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### DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17, 8 P. M .- Maximum temperature, 52; minimum temperature, height of river at 11 A. M., 3.4; change in 24 hours, -0.2; total precipitation today, we nours, -0.2; total precipitation today, .04, Retal precipitation from September 1, 1894 (we meason), to date, 19.97; average, 31.90; de-diciency, 11.98; hours of subshine Saturday, 5:55; possible number, 10:30.

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Though a rapid file occurred in the baron-ever on the North Pacific coast, and a slight fail on the California coast, which is a condi-tion assault favorable for fair weather, yet the barometric gradient is such that light rain will likely continue in the Western portions of Washington and Oregon. Light snow fell in Exatern Gregou and Jilaho, and light rain in solar sections. wther section

## WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 24 hours builting at midnight Poleruncy 18; For Western Washington and Western Ore-from-Occumional rain and stationary tempera-ture, with fresh southerly winds, brisk to high

Pe, Will Freeh Washington and Eastern Orogon Fair weather and nearly stationary tempera-ine, with fresh somherly winds. fore it.

For Idaho-Occasional light snow and warm

er, with light to fresh variable winds rtland-Occasional light rain and sta-

Binnary temperature, with fresh southerly winds B. S. PAGHE, Local Forwast Official.

# PORTLAND, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

IS THERE TO BE A SENATOR? It is possible, it is probable, that the mession of the legislature will terminate without the election of a senator. The situation is such that the supporters of Mr. Dolph cannot yield. But there are those among his opponents who could yield, without humiliation or dishonor, were they so inclined. The assertion that if they should yield they would lie under the imputation of having been "bought" is a pure insult. Nobody has talked of "buying" anybody; nobody has been bought or will be bought to Note for Mr. Dolph. He was the choice of the republicans of Oregon as expressed through the election of last June. He now has the support of the majority of republicans in the legis lature, and this support has the ratifcation of the party caucus, from which there was not, at the time the caucus was held, nor till days afterward, any dissent. They who are supporting him cannot abandon him.

One question is whether party usage faith in politics, is to be a force now and hereafter, in political action, or not. There has been no situation like this in our state hitherto, because never before has the usage of party been defied in this manner. Members have refused to go into caucus, and therefore have declined to recognize a proceeding in which they did not participate as creating any obligation over them; but never before has there been a caucus in which all participated, and from which all departed without dissent. that was not regarded as creating an the amount of coined credit money sup-

which there are large bodies of arid lands are still young and poor, and cannot afford to spend much for development. The only way is to callst private capital in these undertakings, on bie forty minutes after she was struck vate employment. Moreover, the state terms that will hold out hopes of profit. Such is the proposal submitted to the legislature of Oregon. It may yet be too soon to engage in this work in our state, but the time is not distant when it must be undertaken.

## INTERNATIONAL BIMETALISM.

of the public at large through calling attention to the possibility of danger New hope and vitality is given to the ment for international bimetalism that constantly dogs the footsteps of by the action of the German reichstag a man when handling the forces of na-Saturday. That body passed with ture which he has harnessed for his great enthusiasm and by a decisive mabenefit. jority a resolution advising the federal ouncil to issue invitations for a new

international monetary conference. This A citizen of Independence, Polk action is not mandatory, but the imounty, who signs himself "Silverman," perial government is said to be so far writes The Oregonian: in sympathy with it that the invitations Can you tell why the government could will be sent out promptly.

not issue enough silver actually needed within the United States for actual bun-lness purposes? During wheat harvest, hop-picking, and in the South during It is extremely significant that th movement for a new monetary conference comes from Europe. Every con otton-picking time, silver is actually at ference held heretofore has been called a premium. You can't get a \$30 gold plece changed into silver without it being con-sidered a favor, and at least a "thank by the United States and has been treated with coldness and indifference by the nations of Europe. Now it beyou" is expected. Why not issue enough

to the ship when she most needed them.

Elbe will no doubt work to the benefit

A VEBY PLAIN CASE.

gins to be understood that other than liver for home consumption? silver-producing nations may suffer from the progressive deciine in value of Here is a common error. Silver would be more abundant had less of that metal, and Europe is ready to take it been coined. This may seem a contradiction and a paradox, but it is not the initiative in arresting it. Silver sentiment has been growing in Ger-Silver is scarce because nobody many with decline of industrial and agwishes to keep it. It is known to be ricultural prosperity. Disturbance of inferior money, and as fast as paid out trade with India has created great disit is thrown back through merchants and bankers upon the government; for content in manufacturing and commercial circles of Great Britain with sepathey who have money to keep always keep the best. Distrust of silver is the ration of value of gold and silver. France always has stood ready to join cause of its searcity in circulation. any practicable movement. The new Hence, under such conditions, the more conference will meet, therefore, under there is coined of it the greater the more hopeful auspices than any bedistrust, and the more anxious those who get it are to be rid of it. The

