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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 57; minimum temperature, 42; height of river at 11 A. M., 9.1; change in the past 24 hours, 0.7; precipitation, 0.08; condition from 8 P. M., 1894, to 8 P. M., 1895, as follows: 1894, 23.02; deficiency, 0.20.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

In the storm's center off the coast there has not been a great change during the past 24 hours. Much rain has fallen in all portions of both states. Snow is falling in western Oregon. Gales on the coast, ranging from 30 to 40 miles an hour, are in progress. There is every indication for continued threatening weather and rain.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecast made at Portland for the 24 hours ending at midnight January 12. For Western Oregon—Stationary and Northern Idaho—Rain and nearly stationary temperature, fresh southerly winds, with southerly gales on the coast.

For Eastern Oregon—Rain or snow and warmer, with light southerly winds. For Southern Idaho—Fair weather and stationary temperature, with light variable winds. For Nevada—Fair weather and stationary temperature, with fresh westerly winds.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JAN. 12.

SPECIAL FEATURES TOMORROW.

Continuation of Bert Harte's new story of the "Old War," "Claret," "The Mystery of the 'Dove' Bank," a short story by the well-known novelist, Clark Russell. A letter by "Dab" on society women and their characteristics and character. The "Youth's Department" contains a story, "A Medal of Honor," by General O. O. Howard; "The Blackboard," a story of the sea, by Howard Pyle, and a continuation of "Lilith," by Mrs. Thibault.

A SENTIMENTAL PROJECT.

The sentimental notion that it is possible to abolish war often has found utterance both in Europe and America. One of the most recent essays in this line is an article entitled "The American Machine," by the well-known scholar, Max Muller. He bases his argument on the influence that the United States and Great Britain might exert upon the world if they should really set about it. He stoutly maintains that together they could put an end to war between nations. They have only to say to the rest of the world: "Before you unlimber your guns for the settlement of any international dispute, you must first submit your case to the arbitration of an international tribunal. The nation which refuses to do that, preferring rather to declare war, will incur the combined hostility of the two great English-speaking nations."

A PLEDGE OF EARNESTNESS.

A reformer whose zeal extends to his pocket is a rare specimen of the genus to which he belongs. This is true of the ordinary temperance reformer, who waxes eloquent upon occasion in support of a resolution on the absolute necessity of establishing a temperance journal in his state, but falls, when the resolution is adopted and the stock list circulated, to register his name, up to Senator Peffer, of suffering Kansas, who never was known to back his appeals for aid to poor down-trodden farmers in any more substantial or generous way than by sending out seeds from the department of agriculture under his frank.

PERSONS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

President Eliot, of Harvard, has sailed for Egypt. He goes to rest, and will stay three months. The architect of the Woman's building of the cotton states exposition in Atlanta, Ga., is Miss Elise Mercur, of Pittsburg. The Revue de Paris is printing the history of the Revue de Marseilles, consisting of the fragments of two novels, extremely cynical in tone.

TARDY JUSTICE IN ALASKA.

It will be 15 months tomorrow since one of the prisoners now confined in the Sitka jail was first incarcerated. He was arrested for petty larceny and imprisoned during the time he has now spent in a close season, but I am still further aware of the fact that individuals will have to make sacrifices for the public good in this time of our emergency, and that if they are not compelled to do so now, there will be no necessity for doing so in a few years more.

PARAGRAPHERS' PLEASANTRIES.

She—I'm going right home to mother. He—Well, that's better than bringing mother right home to us.—Syracuse Post. Whenever we eat cranberries we conclude that we have found another woman who doesn't know how to cook them.—Atlanta Constitution. Kind lady—Here is your breakfast; now, can you make any return? Weary Wacker—Yes; along about May I'll be back this way; an I'll not forget you.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

than ever, by substituting a new issue of notes, closely resembling the treasury notes of 1890—the most dangerous of all our plebeian currency—for legal tenders and silver certificates. It would destroy the national banking system, shake profoundly the foundations of the money standard and threaten the country with the silver basis, the provisions for maintaining the parity of value of the metals being weak, futile and inadequate. The bill may do for consumption of rural Missouri, but it is not worthy the serious consideration of the United States senate.

ENGLAND, RUSSIA AND CHINA.

The recent stir at Shanghai and the assembling of British and Russian ships at Chee-Foo seems to grow out of apprehension that Japan, in the exploitation and excitement of her recent victory, would seek to transcend the limits of content marked out for her by those powers in the understanding reported early this year.

