big footprints. The Russian cruiser Isaurud made 24 knots on her trial trip. She should be able to score some glorious victories as none of the Japanese ships could live with her in a race.

No wonder the "gentleman" who travelled over Russia to observe conditions found that there was no danger of an immediate uprising. War has always been the autocrats' best preventative of rebellion. Miss Elizabeth White, the arch-milliner of the United States, declares that the Fall belt is to be "dippy," in fact the "dipper" is better. Most milliners' contraptions look dippy, anyhow, but this is the first time we ever heard one admit it.

Among the "Help Wanted" ads of an Iowa paper appears one crying for a "well-learned stenographer, one who does not wear long skirts or use perfumes." "Pears" is not a stenographer or garden male stenographer would fill the bill so far as the last two conditions are concerned. Ten missionaries have been murdered in New Guinea because they tried to enforce monogamy. The sensible natives evidently saw that with but one wife to be supported, they would not accept the investment of the surplus corn, shells or coconuts in clothes, and in time pave the way for military openings.

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