If international bimetalism is a mere treasury pays it out whenever it can and has even gone to the expense of dream, it is a hurtless one. It can harm no nation to join all others in paying express charges on immense trying the experiment. Failure will sums of it to remote parts of the country, with instructions to disbursing agents to pay it out. But it soon makes give none an advantage over the others, if all enter into the agreement on equal erms. For one nation to undertake to the circuit through mercantile chanold up the value of silver alone is to nels and the banks back into the treasrisk fall to the silver basis alone, loss of ury. Government's dues are paid as far its gold to the other nations, and es- as possible with silver and silver paper. tablishment of a costly and hampering and gold is held by every one who can get it and keep it. To issue more sliver would merely increase the distrust and barrier of exchange between its commerce and the rest of the world. But this cannot happen if all nations join add to the general stringency. In the effort to hold up the price of sil- years past this has been foretold and ver and establish a permanent and unretold by every person who has knowlvarying ratio of coinage value between edge of the laws of money. There is it and gold. Even if the effort fail, it but a small gold reserve; there are enorcan only leave each nation where it was mous quantities of inferior money and credit currency in circulation, whose value rests on that small reserve, and before-no worse, even if no better off. And it is mere dogmatism to declare in advance that the effort is foredoomed to nobody who can get rid of that inferior failure. That can be determined only money and credit currency wants to by the trial. keep it.

On the other hand, success of interna This process will go on and there will tional bimetalism would bring univerbe scarcity of money, including silver sal and incalculable advantage. and silver paper, in the channels of cir All nations would share in the gain and culation, till one of two things shall ione would be loser. To restore silver come about-that is, till we quit this to its old value would be to double the mistaken policy of threatening the inmoney basis of the world and relieve tegrity and stability of our money, or gold of half its present burden-the tumble over the precipice to the silver burden of sustaining half the nominal basis. People will no longer be timid value of the silver currency as well as about money when they discover that all the value of the paper currency of It is to be one thing or the other. But all the nations. Even to find a new pertill they know to a certainty whether a dollar that has cost them 100 cents is manent ratio at which silver can be coined freely with gold would not to fall to 50 cents they will want strengthen the fund of what is called little to do with that dollar; and if the slump to the silver basis should occur. money of ultimate redemption" by all the new silver coined, though the then silver will circulate freely and all silver coins if a higher ratio were fixed notes will be based on it, but prices will fluctuate and business will be sub upon for the new, would remain as at jected to many disadvantages and resent, a token currency. But the amount of this would remain invarialosses. A stable currency is the necesble, except as it was reduced by recoin sary instrument of safe and prosperou age, while every dollar of new silver ousiness. We have threatened and still coined would add to the stock of fullthreaten the stability of our currency, value money, upon which token curwe threaten its very basis and standrency as well as paper credit currency ard; and in consequence credit is gone, would be supported. So that every year values are reduced and money pears. To coin more silver would only would increase the fund of money of ultimate redemption without increasing make matters yet worse, as our in creasing issues of silver have steadily made them worse during years past

#### found in a test made on one of the constitutional salary of the secretary of vessels of the line, subsequent to this state is \$1500 a year. It is enough, for saster, that it look the crew ninety the cierical work of his office is fully minutes to close these compartments. provided for, and it is more than the secretary has ability to earn in any priour bonds in the best m secretary has ability to earn in any pri-

een that her water-tight compartments the compensation of officials should not were practically useless as a protection | exceed the constitutional allowance What is the legislature doing that it As in all disasters that involve great obeys neither party platforms nor the loss of human life, the wreck of the constitution of the state?

> Do the people of the East Side want Bull Run water? Unless the charter now before the house becomes a law

make the connection for that part of the city with the Buil Run system. The charter now before the house, the Simon charter, requires the water committee charter, requires the water committee to take charge at the earliest practica- from ble moment, and to turn Bull Run

This charter will in various ways save the taxpayers not less than \$150,000 per annum. It would certainly be proper for citizens of the East Side and property-owners there to make effort to have this charter carried through. This can be done by earnest effort at Salem. It may be feared that citizens of the East Side do not realize the importance of this, or they would be more active in urging upon our representatives the enactment of this charter. If action be not taken at once, the charter may fail, It would be well for a body of responsible citizens to go to Salem on this errand tomorrow morning.

All the work in behalf of retrenchment for this city and county which the Committee of One Hundred, the press of Portland and the people generally have been doing for a year past and more, is concentrated in the bills which have passed the senate and now are before the house. The only question is whether the people are to have relief from excessive taxation, or not.

