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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Feb. 17, P. M. Maximum temperature, 52; minimum temperature, 41; height of river at 11 A. M., 2.4; change in past 24 hours, -.6; total precipitation today, .00; total precipitation for week ending today, 1.1894 (wet season); to date, 19.87; average, 31.50; direction, 11.85; hours of sunshine Saturday, 6.55; relative humidity, 74.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS. Though a rapid rise occurred in the barometer on the North Pacific coast, and a slight fall on the California coast, it is a condition favorable for fair weather.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 24 hours ending at midnight, February 18. For Western Washington and Western Oregon—Occasional rain and stationary temperature, with fresh northerly winds, brisk to high on coast.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18. IS THERE TO BE A SENATOR? It is possible, it is probable, that the session of the legislature will terminate without the election of a senator.

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INTERNATIONAL BIMETALLISM. New hope and vitality is given to the movement for international bimetallism by the action of the German reichstag Saturday.

It is extremely significant that the movement for a new monetary conference held herebefore has been called by the United States and has been treated with coldness and indifference by the nations of Europe.

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Inquiry into the Elbe disaster has disclosed the fact that some, at least, of the equipments for the safety of the great ocean steamships are useless, through the inattention of owners and masters to the details necessary to render them quickly available.

found in a test made on one of the vessels of the line, subsequent to this disaster, that it took the crew ninety minutes to close these compartments.

A citizen of Independence, Polk county, who signs himself "Silverman," writes The Oregonian: Can you tell why the government could not issue enough silver actually needed within the United States for actual business purposes?

The new charter for Portland, which has passed the senate and is now in the house, is a measure drawn for the relief of Uncle Sam to prevent his forgetting how apples and peaches taste.

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constitutional salary of the secretary of state is \$1500 a year. It is enough, for the clerical work of his office is fully provided for, and it is more than the secretary has ability to earn in any private employment.

Do the people of the East Side want Bull Run water? Unless the charter now before the house becomes a law they are not likely to get it for the next two years.

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to have read: "Such a law would restore confidence at home and abroad in our ability to carry out the settled policy of that country."

Chicago Inter Ocean. The cold wave has played many freaks with the people who have been more disappointed with the weather record than those who live in the North but have gone to the South to escape the rigors of winter.

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What Might Be Done on the Arid Lands of Oregon. George H. West, an irrigation expert, was in the city on Friday, and in company with S. P. Sturgis, of the First National bank, and others, he was driven through the city to the irrigation ditch, which the Pendleton East Oregonian, Mr. West was seen at the Hotel Pendleton on his return to the city.

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST. Oregon. John Shields, an old pioneer of Lane county, died at Cottage Grove Wednesday, of paralysis.

The women's edition of the Salem Statesman named K. which the ladies have turned over to the city board of charities.

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