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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, March 23.—For Washington and Oregon: rain. Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, furnished by the U. S. department of agriculture, weather bureau:

Maximum temperature, 50 degrees. Minimum temperature, 44 degrees. Precipitation, .68 inch. Total precipitation from July 1st, 1892, to date 59.43 inches. Deficiency of precipitation from July 1st, 1892, to date, 2.91 inches.

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There is reason to believe that the president and secretary of the treasury have a scheme of finance upon which they hope to unite the democratic party, and that it includes the development of state banking, to take the place of national banks, and to overcome the widely prevalent silver lunacy.

They might do something if it were not for the fact that a compromise with unsoundness affects the whole system, and the democratic party is simply unsound on money. A majority of democrats desire the debasement of money, and do it because they wish debts to be paid with cheaper stuff than the contract calls for. The rough of the fact is, they want a percentage of repudiation, and the larger the percent, the stronger the sentiment. Silver is the first step, and the next is "more greenbacks." First the silver slide then the greenback leap.

The Chicago platform had a gold plank in it, and also a catamount plank. The demand for the repeal of the Sherman law was a fraud, because it did not say whether gold or rags was meant, or mention at all what was to happen after proposed action. The demand for the repeal of the tax that prohibits state banking meant business, for it would open the way for the revival of the dirtiest and most swindling paper money that ever was used by crooks and sharpers to bunco a people.

It has been said in quarters accustomed to accuracy of information that Mr. Cleveland was for a while much enamored of the state bank of issue idea, and thought he could see in it a chance to harmonize his party.

It has even been stated that he wrote his letter of acceptance so strongly in favor of state banking that it was rejected in solemn convulsion, and cut down and out, until it was mutilated almost beyond recognition. Still, he got the unsound ideas into the letter of acceptance; and they were very useful in holding the democratic lines in the South against the vigorous onslaught of the populists. Several close, personal friends of the president have been saying curious things about state banking, and putting things in such ways as to indicate that they had been commissioned to skirmish and ascertain public opinion; but the skirmishing has not been done with such boldness as to be effectual. The people have not been aroused. Mr. Harter, of Ohio, one of the pioneers, has written and spoken in vain, so far as occupying the public attention is concerned.

Mr. Carlisle has been reported to have had in mind while senator a proposition to use silver coin or bullion instead of United States bonds to secure the currency of the national banks. It is based on the theory that the silver can be held as a real security that promises permanency and does not draw any interest, and this, it has been fondly calculated, might do two jobs at one turn.

We have had a compromise silver bill, a scheme for repealing the Sherman law, by coining the margin of the silver bullion held for treasury notes. There is enough bullion for one hundred and fifty millions of standard silver dollars, and there is out for it one hundred millions of treasury notes. It is proposed to reduce the security from gold to silver, which would leave one-third of the silver free, and this it is proposed to coin into dollars, and upon them to issue silver certificates floating fifty millions, and adding that amount to the sum in the treasury without buying any silver.

Putting the ideas of Mr. Cleveland and Carlisle together, it is not beyond conjecture that they mean to try up on the country state banking with national supervision, the amount of the national prerogative asserted being to prescribe that the state banks should secure their notes with silver bullion or dollars, combining the increased use of the metal with state bank issues. Such a plan, we should think, would be cumbersome at the start, and in the end displeasing to everybody.

As long as the city allows the public jail to fester and pollute the heart of Astoria, the council dare not enforce the law on private individuals. How can the payment of good salaries to the police force mean a drain on the pockets of the tax payers, when their work brings a big revenue into the city treasury every year? From a credit and debit view, or any other way we choose to look at this matter, the fact is apparent that efficient and hard working city officers are worth ample wages. If Astoria is quiet and orderly it is the carefulness of custodians of the peace that makes it so. Withdraw men of good caliber, and substitute cheap policemen. Then you will see crime rampant on our streets in a month, and you will cheerfully pay every nickel that the city can provide to restore order again. Prevention is better than cure. Besides, it doesn't cost so much.

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