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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday, furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture weather bureau.

Maximum temperature, 43 degrees; minimum temperature, 34 degrees; precipitation, .50 inch.

Total precipitation from July 1, 1903 to date, 63.80 inches; excess of precipitation from July 1, 1893, to date, 17.33 inches.

TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, Ore., Feb. 8.—For Washington and Oregon: Rain or snow; slight temperature changes. Gales off the Coast.

TIDE TABLE. For the Week, Beginning To-day.

Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER, and sub-columns for A.M. and P.M. for both.

The most pitiable object in this country at the present time is a democratic congressman with a protected industry in his district.

It must be admitted that Mr. Wilson shows remarkable nerve for a man who knows he is acting as a grave-digger for his own political fortunes.

The next time that the democrats give a pledge to reform the tariff, they will make it contingent upon their ability to postpone the panic until after the passage of the bill.

"Tom" Reed may never be president of the United States, but he will probably be speaker of the house in the fifty-fourth congress if he is living when that body comes together.

Col. Watterson testifies that Cleveland "plays a fair game of poker, and takes his whiskey straight," whatever may be said of his deviation from democratic theories and practices in other respects.

The falling off in railroad earnings as compared with a year ago is not as great as it was recently. There is an improvement in this field of activity which, though small, is highly encouraging.

Tilden declared the income tax to be unconstitutional, and resisted the payment of his share of it to the last extremity, for which the democrats loudly applauded him. But Tilden is in his grave now, and the democratic party is "right" in his view of the matter.

The cry that the government must furnish employment for the people puts the matter wrong end foremost. The true doctrine is that the people must look after the government. This they will attend to at the next presidential election.

It is said that at the famous Victoria hotel dinner during the campaign of 1892, Cleveland promised that, if elected, he would do nothing to injure the democratic organizations of New York, which he is now bitterly antagonizing. Another illustration of the old adage about vows made in storms to be forgotten with a change of weather.

The time for completing the raising of the subsidy is almost at hand, and much yet remains to be accomplished. The reasonable expectation of raising 200 lots in the different portions of the city within the former limits will not, apparently, be realized. Despite the excellent example shown by Mr. Shively, two or three property owners from whom a display of public spirit was expected are holding off, and one who has received political honors in the past,

and who may possibly again ask the support of his fellow-citizens in seeking a more important office than any he has heretofore held, is among the number. It would be a good investment at this time to respond promptly to the call of the committee. But little opportunity remains. If the subsidy does not prove vastly more valuable than did the former one, the attempt to secure a railroad might as well be abandoned for good.

There is a quaint saying among the writings of Josh Billings which runs thus: "When a man makes up his mind to be a rascal, he had better look himself over again and see if he ain't better kalkerlated for a phule." This shrewd suggestion should have been remembered by William Jones, the tax collector of Union county, Georgia, who disguised himself and attempted to rob his own house of the money he had collected, and was shot by a man who was in the house.

A curious case has come before the customs authorities in the port of New York, for investigation and action. It is charged that goods manufactured in Germany have been brought there on the Ward line of steamships and sent to Cuba, which were borne on the ship's manifest as American-made goods, in order to take advantage of the reciprocity treaty between the United States and the Spanish possessions. While the managers and employees of the steamship line deny all knowledge of the matter, the statement is made that the goods, which are sewing machines bearing the label "Singer," are actually machines of that pattern, made at the company's works in Germany. No doubt many American workmen will be at a loss to understand how goods made in Germany can be American products, and, if so, where the American workman come in. An explanation from the customs authorities will prove interesting at least, if only in the line of additional general knowledge.

Additional proof of Democratic hard times is shown by the official statement of the government receipts and expenditures which has just been issued. This statement shows that the falling off in custom duties alone during the past seven months has been \$40,000,000. Tariff tinkering is to be credited for a good share of this falling off. Merchants are not disposed to import goods while there is any probability of the duties on them being changed, and consumers stave off buying imported articles for the same reason. As a natural consequence, the revenues of the government have fallen off tremendously, until the payment during the past seven months have exceeded the total income by \$46,000,000. The shrinkage of internal revenue receipts has amounted to \$12,000,000, which is due to the general paralysis of business which has followed tariff agitation in congress. There was a decrease of 10,000,000 in payments for pensions during the period covered by the statement, or the deficit now staring the secretary of the treasury in the face would be very much larger than it is. The tariff will cause a further decrease in customs receipts, which the supporters of that measure fondly hope to make good by an income tax. The condition of the treasury is most discouraging. If the democrats can contemplate a deficiency of \$46,000,000 unremoved, the more's the pity.

