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TODAY'S WEATHER: Occasional rain; southerly winds.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

Mr. Charles Albert Long, of Pomerooy, Wash., favors us with an elaborate scheme of currency reform...

1. A money and monetary system of a definite standard...

2. Will permit the people to provide themselves with the greatest possible volume of money...

3. Will provide for the free and unlimited use of all of the silver that can ever be offered...

4. Will restore silver to an equitable ratio of value...

5. Will provide a coin and currency of identical and of inseparable parity (to the people), without involving liability to government...

6. Will relieve government from the dangers of an endless redemption...

7. Will relieve the necessity of an idle redemption...

8. Will relieve government of the burden and expense of circulating silver coin...

9. Will provide for the most economic and the most efficient possible use of money...

10. Will enable the legislation and retirement of our interest-bearing bonds...

It would obviously be superfluous to pursue Mr. Long's plan further. It encompasses the elements of perfection and universal application...

Why should members of the Legislature consider it a mark of turpitude to be addressed by officers of a railroad company...

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At least the Government was apparently ignorant of the fact, if they should.

No more plausible excuse could be offered than that set forth by the non-discriminating Quartermaster's Department...

Spain's Ominous Crisis. Gloom and agitation in Spain are grave enough to remind its unhappy populace of the promulgation of the Republic...

Literary Growth of the South. Maurice Thompson, who is an his death-bed, is one of the brilliant additions to the roll of American literature...

Spanish War Claims. The conferees of the Senate and House today reached an agreement upon the bill providing for the opportunity to bring claims of citizens of the United States against Spain...

Presidential Nominations. The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Army-Regulars, medical department...

Young Will Succeed Shafter. General S. M. B. Young, who yesterday was confirmed a Major-General, has been chosen to succeed General Shafter in command of the Department of California...

Orders were issued at the War Department today for the location of the new light batteries of artillery provided for by the reorganization...

Dewey got us into a peck of trouble in the Philippines, but he is probably having just as much trouble as Uncle Sam...

Mr. McBride, of course, is to be "taken care of." It is necessary. He can do nothing but hold office. But any little clerkship will suffice for him.

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It still remains that they who are afraid of a caucus are more afraid of electing a Senator.

CONTEST OVER THE WAR TAX BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—There will be quite a contest for the war tax revenue reduction bill. Republican members of the House declare that they will not support the Senate bill...

The Secretary of the Treasury has asked for authority to expend a balance of \$13,000 for a fish culture station in Idaho. The prospects for this time are that the subsidy bill cannot pass and that the river and harbor bill is also likely to fail.

Perhaps nine out of ten citizens of the Willamette Valley will be surprised at the showing, both as to extent and accessibility, of the Nehalem country, made by the maps recently published showing the several railroad routes by which it is proposed to enter this tract.

Delegated Wilcox's Defense. Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, today filed his brief in support of his right to hold a seat in Congress and in defense to the legal objections raised in petitions filed against him.

Hazing at West Point. Representative Dick's bill concerning hazing at West Point Military Academy was adopted today by the conferees of the Senate and the Military Academy bill in lieu of the Senate provision on the question of hazing.

The death of Helena, Mont., of Rev. Thomas Van Scoy will cause a shock both of surprise and regret to his many friends in educational and church work in this city and in Salem.

The outbreak of the Civil War found us with a literature highly creditable to so young a nation, and yet to this literature the South may be said to have contributed nothing.

Herman is described as "vigorous and active." He may be so for office, but nobody ever heard of his being so for principles.

Minister Wu did not know, when he criticized Otis for exclusion of Chinese from the Philippines, that the policy originated with the Government.

John Bull will send no more peace envoys to the Boers. He needs all his men for the Army. He should not be in too great haste for peace, because the Boers are in no hurry.

Senators Frye and Hanna will not allow the river and harbor bill reported until the ship subsidy bill is out of the way. With it out of the way, there will be no need of an extra session.

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DOINGS OF OREGON LAWMAKERS

SALEM, Feb. 12.—At noon today, Representative Story withdrew the bill creating the office of public administrator. The complete exposure of the purpose of the measure in The Oregonian this morning appears to have apprised Mr. Story of its contents...

The Sweek bill to empower the Portland City Council to designate a park block to the use of the Historical Society and the Native Sons has been laid on the table by the Multnomah delegation. It is therefore dead.

Imman's Senate bill 113, which was passed by the Senate today, amends the present law so as to require that at all general elections the polls shall be opened until 7 o'clock in the evening. This change is made for the benefit of men who work until 6 o'clock in the evening and cannot leave their work without leaving their families in the evening.

The principal object of Hunt's Senate bill No. 128, to amend the registration law to have the registration books opened after the June election and prior to the Presidential election. It also contains a clause which provides for a change in registration when a voter changes his residence after having been entered on the registry books.

