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TODAY'S WEATHER. Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain; winds shifting to southerly.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, FEB. 2.

The Salem Statesman thinks Multnomah County ought not to have the representation in the Legislature which the constitution of the state would give it.

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death by the smallpox was as desolate and dreadful in its loneliness as that of George IV. of England.

Continued protests from Jamaica at American intonation on the reciprocity treaty are natural, and can only be expected to grow in volume and intensity.

The California care little for this, so long as the slightest effective competition can be brought to bear upon their prices for fruit.

NATIONAL GRIEF.

Today the body of Queen Victoria will be laid in the grave. The general mourning of the people of England for the aged Queen is something far beyond a mere perfunctory mark of respect.

Victoria is the only monarch of the house of Hanover that went down to the grave with that which should accompany old age, honor, love, obedience, troops of friends.

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household service find comfortable homes in addition to better pay than they now receive.

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TRENDING NAVAL EQUIPMENT.

Dewey once said our next war would be with Germany, and hostilities are always brewing against us by the Agrarians.

Two additional battleships are authorized by the pending naval bill, and with these the United States will have, by the time the formidable fleet of Germany is ready to put to sea in 1905...

Still the Hanna statesmen are trying to push the ship subsidy bill. Who will profit by it, if it becomes a law? Men already rich, only men already rich expect to build ships and sail them and get the subsidy.

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Folly is apt to be infectious. The type with which Mrs. Nation is afflicted is no exception to the rule. It was hoped that it might not become epidemic, as well, but the good ground for such a fear is not broad.

A Massachusetts debating society has solemnly decided that Governor Roosevelt's late achievements in Colorado come under the head of cruelty to animals.

THE NEW KING AND HIS KINDRED

The new sovereign of the United Kingdom has elected to be known as Edward, a name borne, as he says, by six of his ancestors, and he was accordingly proclaimed yesterday as King Edward VII.

In speaking of the six Edwards as his "ancestors," he of course, used that word in its original sense of predecessors, and not as synonymous with forefathers, for, as a matter of fact, he is descended from only four of the numbered Edwards.

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ECONOMY MAY NOT CONSIDER IN AVOIDING DEBT OR EXPENDITURE.

A debt may be virtually an asset. Prudent men do not hesitate to borrow money for schemes which they have confidence in. This is well, for otherwise the world would be no industrial progress.

We print today a statement drawn up to show that the County of Multnomah is expending too much money. The statement makes the showing a clear one. The county is in fact expending too much money, and much can be saved.

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BOWED TO "FLIEBE" SCHEFFEL.

Rochester Cadet Who Whipped Everything at West Point. New York.—Captain Frank Schoffel, of the Ninth Infantry, has the distinguished honor of being the plebe who whipped "everything in a fight" who fought five men "to a finish" in one day and "knocked out" his most accomplished adversary after 25 rounds.

Pope Leo was profoundly affected by the death of Queen Victoria. According to his private secretary, he considers this event a solemn notice to prepare for his own end.

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GOLD AND PAPER IN CIRCULATION

The New York Journal of Commerce. It is the great advantage of a paper currency that it enables a community to do its business with a smaller amount of its wealth confined to the form of coins.

There is nothing in the volume of paper, compared with the volume of business, or in the apparent gold movement, to indicate that the volume of currency is redundant.

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OBVIOUSLY A FAKE.

That Story Reported from the "Philippine Capital." The latest effort of the Filipino Junta to influence American sentiment is as false as any that preceded it.

The alleged interview has all the earmarks of a document manufactured out of whole cloth by a man of the Pettigrew type.

There is no Filipino capital. There is no Philippine Government. No pretense is made by the rebels in the field of governing any city or province.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Perhaps, after all, Mrs. Nation is merely in the employ of the glass trust.

The Oklahoma Indians are about as dangerous as the cigar-store variety.

Hansen's occurred to Alfred Austin to apply for the position of King's jester?

The Wichita saloon-keepers cannot do business without the consent of any Nation on earth.

Kruger is probably holding off his death till Queen Victoria gives him a chance to get into the newspapers.

It is to be hoped that the New York vigilance committee will not mete out justice on the Kansas plan.

It is not likely that the Commoner has to get out six extras a day to satisfy the demand for the news it contains.

Fortune knocks only once at a man's door, but the grip knocking with the frequency of a sewing machine agent.

An East Side man who has a dachshund says that in the dog line he wants but little here below, but wants that little long.

Croker has paid his income tax in England. He has probably discovered that there are some public officers whom he doesn't own.

A New York man locked his wife up in a closet because she was pretty. If this custom becomes general it will be impossible to find a married woman on the streets of Portland.

Professor Barrett Wendell, the literary snob of Harvard University, was so overcome by the news of Queen Victoria's death that he asked his class to break the custom of the university undergraduates of applauding the lecturer at the close of the half year, and to pass out in silence as a token of respect to the "greatest human spirit" that had just passed out of this world.

The Wisconsin Legislature is considering a bill making interesting changes in the marriage laws of that state. It provides that the Probate Court of each county shall appoint three physicians, whose duty it shall be to pass upon all applications for marriage licenses; and that no license shall be given unless the applicants receive from the examining board a certificate showing that they are free from ailments that may be deemed a bar to marriage, including insanity, drunkenness and constitutional diseases.

Down in the land of Pops and corn, On a cool and frosty winter morn, Gave Mrs. Nation the loud "ha ha!" Gave the saloons in Wichita.

Roundabout her rabbits surged, Yet always scathless she emerged; Dravest of all in that brave town, She tore all the bars and fixtures down.

And ever the mob set up a yell Another bevel-pilam mirror fell, The up street came a heavy tread, Bold Mrs. Schilling a wasc crowd led;

Under her bonnet left and right She glanced, the wrecked bars met her sight, "Ha!" and her followers stood fast; "Look!" and their throes they cast

At Mrs. Nation, who, as in hand, Was smashing bottles to beat the band, She paused a moment, and looked around, And at the mob she sternly frowned.

"Who dares to interfere with me-well, what attempt it is!" said she, A deadly pallor, a sudden chill, The leader's breast began to fill.

"Who touches a hair of yonder head, Is taking a large-sized chance," she said, All day long, in Wichita, Sounded brave Carriers' "ha ha ha,"

All day long Carriers' wives, Wisely refused to risk their lives, And stayed their shrewdly planned attacks, At the sight of Mrs. Nation's ax.

Mrs. Nation's work goes on, And will, till all the bars are gone, And ever her ax sounds and falls, De crashing down the barroom walls.

When she has got them all torn down, She'll journey to some other town, And when she comes along the pile, The prudent liquor men will hike.

When Carrie's earthly work is done, And o'er her lies the Kansas sun, Let this inscription, in letters bright, Glim in the mellow morning light.

"She wasn't a handsome or cultured dame, But there's no denying that she was game." SYSTEM ENDEMIC.

As it Works Out It Does Not Accord With Our Theory. Chicago Times-Herald. William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt have been elected President and Vice-President, respectively, of the United States.