The bill to unite New York and Brooklyn, which passed the New York assembly yesterday, has been for some years under serious consideration, and as it has been discussed, the plan has been enlarged until at last there was formulated a measure to gather into one enormous community all the New York cities and towns about the harbor which is the central attraction and origin of the surrounding magnificence. There is the golden gate of the continent, and all the land is New York except New Jersey, which was not included in the scheme, for the state line, though invisible, is invulnerable. All the smaller islands, including Manhattan and Staten, with Kings county, and Westchester county, are included in the greater New York. The territory is, in the language of the revised bill:

"The city of New York, Long Island City, the county of Kings, the county of Richmond; the towns of Westchester, Flushing, Newson and Jamaica; those portions of the towns of East Chester and Pelham which lie southerly of a straight line drawn from the point where the northerly line of the city of New York meets the centre line of the Bronx river, to the middle of the channel between Hunter's and Glen islands, in Long Island Sound, and that part of the town of Hempstead which is westerly of a straight line drawn from the southeasterly point of the town of Flushing through the middle of the channel between Rockaway Beach and Shepler Island to the Atlantic Ocean."

MONTHLY WATER RATES. As Adopted by the Commission for the Year 1904, or Until Further Ordered.

The water rates will be due and payable in advance at the office of the City Water Works on the first day of each month (except for elevators or by meter, which are payable on the first day of the succeeding month), and if not paid within the first ten days the water will be shut off from the premises as provided in Sections 29 and 30.

MONTHLY WATER RATES

It is understood that none of the following rates include charges for Baths, Water-Closets, Urinals and Hose.

- For each barrel of flour used per day... .50
Barber Shops... 1.00
First chair... .25
Each additional chair... .25
Bath tubs... 1.00
First tub, private... .50
Each additional tub... .25
First tub in hotels, boarding and lodging houses, public buildings and blocks... 1.00
Each additional tub... .50
Barber shops and bathing houses... 1.00
Blacksmith Shops... 1.00
One forge... .25
Each additional forge... .25
Bookbinderies and printing offices... 1.00
Breweries... 1.00
Each, in addition to engine, from \$15 to \$25, or by meter... .25
Building purposes... 1.00
For each 1,000 brick laid, including water for lime... .25
Wetting such barrel of lime for plastering or any other purpose than brick... .20
Wetting each barrel of cement... .20
Stone work per perch... .15
Butcher Shops and Fish Markets... 2.00
Chinese Buildings or Houses... 1.50
First six persons... .15
Each additional person... .15
Chinese Wash Houses... 1.50
Each, \$15 to \$25, or by meter... .15
County Buildings... 1.00
Special rate or by meter... .15
City Buildings, etc... 1.00
Special rate or by meter... .15
Dye Works... \$3.00 to \$5.00
Family rates... 1.00
Six persons or less... .15
Each additional person... .15
Filling Cisterns (Private)... 1.00
For each 1,000 gallons, special rate... .15
Foundries... 1.00
Each, in addition to engine and forge, \$1.00 to \$5.00... .15
Gas Companies... 1.00
Each, \$5 to \$25, or by meter... .15
Government Buildings... 1.00
Special rate or by meter... .15
Hose... 1.00
Special rate... .15
Hotels, Boarding and Lodging Houses... 1.00
In addition to family rate, each room... .10
Hydraulic Elevators... 1.00
Special rate... .15
Ice Cream and Oyster Saloons... \$1.50 to \$5.00
Laboratories, Soda Manufactories, Bottling Establishments, Telegraph and Telephone Offices, Vinegar Factories and Packing Houses... 1.00
Each, \$1.50 to \$10.00, or by meter... .15
Laundries... 1.00
Ordinary, special rate or by meter... .15
Steam, special rate or by meter... .15
In addition to engine... .15
Lawn Fountains... 1.00
With one-sixteenth inch nozzle, special rate... .15
With one-eighth inch nozzle, special rate... .15
Machine Shops, Sash and Door Factories... 1.00
Same as manufactories... .15
Manufactories and Shops not Otherwise Specified... 1.00
(Meter... .15)
Meter Rates... 1.00
Per 1,000 gallons... .50
Meters will be used without notice for the detection and prevention of waste. In the event of the meter above the "huddle" for any month will be charged in addition to the schedule rate for the succeeding month.

Additional closet... 1.00

For other uses or business not herein mentioned, by special rate or by meter.

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