The new charter for Portland, which as passed the senate and is now in the house, is a measure drawn for the purposes of economy. Its main object is relief of the taxpayers. It will save them great sums every year. It ought to pass

There have been a great many charges against "the Portland ring." It is now berated because it is making an earnest endeavor to cut down official

## expenses and reduce taxation. PERSONS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

Hartman Wesley was 25 years old when in died the other day at Lyons, N. Y. Since he was 25 years old he has consumed a pound plug of tobacco every week and a pint of bourbon whisky regularly each

The bill introduced in the Missouri legslature to place busts of Thomas H. Ben-ton and Francis P. Elair in memorial hall, Washington, is warmly commended by he citizens of the state, irrespective of oillies.

Dr. Conan Doyle arrived home to find himself roundly scored by the London Medical Magazine for having recorded false and fictitious medical experiences in 'Round the Red Lamp." A scandalous preach of professional honor is charged. The ordinance appropriating \$12,000 to the house where Betsey Ross mad has the first American flag received but scant favor in the Philadelphia city council. It is reported that if Philadelphia does not care for the historic manston, New Haven loes, and, wi take it away. and, what is more, will buy and

It was the irony of fate that both Dr. Loomis, the specialist in pulmonary dis-eases, and his first wife should die of pneumonis. Dr. Loomis was one of the Irst prominent New York physicians and his patients to the Adirondacks to Under a mistaken notion of making and nearly 30 years ago he built a cottage of his own in the North Woods, then only oney more abundant, we have actually made it more scarce by these in half explored and boasting but one hotel now there are scores. In the recent Radeliffe college report was announced that a gift of \$500 had been received to provide for a scholarship in memory of Joanna Hoare. The gift was anonymous, but was accompanied y a letter written in quaint old style nd purporting to be inspired by the good ady herself. It contained the condition that the benefits of the scholarship should be enjoyed first by girls from the town of Concord. It is now said that the donor was the late ex-Judge E. R. Hoar. "Book plates are treated nowadays if they were a sort of Christmas card or valentine," complains Edmund Gosse in an open letter. He is getting numbers of letters from American friends asking him to swap book plates, but he says h would as soon swap pocket-handkerchiefs, "People will next take to collecting one another's latchkeys or flannel waist-coats," says Mr. Gosse. "My book plate is an absolutely private and personal mat ter. I use if to identify and protect my books, and if I scatter it broadcast the very purpose for which it was made will he stuitified. Colonel Henry R. Beecher, one of the three men who have been indicted to-gether with William E. Midgely, president of the American Cusualty Ins. trance & Security Company, charged with making a false report of the financial condition of the company, is a son of the late Henry Ward Beecher. He inherited none of his father's eloquence and went into business instead of the ministry. Ex-Judge Truaz, his counsel, says that Colonel Beecher was not present at the meeting of the was not present at the directors when the alleged false statement was issued, nor was he present at the meeting when a dividend was paid out of the assets. Judge Truax, therefore, annot see how Colonel Beecher could b ndicted for things he was not responsible for. Judge Howland, a prominent Yale alum nus of New York, recently gave out the following statistics as flustrating to some degree the part Yale's sons have played in the history of the nation: One vice-pr-sident, 17 cubinet officers, 1 chief justice of the United States and one of Canada, 3 national officers of the Hawaiian islands, i minister plenipotentiary The for China from the United States, 3 justices of the United States supreme court, 1 surgeon-general, 30 United States senators, 20 United States district judges. 1 circuit judge, 22 ministers plenipoten-tiary, 160 state judges, four chancellors, 187 members of copgress, 40 state gov-ernors and 52 collegs, presidents. Four of her graduates signed the Declaration of endence, and four signed the federal reconstitution. The first presidents of Princeton, Columbia, Williams, Hamilton, the universities of Georgia, of Missis-sippi, of Wisconsin, of Illinois, of Chicago, Johns Hopkins, the university fornia, and several others were Yale men She gave Jonathan Edwards to Prince University, Gil man to Johns Hopkins, and George Wood ruff to Pennsylvania

on the north side of the Harpeth river. to have read: "Such a law would restore ifidence at home and abroad in ility to carry out the settled (ins of subtle) policy of the government to pay

H. W. CORBETT.

were reflected by it. If those high in suthority at this time

time, the American republic will soon re-gain its past prosperity, and be safe in the future. S. E. GILBERT.

## IRRIGATION POSSIBILITIES.

## What Might Be Done on the Arid

Lands of Oregon. George H. West, an irrigation expert,

was in the city on Friday, and, in com-pany with S. P. Sturgis, of the First Na-tional bank, and others, he was driven along the line of the proposed Umatilla ditch, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. Mr. West was seen at the Hotel Pendleton on his return to the city. He is one of those enthusiastic advocates of arid or semi-arid land reclamation, who could convert the Sphinx to belief in its peces sity. Having had practical experience with irrigation, and having seen an hun-dred blades of grass made to grow where