The Judiciary committee in the Senate has reported favorably on Senate bill No. 4, by Howell, providing for the election of district assessors.

Senate bill 123, by Mulkey, to authorize the Superintendent of the penitentiary to appoint a matron for that institution, under some important amendments brought forward by the committee. The bill was passed by the Senate today.

The Daily school bill (Senate bill No. 11) has been in the House for a number of days. Stewart of Jackson this afternoon asked that the bill be made a special order for tomorrow.

House bill 44, introduced by McCracken, appropriating \$5000 for aid of the Oregon State Society, came up for consideration this morning under a special order. The House went into committee of the whole to consider the bill.

Senate bill 125, by Wehrung, to repeal the law requiring Justice of the Peace to meet a strong opposition when it came up under the present statutes there are two modes of drawing a Justice's jury-draw it from the regular jury list or from the Constable's summon a jury of his own selection.

"That's right, my boy; I am glad you have thrashed the miller's son. But what had he done to you?" "I saw him with his father." "Tid-Bits."

"I shall make a fortune out of my new musical box. You put a penny in the slot and— and the thing plays a tune all right." "No, it stops playing." "Tid-Bits."

"What are you crying for?" asked the kind old lady. "I've lost a nickel." "Blubbled the boy. Never mind; here's another for you. How did you lose it?" "Shooting craps." "Philadelphia Record."

"Property." "The farmers of New England have become so prosperous in the last few years, it is said, that they actually buy their growing boys clothing that is new." "Detroit Journal."

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NOTE AND COMMENT

Today's Senatorial forecast—Hazy. The race horse will soon be the only survivor of his kind, and he is going fast. Mr. Bryan has one consolation. The Rev. Mr. Sheldon got out a worse paper.

J. Pierpont Morgan is keeping so quiet that it seems likely he is harmonizing the powers in China. If Aguinola had not been interviewed in regular newspaper fashion, we might have hoped to see his life.

Whatever may be said against the Count de Castellane, it cannot be denied that he is a good spender. "After me the deluge," observed Mrs. Nation, as she smothered the barrel and a foaming stream dashed forth.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nation is expected here tomorrow and the approaches to all the saloons have been mined. General Hohenzollern has returned to Germany, and is following his regular occupation of causing the arrest of people for less real men.

It was just mean of Wilhelmina to bull the Duke market by offering a crown as an additional attraction to the fortune which has always been the prevailing price. Twenty-five election repeaters were arrested in St. Louis Monday, and condemned themselves to a severe punishment by admitting that they came from Chicago.

It has been proven that a Chicago man has two wives, but the state lacks a law to convict him. He will reap the reward of his misdeeds, however, if he ever tries to get into Congress. Alfred Harmsworth says Edward VII would have made a good newspaper man if he had devoted himself to that calling.

Representative Allen, of Mississippi, is especially clever in negro dialect stories, one of which he told in Washington the other night when he had assembled his friends for the hog and hominy feast. It was a conversation between two darkeys on his plantation.

"Mose," said one of the negroes to the other, "do you know them niggers down on Catfish Point?" "Mr. Allen explains, is a bend in the river." "Burr," says Mose.

"Do you 'member the gal I was paying my civilities to?" "Sul'ny." "Dey has been tellin' dat gal that I am the meanest, meanest nigger that ever come down to the Point."

"Um," says Mose. "And dey tells her, too, that I am the laziest, triflingest nigger dat ever was." "Did dey tell dat gal that you was dat kind of a nigger?" asked Mose.

"Dey sul'ny did." "Well," said Mose, "dey has got you located sh' entuz." Mr. J. W. Redington, the editor-poet, whose mission at present is giving to the world the Heppner Gazette, has brought forth a special holiday number (the holiday being, presumably, St. Valentine's day), which is a model of typographical usefulness, as well as an encyclopedia of useful information and a repository of wit and humor.

The serious portion is devoted to descriptions of the manifold resources of the county which "raises wool to warm the world," while the humorous supplement contains much invaluable matter received too late for publication in the more pretentious sheet, and is handsomely illustrated with portraits of eminent newspaper men by the talented brush of the editor. A striking feature is a life-like etching of a famous Umatilla brave, which is so awe-inspiring as to make the beholder shudder at sight of it.

Mr. Redington has fed his flocks on the Heppner hills for many years, and there is no one better qualified to write of the beauty and fertility. The Heppner Gazette is always bright and interesting, but this latest issue eclipses all its predecessors and deserves the fame it will without doubt achieve.

PLEASANTIES OF GRAPHERS "That's right, my boy; I am glad you have thrashed the miller's son. But what had he done to you?" "I saw him with his father." "Tid-Bits."