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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Feb. 25, 8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 52; minimum temperature, 43; height of river at A. M., 4.8; change in the last 24 hours, .1; total precipitation, .04; total precipitation from September 1, 1894 (wet season), to date, 20.28; average, 23.32; deficiency, 13.04; hours of sunshine, 2.40; possible number, 19.84.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS: From readings of the barometer on the immediate coast it is apparent that a storm is approaching the Washington coast. There was a rise of the barometer on the coast of California and a fall on the immediate Washington coast, which is a good indication for rain. No precipitation occurred during the last 12 hours, except at Tacoma, where a light shower fell in other sections, with moderate temperatures.

WEATHER FORECAST: Precipitation at Portland for the 24 hours ending at midnight, February 25: For Washington and Western Oregon—Rain and warmer, with fresh southerly winds, and gales on the coast. For Eastern Oregon and Idaho—Fair weather, with nearly stationary temperature, and fresh southerly winds.

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The deplorable result of the recent session was the failure to do anything for relief of the taxpayers of the state. It is useless to repeat or review the causes of this failure. Every one knows that they lay in the factional contest for election to senator and interested parties took advantage of the situation to "work" their schemes.

No reduction of fees, salaries and emoluments, as promised; no change of the system that makes unnecessary and enormous expenses in state, county and municipal affairs. All the work done by the people in preparation of these needed reforms has been effort wasted. State officials, county officials and city officials, in these times of general depression and public distress, are still favored with the emoluments of prodigal times. And there is no remedy.

No other conference reached even so definite a conclusion as this. The second conference was held at the instance of France and the "trilateral" states in Paris, April 19, 1881. In this conference Germany and British India participated, in addition to the countries represented in that of 1878. It remained in session till July 8, having taken one intermission from May 19 to June 30. No conclusion was reached and no vote was taken on the main question. The conference adjourned to April 12, 1882, but never re-assembled. The third conference assembled at the instance of the president of the United States, at the city of Brussels, November 22, 1882. The same powers were represented as before, with Turkey, Roumania and Mexico added. It remained in session till December 17, when it adjourned, without taking any action, to May 20, 1883, but did not re-assemble at that date or at any other time.

The soldiers' home disgrace. It will not be strange if even patriotism, the most tolerant of all emotions, receives a shock temporarily paralyzing from the exposure made by the legislative committee of the gross mismanagement and flagrant dishonesty to which the affairs of the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg were subjected in the first two years of the existence of that institution.

The president is criticized for selling bonds to syndicates of bankers at a price which enabled them to realize \$10,000,000 profit by selling them again almost immediately in open market. This is bad financing, but the blame rests upon congress, not upon the president. It is said that he might have offered the bonds for sale in open market and realized a price \$10,000,000 greater for the government. This is evident now, but the demand for the bonds was determined only by trial and the government was reduced to such straits by the neglect of congress to authorize bonds that it could not afford to risk failure.

made a popular bond sale uncertain. It is their trade to speculate upon the distresses of the government, but the conditions that enabled them so to do were created by neglect of congress. Doubt was thrown upon authority to sell bonds, which could have been removed by action of congress. This action congress refused to take. The speculators made the most of this to increase the distrust and force the government to make terms with them. It is no time for a popular loan when the government is at the end of its resources and must have money at once.

THE SILVER MOVEMENT IN EUROPE: The silver movement in Germany grows out of precisely the same causes that have intensified it of late years in the United States—agricultural depression and low prices for farm products, due to very large crops produced in the United States, Russia and Argentina, and to the commercial treaties with Germany's eastern and southern neighbors which have admitted their cereals at reduced rates of duty.

THE CIGAR-SHAPED RAFT: It is reported that preparations are being made at Bella, the point on the Columbia river where the log raft that went to pieces last fall was constructed, to build another raft to be towed to San Francisco, if it does not meet the same fate as its predecessor.