none grew before, he knows whereof he speaks. His remarks were, in substance: "I come from the potato torre betance: "I come from the potato town, Greeley, Colo. Formerly we grew only grain, and as in all cereal-producing sections, were engaged during good crop seasons in paying up had season debts. The idea finally occurred of rasing a diversity of crops, and those more sought after than whoat, We began raising potatoes in a small way, hampered by ignorance of the best methods and the yields corresponding. When experience had been gamed, potato crops gave tremedous yields, and now in part of the United States are produced as many pointoes as in our locality. Last year, within a radius of 15 miles from Greeky, we shipped 10,000 cars of this

vegetable. Freights on agricultural pro ducta sent out of Greeley alone during 1834 amounted to \$300,000. Before irrigation be-came general, our farmers were always complaining. During the present hard times, no effect is noticed and our farmers are making money all the time. The av-erage for our potato section is 200 bushels

per acre. "We follow a plan of rotating crops. Alfalfa is acceded with all grain, and after the grain is cut we obtain one cut of alfalfa. The following season three crop of alfalfa is taken off, and the next year, of altain is taken on, and the next year, when the alfalfa is knee-high, we plow it under, sending the plow down 10 inches and cutting the top root below the crown. This kills the alfalfa and manures the land richty. Then potato crops are raised for one or two years. "The alfalfa yields on an average five

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The analysis of an average dis-tons per acre, though some cut nine tons from each acre. It brings \$4 per ton for sheepfeed as an average price. On ranches under my control lately were 200,000 Oregon sheep being fed on our alfalla at Oregon sneep being red on our analysis, this price for fattening to sell in Chicago and for export. You people might as well have fed those sheep on your own alfalfa, if you were using your abundant water supply which flows by your doors and to waste, which means to lose thousands of dollars annually. dollars annually.

"I have been over your lands today, and I am astonished that you people do not at once or have not long ago put the water on your lands and turn these plains and hills into gardens. The rolling hills are exactly like our Greeley hills, the soil are exactly like our ordered within, the sour-is the same, but you have two months longer growing season, giving thus better opportunities. Your soil will raise any kind of crops raised in this zone. Let me say to the people of Umatilla county, get

ortes, was burned Friday morning. Ocosta has raised a bonus for a cold-storage plant to handle the fish business

The Puget Sound flouring mill has ju mpleted boring an artesian well at Taoma, that flow's naturally 43,000 gallons

Joseph M. Pfahl, a rancher Hving on Wolf island, Lake Washington, was Wolf island, Lake Washington, was drowned in the lake Friday night, while returning home from Seattle under the

William McLaughlin, a rancher leading

# THE MORNING OREGONIAN, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1895

# OREGON A WINTER RESORT. And Her Fruit Will Be in Great Demand. Chicago Inter Ocean The cold wave has played many freaks with the people, but none 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. The cold waves have swept the South as well as the North, have penethey are not likely to get it for the next | trated into Florida and Louisiana, Geor two years. It is well known that the common council has refused to turn the Past Side meter plant to the over the East Side water plant to the water committee, and unless it shall do so the committee will be powerless to make the

tion that seems to have escaped is that from which we have expected the bliz-zard. This is the extreme Northwestern state of our country, and the cities of water into the pipes on the East Side, Puget sound send out to the frost-bitten people of all the rest of the world the cheering intelligence that the roses are putting forth their new buds and the farmers are engaged in their spring plowng. It may be too early for the people of Washington and Oregon to boast of heir escape from the cold waves, but they are sending out the cheerful notes

that are beard over the frosty wires. And there is consolation for all in the balmy spring weather in the extreme Northwest. The peach crop of Delaware may be killed, the apple crop of Michigan olighted, the oranges of Florida and southern California withered, and the trawberries of the South killed, but Washington and Idaho promise an abund-ance of fruit. It may be a novel move to go to Washington for apples and pears and plums and berries of all kinds next er, but if we have to do it there will assolution in the fact that the country which John C. Calhoun said was not worth a pinch of snuff has come to the relef of Uncle Sam to prevent his forget-ling how apples and peaches taste. Then we may also have to turn to the Northwest and cross the blizzard plains of the Dakotas and the home of the avalanche in the Rocky mountains to find our perpetual summer under the shadow of Tacoma, which wears a perpetual diadem of snow and ice. The people of the North-west have long tried to make the rest of the world believe that they had the only

safe and sure El Dorado, and when they can boast the only winter resort still left where roses bloom while all the remainder of the continent is buried in snowdrifts, they are dangerously near the proof.

HILL'S LATEST PLAY.

