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#### YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday, fur-nished by the U. S. Department of Ag-

riculture weather bureau,

Maximum temperature, 50 degrees;
minimum temperature, 39 degrees; precipitation, 39 inch. Total precipitation from July 1, 1893, o date, 65.48 inches; excess of precipi-ation from July 1, 1893, to date, 17.64

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13.—For Western Washington: Fair weather, followed by rain; warmer. For Eastern Washington and Oregon: weather; slight temperature

One thing must be said for the democrats who refuse to support the income tax scheme: They are not populists masquerading under an assumed name.

ferent from that which existed at the from a revolution. A policy that has ing in detail, but I contend that the time Mr. Cleveland gave uttorance to for a generation been associated with principle of income taxation is right, his famous aphorism.

mean to waste as little time as possible not to give hearings to persons interure. The ostensible reason for this de- do better for the "working classes" any right is denied to anybody by the course the committee has determined to if we do not hold our markets for curtake." All this is preliminary to rail- selves, we shall have uniformity or reading the bill through, if that can be wages, and they will be leveled down, accomplished, before any further divi- not up. As for natural products, the sions occur on such phases of the sil- United States no longer has the monop-

up for the senate's action.

have practically settled their warfare ing of Africa and the advancement of and agreed to pool their west-bound Australia. If we are not to discrimintraffic. The great falling off in the im- ate in favor of our workingmen-the migrant travel has had its effect on the laborers in our shops and fields-why companies, and the item of saving office let us have a tariff for revenue anyexpenses will make a showing in the how-taxing the things we do not probalance sheets. Foreigners already here duce rather than those we do, making have warned those at home that there those who consume foreign articles pay is little or no work to be had in the the expenses of the govarnment, and United States, and if the Wilson bill not levy commercial wars and make becomes a law European factories will class discriminations, as if we had be busy enough to keep all hands at fallen into the power of foreign counwork. What the companies may lose tries and confessed before the world cur on steerage passengers they will be like- incapacity for taking care of ourselves. ly to make up in increased freight

Democratic enthusiasts in the house passed a resolution of thanks to Admiral Benham for his resolute stand on behalf of American commercial rights. What a relief it must be to them after aggerated. When the administration at trine, and republicans defending demo-Washington, after unnecessary heatta- cratte theories. I have looked in vain tion and delay, decided to protect Amer- for one solid argument against the prin-

ings, and there were a few flourishes on ancial questions—a man whose ability is the American fleet. Admiral Benham great, and whose logic is ordinarily undoes not need a vote of thanks and an answerable. It seems to me that in this

Members of the South Dakota Alliance are now getting in their second erop of folly. It appears that when the ing system was a war measure; so, too. alliance political wave was rolling along in its perfected form is our internal mightily, and every farmer was convinced that all the good men had come to the front and sent the rascals to the rear, the smooth fellows who were shifting the scenery and rolling out the stage thunder contrived to get the signatures of a lot of these dupes to notes that tax hard to collect, and which will be represented their interest in a great co- evaded by many." Granted; but do we operative scheme. Only a small sum for that reason neglect to tax notes and was to be paid down, that amount would secure the share-taker a right in a scheme that was to entitle him to they object to the law? If it is impobuy all that he needed at miraculously tent, what harm can it do? It is said low prices, and then in the end he that "a man's private business will be would get back three dollars for every one that he had put in. It is said that too much "espionage" over the national those who signed the notes will be banks; or over the distilleries, except obliged to pay over \$160,000 before they

Harper's Weekly is evidently growing 'weary of the democratic party," judging from the following utterances in a recent issue of that paper: "The people are growing weary of the democratic party. They are out of patience with it because of its inefficiency, its cowardice, its lack of principle and consistency, its imbecility. It would seem as though it had become so habituated to cringe before a republican majority, to abandon principle and honor, to secure by cunning what it dare not openly fight for, that, now in the day when it is in power in both the executive and legislative branches of the government, it. still cringes before the threats, and it is still afraid of the taunts of its opponents. It dare not execute the commission given to it. It does not trust in the majority behind it. It has no confidence in its principles. A company of populists, whose existence is due to its own folly, scares its statesmen in the south, and a noisy band of protected manufacmakes them tremble in the