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THE LOW PRICE BROUGHT IN FREE TRADE: Having already met the American farmers that they received only 51 cents on the dollar for their dollar worth during the two years that the free-traders have allowed them to stand ready to take our entire surplus of products, as the democratic platform of 1892 told them, let us see what they got for their corn crops during the three years of McKinley protection, and also during the two subsequent years under the free-traders.

THE COUNTRY IS SOLVENT: This country does not propose to be brought anywhere nearer the danger of bankruptcy by any means than it is at present. The country is in good shape. The national debt is only about \$15 a head, as compared with the enormous burden of the other nations of from \$90 to \$100 a head.

OTHER CITIES ALSO BELIEVE SALARIES SHOULD BE LOW: Members of the council should think twice before voting upon the proposition to restore the rates of pay for clerks, policemen and others in the civil service to those which obtained prior to the winter of 1892.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST: The Halasy News suspended publication last week. Charles Smith, aged 35, died near Halasy Wednesday last. County Commissioner Fitzhugh, of Wray county, has resigned. Mrs. Reuben Hastings broke his leg last at her home near Pe Day.

branch of the civil service, should be paid at exactly the same rate that is paid for a corresponding character in a real estate for your dry goods store. A brigadier should be paid at the rate of a skilled mechanic.

OREGON'S MINERAL PRODUCTION: Baker City is the Greatest Mining Center in the State. The stream of visitors arriving in Baker City to inspect our gold mines is steadily increasing, and in order to give them some idea of the product of this region we have had the following statistics compiled from reports of the United States assay office at Washington, D. C., says the Democrat.

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND: It is not a government, but a private bank, all its directors being elected by the stockholders. The gold in the bank is not a war chest; it belongs to the noteholders, for whom the bank keeps it in trust, but payable on demand.

FARMERS SHOULD SUPPORT CREAMERIES: Yesterday a Dallas merchant remarked to us that every day country people brought in butter which the stores had to buy because it was not marketable. If the article is fresh, sweet, firm, of good color, and evidently clean and well weighed, there is always a market for it and generally at a price that will amply repay the people bringing in and call butter is unfit for any table or any stomach.

PERSONS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT: Cardinal Vaughan is making arrangements for an exhibition of Christian art in London this season. An excellent host of the late Henry W. Grady of Georgia has just been cast in bronze by the Mullers, of New York. It is the work of Orion Frazee, one of Mr. Grady's warmest personal friends.

OUR FIRST GOVERNOR: MYRTLE POINT, OR., Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I am informed that it was decided at the examination of teachers at the Quigley City recently that George L. Curry, the first governor of Oregon, will the Morning Oregonian give the teachers of Coos county the facts as to who was the first governor of Oregon and who were the first teachers and state governors?

GOOD ADVICE: Idleness is proving the ruin of some young men among us. They seem to have no ambition for either an education or for financial prosperity. They are in the habit of idly tinkering with their lower in the scale of humanity. Such beginnings have led multiplied thousands to become tramps and outcasts. Parents, though you may have a colored Florida white, send them to the country to work at even half wages.

IT WILL BE TOO LONG AT LAST: Life is brief and full of care; when you have a moment to spare, do not let it pass away. Treat your time like a bird in the hand. —Truth.

Portland says: "The Oregonian is a heavy debtor to the First National Bank." This pugilistic and contemptible way of discussing public questions is quite the vogue with a class of big game and irresponsible persons in Portland. In fact, The Oregonian does not owe a dollar to the First National Bank, nor does H. L. Pitcock or H. W. Scott. There are very great numbers of people who would much rather hear that these brazen brayers were doing something towards paying their own debts than troubling themselves about those of The Oregonian, which never owes a dollar that is not paid on demand.

IF EVER A PAPER MADE A COMPLETE FOOL OF ITSELF, it was the Salem Statesman, in its top to Governor Lord. Without the populists and democrats, the Lord-Kincaid conspiracy never had the slightest chance of success. The Statesman showed its own weakness and vacillation for purpose.

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