## What lie Intends to Accomplish With His Resolution.

Chicago Inter Ocean It is evident that David B. Hill has got

ten rid of that presidential bee that once buzzed so loud in his bonnet. His fight against the income tax was made with uch prominence as to show that he was trying to pose before the citizens of New York who have incomes of over \$4000 a year, a very formidable class in that state, but few and far between in many states. And now he has come forward with a resolution designed to make him the pet of the single-standard goldites. There are great statesmen who follow

their own convictions of public expedi-ency, indifferent to popular sentiment, but Hill is not that kind of a man. He is a cool, unscrupulous, and persistent poli-tician. He knows that the democratio marty cannot hope to win the presidency n 1996, and he does not want the nominaion. He further knows that he could not set the nomination if he wanted it. He no longer plays for it. With sum, the justion now is, Can he secure a second in together, and put water on your lands Don't delay. Remember that every seu-son means a loss of thousands. Irrigate and you'll wear diamonds. I will not erm as senalor from New York? His chances are very poor, but that is all the wize in sight, and he is determined to nake himself as serviceable as possible that although the mineral wealth of Colo to the capitalistic class, hoping that he will not thereby forfeit any favor from the rank and file of his party. The legislature to choose his successor elected next year at the same time with

The latest Hill bid for Wall street support was the introduction of a resolution pledging the government to pay coin bonds in gold. Of course, he does not ex-

I am confident Opdycke was in the midst of his men in the ansault. He was built that way. Any of the veteran brigades John Shicks, an old pioneer of Lane county, died at Cottage Grove Wednes-day, of paralysis. of either army, so situated, would have

done the same as Opdycke's did. This has been written not so much to The women's edition of the Saler Statesman netted \$343, which the ladie remind the present generation of the Beroic deeds of the blue and the gray, as have turned over to the city board of soldlers, as to remind them that Opdycke s man of the blue, and Pat Cleburn's of the gray, were of the common people, whom Mr. Lincoln in those trying times relief. charities on implicitly, often distegarding the ad-vice of his cabinet and others high in authority to obey their voice. The press of that time had little influence with him from black sand is being tested on the beach at Randolph, and is reported to work satisfactorily.

will be guided as Mr. Lincoln was in hi

A movement is on foot at Medford to

erect a building for the Y. M. C. A. Half of the \$8000 necessary has been sub-scribed. The building will be a three-story brick.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Oregon.

William Sebring has bought a tract of

40 acres of boltom land near Riddle, and

will experiment in raising cane for mak-

A new muchine for separating gold

An effort is being made to rules money

to repair the dam at Lexington, and to but in a fishway so that saimon can as

The receiver of the Baker City Nation-al bank announces himself ready to pay a dividend of 20 per cent, and says that

another will be declared about the 1st of

ing sorghum.

Auri).

cend Willow creek.

of the Salem

The people of southern Linn county, now that the new county scheme has been killed, are talking of an effort to remove the county seat from Albany to a point nearer the center of the county.

A roof-repairer at Marshfield saved imself from failing off a roof by grasp ing a live wire. He then yelled for some one to save him from the wire, but man-aged to do & himself, escaping all injury but burns on his hands,

Three men plowing in a field near Irvsquirrel. The teams took advantage of the excitement and ran away, sink up the plows more or less. They i up the plows more or less. They the squirrel, but he was expensive.

Last Sunday a man named Martin, while hunting in the mountains with an old rifle, carefeesly held his hand over the mutzle while fumbling with the gun, and had the paim pierced by a builet. He was taken to Brownsville for surgical treatment.

A most peculiar theft has been perperated in the Waldo hills. On Thursday night of last week two unknown persons went into Frank Eagon's hopyard, built a fire, and dug hop roots most of the night, taking several thousand roots and haul-ing them away before daylight.

The residence of E. Jorgerson, about one-half mile below Young's river falls, was burned, together with its contents. late Thursday afternoon. The flames spread rapidly, and it was with difficulty that the seven children, together with a few garments, were saved. About \$300 in gold and paper money was stored away in the ho use and was burned with the est of the things.

Two trappers in the Blue mountains on the old Thomas & Ruckles road are re-ported not to be meeting with much success, animals being scarce. A young man going from their camp a few days ago was injured by his horse failing and diding some distance down the hill, tunately, he had some pltch wood iim and was able to make a fire and keep

from freezing during the night. The next iny he managed to go back to camp. Ferndale is a peaceful and literary ham let, if the correspondent of the Milton Eagle may be relied upon. A literary so-ciety meets at the schoolhouse to settle grave matters of state, and young men who do not belong amuge themselves by cutting the harness, saddles and vehicles of these who do, with the result that a fight is the usual accompaniment of a literary session. A few days ago the teacher of the school only prevented his

charges from whipping him by drawi revolver upon them, A farmer in peaceful neighborhood has a calf born without a tail, but even that is preferable to boys without brains, manners or a

### Washington.

The residence of A. M. Hensley, at Ana-

of Gray's harbor. day.

This singular state of thing

State University and Agricultural

College Too Expensive.

tendance being 175, tuition of each pupil

cost the state fill 78. Twelve instructor

were employed, giving to each less than 15 students. The salary of the presiden

was at the rate of \$1000 per annum; o

one of the professors, \$2475, and of six others, \$2200 each.

