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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.
PORTLAND, Feb. 26. - 8 P. M. - Maximum temperature, 57; minimum temperature, 36; height of river at 11 A. M., 4.8; change in the past 24 hours, 6.1; precipitation today, 6.9; precipitation from September 1, 1894, to date, 2.06; average, 24.04; tendency, 15.46; number hours of sunshine today, 3.14; possible number, 16.54.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS.
There is a cold front north of Washington, which is passing north of Washington, producing no precipitation, except at Tatoosh Island. There is an area of high barometric pressure or fair weather, prevailing over the North American plateau, which extends northward east of the Cascades. From this area the fair weather of the past few days has been derived. Warmer weather is reported from all sections.

WEATHER FORECASTS.
Forecast made at Portland for the 24 hours ending at midnight, February 27:
For Oregon, Washington and Idaho - Fair weather and nearly stationary temperature, with light southerly wind.

NEXT YEAR'S STATE PLATFORMS.
No doubt the democrats and populists will pledge themselves next year to economy, retrenchment, reduction of fees, salaries, offices and emoluments, and to relief of the people from burdensome taxation.

The terms of the best peace that can be made will be a shock and a disappointment to the people of Japan. They probably will get no territorial acquisitions on the mainland of Asia. They will get no permanent influence over the government of China.

The danger to Japan is that public opinion, in the inevitable shock of this barren peace, may turn in fury against the government compelled to make it. The country will be in a state of confusion, and endeavoring to overthrow it.

Postmaster-General Bissell will, it is said, retire at an early date from the cabinet, his reason for this being the expenses incurred in maintaining official position. His salary is \$3000 a year, one-half of it being absorbed by house-rent alone.

Though the effort to get legislation for reduction of the expenses of our city and county has failed, and probably never will be renewed, a feeble and languid interest may yet be felt in statistics of the expenditures of other cities.

The report of the chief of police of the city of Omaha for the year 1894 shows that there are 95 men in the department, and 8% of them are on patrol duty. The department made 629 arrests during 1894, and convictions were obtained in 3652 cases.

The population of Toledo, O., is over 50,000. Its fire department consists of 95 men, and the whole expenses of the department for the year 1894 were \$7,614. The expenses at Portland under the present commission have been reduced to a basis that compares not unfavorably with that of Toledo.

The funded debt of the city of New York is \$123,961,001; that of Buffalo is \$1,385,502. Pittsburgh is increasing her bonded debt by \$1,500,000, chiefly for extension of her water works.

By enduring captivity. Of another army of freedom, the whole fifteen escaped. The other eight have not reported. These revolutionary risings in Cuba rarely number less than fifty devoted patriots.

GERMANY'S BANKING SYSTEM.
The banking system of Germany, like her coinage system, was completely reorganized on the establishment of the empire. Before that time, each state had its own banking system and its own currency, and the greatest divergence and confusion existed in notes as well as in coins and values.

Japan is approaching a crucial point in her history; is nearing a crisis which may arrest her amazing national development by checking the outward impulse of national vigor and turning it back upon the very sources of national life at home.

The French exclusion of American cattle and dressed meats will cost this country \$100,000,000 per year. But this is only a small part of the price this country must pay for the infamous Haymeyer tariff law.

SENIATORIAL OPINIONS.
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Efficiencies and unexpended balances, transfers of funds, etc., that confuse and bewilder. The main fact as to the appropriations of both sessions seems to be that everybody got all that was asked for, and so to the recent session, that all pledges of economy were disregarded.

Grover Cleveland has prevented the fall of the monetary standard of the United States to the silver basis. He has had intelligence to see the situation and the courage to meet it. But for his resolute action, the finances and business of the country would now be involved in the most terrible and catastrophic disorder.

This congress will adjourn without any legislation, either to bring relief to the national treasury or to increase its embarrassments. The populists will not permit consideration of the amendment to the sundry civil bill providing for certificates of indebtedness.

The sheriff of the county, enraged because some part of his enormous official perquisites is cut off by legislation, attacks a state senator and draws a pistol! This very happily illustrates the spirit of the gang that held up the legislature.

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far as can be learned at present they have not kept a single pledge made by the party last June. Instead of reducing the expenditure they have increased it. How will they, with a long list of broken pledges to their credit, face the people at the next election?

Even if the useless laws and commissions were not abolished, the debt of the Oregon legislature is a thing of the past, and for this we are daily thankful.

DR. GRANT'S LECTURE.
Partly in the Way of Criticism and Partly of Approval.
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its fate itself if I could. Why, there is no justice, no law here. If the press is not muzzled, and that soon, the streets will run with blood, and the words "Honest" John Davis, ex-governor of Rhode Island, was married recently to Miss Margaret Pierce, of Providence. Ex-governor Davis has two adult daughters. He was the first democrat elected to the governorship of Rhode Island in 40 years.

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