While the country is waiting for the action of the senate on the Wilson bill, rascals out') will bring you to see the The condition-not a theory-which it may be well to contemplate the surnow confronts the country is very dif- roundings. The country is suffering every manufacturing, commercial, mon- and that we should not oppose it simply etary and industrial enterprise of the The advocates of the Wilson tariff bill United States, is summoned-rather for destruction than discussion-for we are many who might be driven to the population in the senate. This is made evident by told there has been a mandate from the decision of the finance committee the people that there is to be tariff and revenue reform. We are to settle sion ested in various provisions of the meas- the question whether Americans are to cision, as set forth in Senator Voorhees' than is done in Europe. South and statement, is that if the door were Central America do not interfere with opened to hearings, four or five months us, and British America would like the might be consumed. Mr. Voorhees des freedom of our markets. Each year clares "it is all an idle pretense that the modern improvements make the world smaller in a commercial sense ver question as will soon be brought oly of wheat, cotton, oil and prepared ments. We do not boast of our un Transatlantic steamship companies riches of the continent since the open-

THE INCOME TAX.

the Hawaiian policy of infamy to have out of our country for products which can talk about without blushing; but there is really no justification for such a resolution. Admiral Benham obeyed the tastructions of the department of the navy, just as the commander of the Detroit followed the orders received from the flagship. The importance of the rail, and we see the anomaly of the flagship. The importance of the rail, and we see the anomaly of feeble and the convalencent. Rheumatic feeble and the convalencent. Rheumatic something in foreign affairs that they are natural to our soil and factories such an incident ought not to be ex- democrats supporting republican docsome commerce, it was done. There was copie of income taxation. The most is likewise a prevention and curative of Leave orders at Canraba makered a protest against the proceedand the likewise aprevention and curative of Leave orders at Canraba makered a protest against the proceedthe New York Tribune's writer on insition of vigor.

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extension of service with increased pay for ten years merely for carrying out the orders of the department.

case his heart is not in his words, the calls it "a war took the arguments, like a wet dishrag, fall took the own weight. He calls it "a war measure." Suppose it was. The "time like which tried men's souls" gave us many which tried men's souls" gave us many of the calls it "a war which tried men's souls" gave us many of the calls it was the laws and measures before untried, but ficial institutions. The national bankrevenue system. It is objected to as "class legislation." Is not the tax on whiskey and tobacco also class legislation? What tax does not bear heavier some one class than on others? "Them that has must lose" is a homely adage, but one which ought to be true when it comes to paying taxes. "It is a If the people at whom this tax is aimed believe they can evade it, why then do subjected to the prying eyes of government officials." No one complains of the whiskey producers. A little more publicity and espionage would have saved investors millions of dollars lost through swindling loan associations, and railroads which have gone into the receivers' hands during the past year.

Grand as have been its results, and reluctant as all men who are interested in the welfare of our country would be to see it pushed aside, our tariff system notoriously bears more harshly on the poor man then on the rich. The man who has a yearly income of \$5,000 does not spend ten times as much for the protected necessaries of life as the laborer who has \$500 a year for his hire. man who annually expends more than \$4,000 on his family, is giving them what to ninety-nine one-hundredths of the people of this country would be luxuries. And such a one should justly pay the government for the protection it gives his business.

It seems to me the gist of the theory advanced by many of our party papers is that because democrats are now upholding income taxation republicans should oppose it. Would it not be better to take the bull by the horns; say to the democrats, "We accept your proposi-We are glad to see that you are only thirty years behind us in intelligence, and are now willing to take the position we held at that time. We half with joy the budding signs of an intellect, and hope that thirty years more of good times under the McKinley tariff (which we will have as soon as the Lord gives us a chance to 'turn the errors of free trade."

The measure proposed by the democratic majority in congress may be lackon partisan grounds. By accepting it. republicans can checkmate the move of the opposition, and retain in the party ists, through the idea that we favor the rich at the expense of the poor. It will also place us in a position such that when we get our innings we can make the tariff prohibitive on many foreign importations, and yet have a prolific source of revenue

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