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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 51; minimum temperature, 40.

There is a storm center at Hiram, N. D., which 24 hours previous was central north of the Oregon coast.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Feb. 17, 1895.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17. SALMON COMMITTEE REPORT.

The outline of the proposed report of the joint fish committee shows conclusively that no body of men, no matter how intelligent or conscientiously earnest in their work, can investigate the complex conditions surrounding the salmon industry sufficiently to comprehend them fully in the brief time allowed a legislative committee for doing this work.

The records of the Clackamas hatchery show that the spawning season begins about the first of September, and does not end until the middle of November. With the close season ending September 15, it is easily seen that no protection whatever is afforded the spawning fish during the time they are actually engaged in the work of procreating.

The committee is to be congratulated that it has resisted the strong pressure brought upon it to set the beginning of the close season as late as August 10, but can not be congratulated upon yielding to the demand for a short season.

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opposed to it, for then the committee can answer all attacks by saying that they had recommended what was necessary for the preservation of the salmon, regardless of what effect it had upon private interests, and the majority of the legislators being personally unprejudiced in the matter, would support it because they would see that it was right.

NO BETTER MODEL THAN FRANCE.

It is the fashion among populist and silver orators and writers to hold up the financial policy of France as an example for imitation by the United States. These persons counsel more wisely than they know.

For three-quarters of a century the finances of France have been managed more wisely than those of any other nation. In France, as in all other highly civilized countries, management of the finances is left to the few highly skilled persons who are competent to understand and conduct them.

The popular electorate in France does not hold up as a model the constitution of an republic by the astronomers of the national observatory as of interfering with the delicate and complicated operations of national finance.

Since the dreadtul lesson of the assassination of President McKinley has burned her fingers with government credit currency, there is no such thing as a treasury note in France, though there is an enormous debt, over \$6,000,000,000, and its interest-bearing bonds are a favorite popular investment.

The government and threatens the national credit with every financial flurry. France met and solved the money problem as she did the paper-currency problem after the painful lesson of 1793, although the problem was thrown upon the nation when it was bleeding from the wounds of foreign and domestic war and staggering under the burden of a tremendous war indemnity.

Though France is solidly on the gold basis, she uses nearly \$500,000,000 of silver for circulating medium and bank of full comprehension of Commissioner McDonald's recommendations, and the reasons therefor, than to any failure to resist demands they believed to be detrimental to salmon preservation.

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We shall have genuine bimetalism. Instead of the silver monometalism that the persons who think they are imitating the example of France would give us.

THE SAFE SIDE.

The senate did well to postpone indefinitely the proposition to call a constitutional convention. If ever a tax-ridden people needed a respite from political wrangling and the pillaging-up of the political expense account, the people of Oregon need the safe respite now.

The few constitutional evils of which complaint is made are not the mischievous error. The things that are in the constitution do not cause complaint, but things that are not in it. Better in the present state of political unrest and irresponsibility to let our safe, even if somewhat antiquated, organic law alone than to open it to the premeditated attacks of the theorists and visionaries who infest, if they may they do not control, conventions.

The legislature of Massachusetts will permit no such cloud upon the credit of the state as that which congress stubbornly leaves fixed upon the national credit. It has just passed an act whose title is "an act to provide that scrip or bonds issued for providing armories for the Massachusetts militia shall be redeemable in gold or its equivalent."

The cock-and-bull story that witnesses were tortured to obtain evidence against the royalist conspirators in Hawaii will not obtain credence in the United States. The rumor that Hawaii is an American, and as such is unlikely to revert to medieval torture as President Cleveland and his cabinet.

It is not unlikely that the late Tammany municipal officers of New York will be indicted and brought to trial for past peculations. The people of New York are apt to be as thorough when it comes to crime as they are slow to resent public malfeasance.

The bolters never will vote for Judge Williams when their votes would elect him. They are organized on the basis of "what there is in it," and Judge Williams is a man through whom this noble ambition never could be realized.

The president will not ask congress for any more financial legislation, because he has demonstrated that he can run the financial machinery of the government without aid from congress.

PERSONS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

The Rev. John McLeod, of Remsen's Corners, Ohio, aged 85, and the oldest clergyman in the state, is still preaching every Sunday.

Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, has authorized the Catholic society of Queen's Daughters, to cooperate with the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union in temperance work.

Charles Montague, of Philadelphia, has been collecting menus for 25 years, and has over 2000, some of which are very valuable. The gem of the collection is the menu of a dinner given to Queen Victoria at the time of the queen's jubilee.

The new Bishop of Indiana, the Rev. John Hazen White, is about 65 years old. He was educated at the Berkeley divinity school, and was for some time pastor of the parish where that of Joliet, Ill., whence he was transferred to St. Paul. About four years ago he was placed in charge of the Seabury divinity school, at Fairbury, S. D.

While the new bridge bill for this city is not an ideal measure, it seems to be about the best thing that could be got in the circumstances. The taxpayers will be called upon to decide whether their interests do not require the imposition of tolls on vehicles, and the central part of the city will get free transit over the river, which hitherto has been denied it.

At the annual dinner of Princeton alumni in New York, President Patton said that the college needed at present \$1,000,000 to carry on its work, and was in need of large gifts. The college, he said, should have from 10 to 20 followers, and from 20 to 25 scholars of Dr. McCook, he said: His work is done.

You may build him a monument—I hope you will—in testimony of your grateful devotion, but his monument is already built in the books he has written, in his defense of truth, and in the men he has trained, in the great college to whose development he gave 20 of the best years of his life.

ENGLAND'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

Portland, Feb. 16.—(To the Editor.)—I cannot help feeling that the general conservatism of the people that the late English elections were, in their result, influenced by the bimetallic question. For ordinary English people, I think it is not far from the truth to say that they do not enter into practical politics.

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

The Pendleton Oregon light plant will be materially enlarged and improved. Attachments to the amount of \$200 have been filed against Hancy Bros., merchants at Elkton.

The old electric power-house at The Dalles has been converted into a church for the Calvary Baptists. The regular examinations of applicants for teachers' certificates are being held by the various county superintendents.

The new era in the name of a paper that has been started at Roseburg by W. T. Fogle, published in the interests of the W. C. T. U.

The chief of the Tillamook fire department is giving the firemen instruction in military drill. The proposed plan is to introduce the drill into the public school.

Friday afternoon the residence of Eugene Brack was burned at Astoria. The fire was set in some way by a 2-year-old child, playing alone in an upper room.

It took nearly 2000 pennies at the Astoria postoffice to make change for those receivers of valentines who had to pay 1 cent postage on each of the 2000 valentines.

Two days and a number of dollars were consumed in the effort to locate the body of a storekeeper for selling goods on a Sunday, contrary to a city ordinance.

The superintendent of the reform school has a subpoena that was taken from a farmhouse along the river below Salem by a couple of escaped boys not long since, and he is desirous of finding the owner.

Dr. Hawkins died at Maryville Monday. Two creamery companies have been incorporated. The "Clatsop" is a 100-ton steamer, carrier-pigeon less than a year old, has just made a flight from Friday harbor to Seattle, a distance of 82 miles.

The Horn Rapids Irrigation Company has been organized. The water from the southern portion of Yakima county will be taken from Yakima river.

W. K. Leinjan, of Rock Valley, Ia., has reached Spokane on a tour of the Pacific Northwest. He is a member of the local colony of Hollanders who want to leave Iowa.

A conference is being held by the city authorities of Ballard and Seattle on the proposition to supply water through the water through the latter's Lake Washington plant.

A carload of supplies for the Nebraska sufferers was forwarded from Vancouver Thursday, and another carload of supplies, including a carload of Eastern Washington.

Congress having provided for the establishment of a military post on Puget sound, Tacoma and Seattle. The military post on Puget sound, while other cities are not altogether hopeless.

The slawish population of Wallace, Snohomish county, was thrown into an unusual state of excitement by a large quantity of booze, brought in by some unknown party. After the injection of the proper amount of the fluid, clubs and saloons were closed, and the streets were filled with a mob of riotous and lawless men.

PARAGRAPHERS' PLEASANTRIES.

"I wonder why he married her?" "As a bargain, I suppose, on account of her age." "I don't think it is so, marked down from 25"—Indianapolis Journal.