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TODAY'S WEATHER: Occasional rain; possibly part hail or sleet; winds mostly southerly.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

So there will have to be a special session of Congress to consider the Cuban question. It is not probable the Cuban Constitution will reach Washington before the expiration of the present Congress; and if it should, the time will be too short for consideration of it.

The career of Carrie Nation has at least done this good, that it has set people thinking about the saloon, and that is something hardly anybody ever does. We have a great deal of partisan declamation about the saloon, on both sides, but no thought.

When one looks at the vastly increasing demands upon the property of the state, there need be no wonder that the returns of the Assessors show that it does not increase, but even decreases in value. In the State of Oregon there is no growth of property at all comparable with growth of demands upon it.

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beer and evangelist of a petty faction into a statesman. The public business needs men who do not find it necessary to offer affidavits as to their own personal ability and worth.

The disaster that has befallen sixty-five men in the Cumberland coal mine, on Vancouver Island, is but a repetition of like events that have from time to time shocked the community since coal mining became a great industry and coal the most important of the commercial products of the world.

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could do this most effectually by saving slavery, he would save it. If the Union could be restored most quickly by wrecking slavery, he was ready to wreck it.

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PESSIMISTIC EX-PRESIDENTS. In the current number of Puck there is a cartoon in which Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison are represented as sitting at a table and expostulating with William McKinley for the course he is pursuing in relation to the Philippine Islands.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Madrid seems to be bidding for fame as the Wichita of Spain. Another transport is on a reef. How many reefs are there in the Philippines, anyhow.

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