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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, Or., March 14.—For Oregon and Washington: Rain. Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, furnished by the U. S. department of agriculture, weather bureau:

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I. N. Lane, a fisherman of Nasel river, a small tributary of Willapa Harbor, was in the city yesterday with a box of fish, which he shipped on the Telephone to Kalch Bros., of Portland, the big wholesale dealers. It will be remembered that the law which is being strenuously upheld by the new Portland fish commissioner forbids the exposing for sale of any salmon during the close season. But friend Lane is a fisherman pursuing his avocation in Washington, where the season for salmon is only closed between the 15th of November and the 15th of December.

The amateur baseball movement should succeed. Anything to do away with professionalism. An amateur nine will be strictly a Portland team. If they win it is a Portland victory, and vice versa. A professional club is always made up of rank outsiders who have no more local pride than the ball they bat."

While this is undoubtedly true, there are thousands of people who go to see such game, and many are drawn to them by a pure love of the sport. The latter do not care to stake money on the result. They simply want to see a fair and square contest when every man does his utmost to win. The professional managers have not kept this class of patrons so much in mind as they should. When the treasurer comes to foot up his receipts, however, he notices their absence. Baseball has come to be too much of a gambling operation and the players have been demoralized by this condition of things. The less we have of this kind of sport the better. Let the players pay more attention to the diamond in the field, and not think so much of diamonds for their shirt fronts.

The wisdom of those who prepared the republican form of government in the United States is manifested in the provisions for slow processes in any considerable change. There has been a long cry for lengthening the presidential term and making him ineligible for re-election, but this idea does not gain headway. There has been an increasing clamor for the popular election of senators, and many provoking

incidents, noticeably the late unpleasantness in our sister state of Washington, have promoted it, but the instincts of the masses of the people is to stick to the old way. It has its faults, but if we have two houses of congress we want some distinction of constituencies.

The abolishment of the machinery of the electoral colleges has often been strenuously advocated, and yet it has several times saved us from disputed presidential elections; and, while it has weaknesses, provides a safeguard against revolutionary frauds that, while imperfect, is indispensable.

The presidency, as Cleveland interprets it, is too big a thing, and the plethora would be taken out of it if the term was reduced to two years, and made coincident with the congresses.

While this is under consideration and from forty to one hundred years would be required to work it up—it should be fixed that inauguration day and the day of the meeting of congress should be the same. The better time would be in May. Push forward the inauguration two months—say to the second Monday in May—and make it the law for congress to meet then instead of in December.

The inclemency of our inauguration days is dangerous, and the absence of congress from March to December and the beginning of an administration is inconvenient and throws upon the president a responsibility that is unnecessary and inordinate.

Ex-President Harrison in his first message to congress, called attention to the terrible loss of life among railroad employes caused by the use of the old-fashioned car coupler. He stated that during the previous year 2,900 railroad employes were killed and more than 29,000 injured. "It is a reproach to our civilization," he said, "that any class of American workmen should, in the pursuit of a necessary and useful avocation, be subjected to a peril of life and limb as great as that of a soldier in war."

Mr. Harrison suggested action by congress that would require the adoption of the automatic coupler by the railroads of the country, but nothing was accomplished until the very last hours of the last session, when the house agreed to the amendments to a pending bill, and it has become a law. In the final debate the terrible slaughter of railroad men was shown by quotations from the report of the Interstate commerce commission, and it was claimed that these didn't include all the cases. A strong effort was made by the railroad lobby to defeat the bill, but the senate amendments were concurred in by a vote of 185 to 84.

Thus justice has at last been done to a class of men who have long suffered injustice. Mr. Harrison has the satisfaction of seeing a suggestion which he made in his first message, enacted into law to which he has had the pleasure of affixing his signature.

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