To save the taxpayers of Oregon \$30,000

War of the Yakima Succession.

When a dominant political party is forced to depend upon the magnanimity

that the production is now more valuable than the products from the mines."

Overthrow of Rosebery's Ministry

Only a Matter of Time. New York Morning Advertiser.

influence of liquor.

solitary life near South Bend, was fo

phligation. The supporters of Mr. Dolph cannot

In these circumstances, yield. But there are members who hitherto have not voted for him, who can yield without dishonor, or suspicion of it. From the first nobody has been "bought" to support Mr. Dolph. To the last, nobody will be bought to support him. The assumption or assertion that any man who hitherto has not voted for him, yet may hereafter think fit to do so, will lie under the imputation of having yielded to a corrupt inducement is the assumntion or assertion of those who have claimed to be the special friends of the mon whom they would thus dishonor. Mr. Dolph may not be elected, for the legislature may adjourn without an election; but since he has bought nobody and proposed to buy nobody, and try drains it away, as the best marke since at last in every case the majority must rule, the reasonable and fairminded men of the minority need not consider it in any way derogatory to themselves to cast their votes for the man who was the choice of the caucus and silver, which always has failed and and who was universally regarded as always must fall when undertaken by the man indicated for senator by the general election at which the legislature was chosen.

#### THE IRRIGATION PROBLEM.

An excellent pamphlet, in behalf of Bevelopment of the West, has been prepared by the national irrigation commiltee at Chicago. It presents the subject of irrigation as a national scheme for aggressive development which shall absorb the idle energies of labor and capital alike. The fact is pointed out that one-half the area of the United to improve their condition. While pre-States contains only 4,900,000 inhabi- tending to help the workers' condition, tants, while the other half contains 64,000,000. It recalls the prediction of Mecaulay and Carlyle that the real test of our institutions will come when the tributions of his misguided followers great patrimony of land shall be ex- in order to keep the money coming in, hausted, and when our cities shall swarm with the idle and discontented; so stirred up the great strike of last and it states with force that should summer, in which the workingmen were make an impression upon the East that this fateful moment is now upon us un- ing selfishness among these profesless we shall enter, in a spirit of high patriotism, upon the conquest of the to the cause of labor. greater West.

But this is largely an arid region, and inquiry into the Eibe disaster has the laws of the United States hitherto disclosed the fact that some, at least, have not been favorable to development of the equipments for the safety of the of irrigation on a large scale. The con- great ocean steamships are useless, trol of the non-navigable streams rests through the inattention of owners and with the states, while the control of the masters to the details necessary to renlands has rested with the general gov- der them quickly available. Thus, in ernment. But the so-called Carey law a discussion on the safety of ships at has put into the hands of each of sev- sea, in the German reichstag a few states one million acres of the days ago, it was alleged that the crews lands, so that now for the first time the of the North German Lloyds vessels public waters and a considerable porhave never been drilled in closing the tion of the public lands are brought unwater-tight compartments constru der one control. for the purpose of keeping a ship affont

But it is not easy to devise ways ditions similar to that in under con to make this advantage practically which the Elbe went down, it being should be allowed to continue.

ported upon it. The monetary system of the world, besides having gained uniformity, would gain constantly more stability and permanence.

No one is qualified to declare dogmatcreasing issues of silver, now half fiat. ically that such a permanent and year after year. Money would be more steady ratio cannot be determined by abundant throughout the United States agreement of all nations. History had we never issued a dollar of this throws no light upon the problem, for full-tender silver and silver paper, but the experiment never has been tried. had relied on gold and notes based on History teaches that different nations gold, and had coined no silver except as token money. Gold has left the counnever have been able to maintain arbi trary and varying colnage ratios be try as fast as we have thrown this intween silver and gold, but that is an ferior stuff into the channels of circuother matter. No one nation can hold lation, and this inferior stuff itself, up the price of silver against all oththrown back on the government by every one who gets a quantity of it ers, no weaker nation can hold it up against a stronger, nor any weaker maintains no free circulation in the group against a stronger group. This channels of industry and trade, because attempt simply results in loss of gold and fall to the silver basis. But this is because the higher value placed upon gold measured in silver in another coun for any product draws it from all quarters. When all nutions put the same value upon silver and gold, measured in terms of each other, there will be no such dealn. The effort to maintain a permanent colnage ratio between gold nations separately or in conflict with

each other, may well succeed when undertaken by all nations in unison. On the witness-stand in Chicago

that for years he was editor of the Locomotive Firemen's Magazine at a salary of \$4000, and that, on the organization of the American Rallway Union he became its president at a the forty days. salary of \$9000 a year. This is the man who professes such friendship for the workingmen and claims to work solely he drew from their small earnings a greater salary than that of a cabinet officer and lived in luxury on the conhe had to make a show of activity, and so badly worsted. There is a calculatsional agitators that does infinite harm

it is distrusted. Till confidence in money shall be restored there can be no revival of prosperity in the United States. It is argued in some quarters that if the legislature shall adjourn without having elected a senator, a special session ought to be called to renew the affort But there should be no special session. By the end of the regular session the legislature will have had am ple time to elect a senator, and if it

shall fail to do so, there is no reason to suppose that it would elect if a special session were called, for the same antagnisms would certainly reappear Again, the people are in no mood to pear the expense of a special or extra few days ago Eugene V. Debs testified session. It may be remarked, by the way, that the legislature need not adjourn at the end of the forty days un-