VALUABLE WATERWAYS.

It has become quite common to speak disparagingly of canals, and to say that they are out of date, and have been completely superseded by the railroads. The Erie canal is cited as an example of this, and attention is called to the fact that it is a tax upon the revenues of the state and carries but a small proportion of the freight crossing New York from west to east. The proposition to spend a large sum of money in widening and deepening it and rendering it capable of passing sea-going vessels, without breaking bulk, is opposed by those sections of the state not directly served by it and its connecting waterways.

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The Corvallis Times, published at a place where the state maintains one of its favored high schools, contends against the proposal to make a reasonable charge for tuition, saying: "Extra expense placed upon students would deprive many from acquiring the knowledge the institution offers and a commendable ambition craves. The plan The Oregonian and the self-constituted Salem committee propose, both in principle and in fact, is not only a struggle with poverty from acquiring knowledge and reserves an education for those only who are fortunate enough to be able to pay for it. It is not in keeping with a generous American spirit." Is it forgotten, then, that the "struggle with poverty" did not prevent the men of the past from "acquiring knowledge," or keep down those who made these United States of America?

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for political effect. Since then dispatches from London papers begin to drip with gold. That is, a newspaper of a nation traditionally friendly to Japan has shown the press of the nation most hostile to her how to rouse public opinion against her in Europe by a form of enterprise too common in America, which differs little from willful lying. Mr. Creelman seems well qualified for a place in Gresham's department.

PERTINENT DISCUSSION.

It is a pity that the educational interests of the state cannot be free from selfish intrigue. The appointment of McElroy to the so-called chair of English literature in the state university has the marks of a "deal," of which more is likely to appear. McElroy's qualifications for the place are of the slenderest, and he is not known by those who are acquainted with the affairs of the school that at present there is really no use for the department. What influence was it that provided this "roost" for McElroy upon his retirement from office? The action of the trustees ought to be rescinded before it goes into effect. But there is a rumor of a new move in the general deal, through rearrangement of the board of trustees on the first day of the legislative session, and if the new governor goes into office, the scheme, if carried out, would give Eugene five of the nine regents, and make it virtually a local high school for the state. The truth is, there should be no taxation of the people for support of the upper schools, whether a called state university, agricultural college, normal schools, or what not. The special taxes for their support ought to be cut off; no more appropriations should be made for such institutions, and the warships after a recent battle, whom the physicians found hopelessly wounded. The poor fellows raised their heads and opened their mouths, with implicit faith in the skill of the physicians, only to receive a drop of hydrocyanic acid—and death.

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Oregon. S. A. Lowell has been reappointed city attorney of Pendleton. The total of four fires in Pendleton the past six months was \$12,100. Newberg papers call attention to the bad condition of the sidewalks in that town. A movement on foot to introduce electric light into Newberg promises to be successful. A series of hand-ball contests has been arranged by the students of the state university, at Eugene. Rumors that the woolen mills at Dallas were soon to be opened again appear to be without foundation. The Eugene city council has granted the right-of-way for a side-track to the proposed box and basket factory. The farmers in the vicinity of Creswell, who have been making choice of wheat which they find no market for, are feeding them to stock. A game of association football was played at Fossil, New Year's day, between eleven representing the United States and Great Britain, and the colonies. The Americans won by 2 to 2. William Galloway, president of the state board of agriculture, has appointed the following three members of the board as committees on programs: Jeff Myers, Z. F. Moody and J. H. Albert; also D. H. Loomer, to fill a vacancy on the special committee.

WASHINGTON.

The line of the proposed division of Linn county, which is being worked up by the people of Oregon, has been completed. It comes within six miles of Lebanon. It runs from the summit of the Cascade mountains to the Willamette river, and includes the cities of Corvallis, Halsey, Halsey, Sheel and several smaller towns. In the revised Woodburn charter, ratified at a mass meeting, women are given the right of petition upon the saloon question, and the franchise. The question of all municipal laws, provided that at a regular election the women received a majority of all the legal votes granting them the right of franchise. The question of constitutionality has been raised. Pendleton young men have organized a football club, with Claud Ingalls, president; George Hartman, secretary, and Henry Taylor, treasurer. Among those most enthusiastic are Fred Clark, Fred Nolf, Robert Bond, Bert Sama, Robert Sama, Robert Fletcher, George H. Carr, Charles Kidder, Arthur Hicks,