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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 84 deg.; minimum, 55. Precipitation, none.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Partly cloudy, followed by threatening weather; cooler. Winds mostly northerly.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1904.

A STORY OF EXPANSION.

More territory, however great, cannot constitute a nation, but the spirit of a people; and if the spirit be great, then the nation has need of great territory to bustle in.

Nearly the whole of the vast continent of North America—Mexico and the Central American States being the exceptions—has come under the control of the expansionists of the original English colonies.

In 1776 the territorial claims of the thirteen colonies extended from nearly the present northern boundary of the State of Maine to the southern boundary of the present State of Georgia, and westward to the Mississippi.

Virginia claimed the territory from the western boundary of Pennsylvania to the Mississippi River, between the various colonies—or rather the boundaries claimed by them—wear a singular look upon maps or diagrams made for illustration of the history.

of Ohio and the Mississippi River, reaching north to the British line, was called the Territory of Indiana, out of which states were successively formed.

At this time the movement to the Far West had actively begun, and the Territory of Oregon was organized. At this time also the vast Mexican cession was added, extending from the northern boundary of Mexico to today to the southern boundary of Oregon, and from the summit of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

The Gadsden Purchase of 1853 was the next acquisition, after California. This was not important, as it was mostly arid territory, having an area of but 36,000 square miles.

From an area of about 700,000 square miles, at the time our National independence began, expansion has carried our domain to an area of 3,711,000 square miles.

APPORTIONMENT IS WRONG. The late United States Senator Quay did not leave behind him a record of beneficent public achievement.

Let us examine some of the figures: At the recent Chicago convention there were 882 delegates, exclusive of territories. The basis of apportionment made up on the figures of the last census report.

Table with 3 columns: State, Dele. Rep., Pop. 1900. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Analysis of this table will disclose some astonishing inconsistencies. Thus eleven Southern States that never since the days of the Revolution and the federal compact had a single electoral vote for any candidate for President have nearly 30 per cent of the entire convention, and more often than not hold the balance of power in naming a Republican candidate for President.

Look at Mississippi, with 20 delegates and 573 votes. It holds equal voting power at Chicago with California, with 164,755, and Kansas—the great and important Republican State of Kansas—with 185,953. It exceeds Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska and West Virginia.

It will press itself on the attention of Republicans at some future time. Oregon has a pitifully small voice in the National Convention, considering its value to the party at large.

NORTH PACIFIC EXPORT TRADE.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer criticizes the Oregon delegation to the National Convention for opposing the platform declaration for subsidizing American ships.

Ignorance, not only of the shipping of Portland, but of Puget Sound as well, is the only excuse that can be offered for such misleading statements as the above.

Not altogether sane. Charles Lamb is one of the most lovable men in literature. In his lifetime he was on terms of affectionate friendship with men totally unlike in temper.

Unprofitable experiments. The proposition to establish a colony of Jews in South Africa, which has been recently discussed in the British House of Commons, has proved very unpopular.

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many of these pistols have already found their way into juvenile hands. It may reasonably be supposed, however, that more than one case of tetanus will be developed through the agency of these miniature infernal machines.

An exhaustive presentation of the subject shows clearly the nature of the disease, known in medical science as tetanus and to the public as "lockjaw."

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sandy of his sister, Mary Lamb, who killed her mother in one of her paroxysms, is well known to all persons of intelligent reading.

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mon sense is off guard, but it is dealt with in the main as the unreality that it is, and refused the indorsement of legislative bodies to which it appeals for sanction and funds.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

In a Port Arthur Barber Shop. "Heavy firing this morning, sir." "Umph." "Think the Japs will attack today?" "Umph."

These short-sleeved Summer shirtwaists prove that all Portland girls are plump, or the thin ones are restivating.

War correspondents are progressing. They have been received by the Emperor of Korea at Seoul, which is less than 400 miles from the area of war.

Countless editorials are being written to explain "Why the Japanese Win." Boiled down, most of them account for the Japanese victories by showing that the Russians lost.

Do shorts and emperors wink at one another when they meet? When King Edward, arrayed in a German uniform, meets Emperor William, arrayed in a British uniform, do they exchange grins, or do they carry out the whole scene with grave faces?

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