> less it wants to. It can stay in session the year round-without pay beyond Who sets up to say that there was ; contract" between the people of Multomah and the officials elected in June

last that the salaries, fees and emolu ments, scandalously excessive, were to continued? Who can produce the titles, articles, muniments of such "con-The pretense is absurd, impu tract"? dent, shumeless. And who are they who put up this pretense? "ring"? Not at all. On the contrary, the "ring" is denounced for its effort to terminate this profligacy and to give the people relief. Cupidity, avarice, humbug, assumes, when it suits its purposes, this virtue of "opposition to the ring.

Has any one the hardihood to assert that there should be no reduction in the emoluments of district attorney and justices of the peace at Portland? Through these offices there is an unnecssary burden, direct and indirect, of \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year upon our faxpayers. Is this excess to be cut off, or not? Is the taxpayer of Portland to be

forever the prey of greedy officialism? The secretary of state of Oregon gets \$15,000 to \$15,000 a year. It is an outrage on the people that this tax upon them

## Settled, Not Subtle.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.--(To the Editor.)--In my letter published yesterday under the heading "Duties Psyable in Gold Important Than Bonds Payable The in Gold," the second paragraph ought

s this res iution. was a clear case of genuine buncombe only in the form of a resolution, instead of a speech, a species of demagogism with a variation. Instead of playing to the gallery he plays to the boxes. ...e boxes hold only a few, and the pit is large, but It must be remembered that campaign contributions are a great factor in poli-tics. One of the arguments used by his ommons last week, when it was expected olitical friends last summer in favor of he government would have been found in Hill's candidacy for governor was that he could get all the momey he wanted for campaign purpowes-"deal loads" of it. In that way the modern demagogue counts minority, but the conservative leaders de clined at that time to press their ad vantage. cannot last long. A test of the strength o the ministerial party is bound to com within a few days at the latest, and it i on help from the rich in the boxes to ish the funds to buy the "gods of the gallery."

# THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN.

clear, from the consternation that pre-vails among the liberal leaders, and the frantic appeals of the liberal whice, that the government has little expectation of PORTLAND, Feb. 16.-(To the Editor.)surviving the ordeal. This means that Great Britain will probably be in the vor-tex of an exciting general election before many weeks have passed. stating that Opdycke's brigade at ranklin, Tenn., belonged to Wood's di-ision. It was Wagner's division to which As a political chieftain, the Earl of Ros was attached. At least three regiments bery has proved a total failure. Although heralded as the future hope of liberalism when he succeeded Mr. Gladstone as prethis brigade were formerly a part of Sheridan's first brigade, which, with others, disobeyed orders of General Grant with at Mission Ridge in not halting when the mier, his party has not only met with first line of rifle pits was taken. They succession of crushing defeats under his could see at a giance that the safest place for them in the assault on the ridge was leadership, but is torn asunder with in ternal dissensions. The liberal "masses" ose to the heels of the Johnnies. They all in Great Britain evidently have no faith went over the works on the summit near-ly at the same time, the Johnnies serving as a breastwork for our men. Had the n the "classes" as liberal leaders, and it in the classes as interal leaders, and it is hardly likely that the next liberal cap-tain will be a person of lordly strain and whels fired directly on our line they would aristocratic sympathies. have mowed down their own men first. At Franklin a single line of federals, SAME SERVICE FOR LESS MONEY.

ust before the assault, was left about e-third of a mile immediately in front where the line a little later was broken, was Mission Ridge repeated, with this

ifference, that the federals were in the ad now, and the Johnnies were as quick o take advantage of the situation as were he "Tanks" at Mission Ridge. And again, hey went over the works together, the Yanks just enough in the lead for the "breastwork" to chelter the Jolinnies. The works were theirs, and fairly, too.

