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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair; northeasterly wind.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, FEB. 9.

Now they say of the great union of steel plants that it is "not a trust," only a "combination." But of course the intent is to control production and prices.

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the last expiring will of "legal tender." The Populist party, built upon the flat notion of money, is going to pieces; and the country is coming to understand in the little incident that is passing today, its credit currency of exchangeable value with gold, whether subsidiary coin, notes or bank checks, without regard to command of Congress that such a thing has value and such another has not.

Whatever basis exists for Mr. Hanna's membership in the G. A. R., to which he has just been elected, is effectively concealed in the biography he supplies the Congressional Record.

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pected, is continually full of vituperative matter about The Oregonian; and the sign newspaper always hates the decent one. It now must needs meddle in the little incident that is passing today, between Representative Tongue and The Oregonian—a matter of which it could know nothing; and it proceeds to say:

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from the New England Federalists that the Spooner bill meets today from men who pretend to be worshippers of Jefferson. (Governor of Connecticut denounced the Louisiana bill of 1803 as an infraction of the Constitution, while his colleague, Dana, pronounced it "complete despotism.")

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WITH OREGON LAWMAKERS. SALEM, Feb. 8.—The Senate today took a serious and important step over the Spooner bill for the care of orphan children, which stirred so much bitter controversy yesterday. It all arose over the re-referrence of the measure to the committee on commerce, and just what authority the committee had to make certain minor changes and just how they should be altered, the Senate wanted them altered. The discussion was purely technical and was not confined to the merits of the measure. Some amendments were proposed along lines suggested by Senator Kaykendall. These will be adopted, and the bill will doubtless pass next Monday at 2:30, at which time it is made a special order. It will be provided that only such institutions may enjoy its benefits.

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TALK OF AN EXTRA SESSION. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Among the subjects discussed at today's cabinet meeting were the Cuban Constitution and the possible necessity for an extra session of Congress. Attention was called to the Cuban paragraph in the President's message to Congress at the beginning of the 56th Congress. It is known that these words fairly express the present views of the President and the members of the Cabinet as developed at today's meeting, but whether the Constitutional Convention will view the matter in the same light is a perplexing question. Persons in the cabinet to be well informed as to the President's purpose believe that an extra session will be inevitable unless Congress shall take some action with respect to Cuba and its relation to this country.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Drop a nickel in the slot and get 20 days. Today's Senatorial forecast—Cloudy, with prospect of a slight change. Hon. Mark Twain's attack on the Administration is about the most humorous thing he has ever done. Editor Hearst should now endeavor to get Edward VII. out of an issue of his paper.

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