But Opdycke's men were in the rear of he broken line. They recaptured the works in less than two minutes. And by whose orders was this masterful stroke

or more per annum, without necessarily impairing the efficiency of the school, at least six of the professors should be dis-The Oregonian seemingly thinks General Schoñeld has been retired as a lieutenant ceneral because of Opdycke's success in missed, and the pay of those retained, his battle. This may or may not be true But Schofield or Opdycke as commander save the president, reduced to \$1500 each. Then an annual appropriation of \$15,000 plus the \$10,000 to \$15,000 received from eserve no more credit for the recaptur: of the works at Franklin than Grant or the land and endowment fund, will main-Thomas did for the capture of Mission Ridge, in the manner in which it was done. As the men went up Mission Ridge tain the school handsomely. Similar ac tion in regard to the agricultural college at Corvallis will result in the am ing of another \$20,000. without orders and captured General

Bragg's stronghold, likewise some of the identical r-giments, now of Opdycks' brigade, when our line was broken a Franklin sprung to the works, and, as verily believe, saved Schofield's little

Opdycke could not have given the order to more than one or two regiments in his immediate presence to retake the works, because he did not have time to order the egiments forward before the broken line was repaired. It was all done too quick-ly for orders. By one impulse the men sprang to the works, which was the sprang to the work, which was the safest place for them. They could see our little army-likewise Hood's army-a part of which was working its way to our left rear to cut off our retreat to Nashville, and to meet this threatened attack T. J. Wood's division was detached aix weeks.

sick and beinkess and nearly starved. He was taken to South Bend for treatment, but died Monday last. and forbearance of its opponents to save it from defeat, it is plain that its over-throw is merely a matter of time, and that its usefulness for the present is at an ord. Such is the "tradicament" to use a Gus Smith, of North Yakima, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jall for cruelty to his two little daughters and and. Such is the "predicament, Cleveland eupheniusm, in which the Rose-bery ministry is now placed. Had a division occurred in the house of

bestial practices. The children were taken away from him,

Two Hoquiam druggists were arrested Friday for selling liquor without a l cense. One of them pleaded guilty and paid a fine, and the other decided to take his chances with the grand jury.

The Hoquiam fire company met last week and smashed the old organization and began a new one. The officers were elected for a period of 20 days, or until the new organization gets on its feet. They were as follows: H. M. Cochran, chief; C. Beall, president; A. Bruce, treasurer: I. W. Fritzinger, secretary.

Last Thursday, while coming down the Wynooche river in a canoe, a man named N. S. Hadley was drowned near the home

of J. R. Patten. He was accompanied by a companion, and at the place where the incident occurred the canoe capsized and both were thrown into the water, near a drift, and Hadley was drawn under the

The three men sent out from Duluth to inspect the lands selected at Acme in the ooksack valley for the Rapperswyle dony, have decided to return and report favorably. The colonists are Germans, Swiss and Poles. A half section has been owas and roles. A nail section has been reserved for a town site, and the re-mainder is divided into locare tracts. They will engage in dairying, fruitgrow-ing, stockraising and lumbering.

PARAGRAPHERS' PLEASANTRIES.

The salary account of the state university at Eugene for last year, exclusive of \$2000 given the law and medical depart-ments in Portland, was \$23,422. The ap-The unselfish mortal always keeps some good resolutions for others,-Galveston News.

"And, paps, what did grandfather do for his country?" "Nothing whatever, my son. He was a member of congress." Atianta Constitution.

"Jack," said mamma, "run into the parior and see whether your father is usleep or not." "Not quite," exclaimed Jack, on his return. "He is all asleep out his nose."-Harlem Life.

"Has Miss Gildingby any accomplish "I should ments?" asked the young man. "I should my so," replied her enthusiastic admirer "She can refuse to play the plano and stick to it."-Washington Star.

"Money talks," and so does congress, Would the latter'd take a walk, And just give our sufferin' money

All the chance it needs to talk -Atlanta Constitution.

Old lady-Why are you two men using

such frightful langunge? Ragson Tat-ters-Well, lady, me an' me pard has to exchange heated words fur ter keep warm, not havin' no overcoats.-Philaelphin Record.

"There are no new developments as yet." telegraphed the correspondent at the Arizona town where the railway me-cident had happened. "Jury has not returned verdict. Waiting for the coroner to sober up."--Chicago Tribur

"I was sorry, Willie," said his Sunday "I was sorry, willie," said his Sunday school teacher, "to see you keep your seat when the superintendent asked all those who wanted to go to heaven to rise. Don't you want to go to heaven?" "Yes'm." "Then why didn't you rise?" "'Cos he didn't have no right to tell me to rise, ma'am," answered Wille. "He aint no sneed Gabriel." -Chinggo Triburg. angel Gabriel."-Chicago Tribune.

Billie John, brother of Captain John who after getting "the power" was mys-teriously killed in the Walla Walla counry, claims that he is the residuary chief of the Yakimas, and that he intends to maintain that position against all usurp-ers. He was the second chief during the life of Captain John, and under the laws

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of the tribe he became head chief at his brother's death. He says that no election will have may force, and that he has made his hereditary claims impregnable by paying off the store debts of the mem-bers of his tribe lirough the sacrifice of a good many horses. The sun and salmon dances of the Indiana will be held in the medicine house, below the gap, in about