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#### TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, July 22.-For Oregon and Washington; continued fair weather.

Local weather for the twenty-four wurs ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, furnished by the U. S. Department of A leulture, weather bureau.

Maximum temperature, 72 degrees. Minimum temperature, 52 degrees: Precipitation, none, Total precipitation from July 1, 1893,

to date, :50 inch. Deficiency of precipitation from July 1st, 1893, to date, :48 inch:

#### MORE ABOUT MONEY,

In "Munera Pulveris," the distin guished author, John Ruskin, does more than Indicate sound financial doctrine for the nations of the earth,-he gives sound and intelligible definitions, For Instance, he says of common currenty

Money has inaccurately been spoken

define money gave rise, on its first pub lication, to a contemptuous question "Is half a crown a document?" Of a verity, it is, for a "document" might be stamped as well as written, and stamped on silver as well as on parch ment. To carry out the idea it is well to comprehend that "If all the money in the world, note and gold, paper and metal were destroyed in an instant it would leave the world neither richer nor poorer than it was. But it would leave the individual inhabitants of it in different relations,

'Money is, therefore, correspondent in its nature to the title of an estate. Though the deed be burned, the estate still exists, but the right to it has be come disputable,"

Is it not evident then, that the shape oblong, square, or round; the material, paper, gold, or silver, have nothin gio do with its power of exchange. The element of measure attaches to the things bought, and not to the thing by which, by common consent, the purchasing is done. A cart load of gold could not buy a cart load of corn in an isolated community threatened with famine, if the possibility of replacing the food by the exchange of a portion or all of the metal were hopeless or ex tinguishable.

The real worth of money temain of the quantity of existing money to the quantity of existing wealth (intrit sic value) or available labor remains unchanged. If the wealth increases, but not the money, the worth of the money increases; if the money in creases but not the wealth, the worth of the money (not the wealth) de

"Money, therefore cannot be arbitrar By multiplied, any more than title deeds can. So long as the existing wealth or available labor is not fully represented by the currency, the cur rency may be increased without di minution of the assigned worth of its pleces,"

Why cannot our cidevant economists in congress comprehend that plain and simple fact? The American notes, coin or securities which go to Europe to be exchanged for luxuries or necessities, should not be considered as a diminu tion of the currency except in so far as such export represents a diminution of the real wealth of the land. The free colnage of silver, whereby the number of certain silver disks stamped with "The effigy and inscription" of govern ment will not suffice to remedy any real stringency or embarrazsment. On the contrary, unless wisely propos tioned it will only complicate matters, "But how is it." one may ask, "that prices go up or down as the volume of currency is increased?" Does the querist forget the years of the war? When the land was flooded with green backs, it was gold that went up, That, however, made not the slightest differ ence; gold was not necessary to buy raiment, food and shelter, and though the quoted prices of these necessaries to existence were stupendous, when

compared with markets rates now, peo ple had greenbacks enough to accom

stances, wise. But the issue of addi stances, wise. But the issue of additional currency to meet the exigencies of present expense is merely one of the disguised forms of borrowing or the disguised forms of borrowing or the same as from Portland.

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this republic pledged inmself, yester day, to "the best interests of the common mon people of the land.' The "common people," forsooth! Who then form the barons, the blue bloods, the aristo crats" the "better class," the upper crust? The accident of office holding is no excuse for such an expression. Here be no patriclans and plabelans, and Cleveland. Stevenson and Pennoyer are day, to "the best interests of the com Cleveland, Stevenson and Pennoyer are as much common people as Hooley Dool ey and John Smith.

#### NATURE DEMANDS A TONIC.

We ought never to forget, even those of us who possess vigorous health, that we are wearing out—that the vital clock work, so to speak, must event ually run down. This, of course, we cannot prevent, because it is in the ordinary course of nature, but we may retard the too speedy arrival of decay by the use of an invigorant which takes of as merely a means of exchange, But it is far more than this. It is a documentary expression of legal claim, It is not wealth, but a documentary claim to wealth, being the sign of the relative quantities of it, or of the labor producing it, to which, at a given time, persons, or societies are entitled,"

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plish their possession. This consider ation leads up, directly, to John Rus ikin's admirable synopsis of our present financial crisis:—

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the ground.

While waiting for a conveyance an officer questioned the would-be suicide, who was about 50 years of age, as to his name, address, and reason for wishing to end his life, but the man steadfastly refused to give any information regarding himself. He was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital and surgical attendance given him. Although weak from loss of blood it is probable he will recover. About 9 o'clock last night a hospital attendant got a little information from him. He said his name was Samuel D-, and that he came some weeks ago from New Brunswick. The last few days his head has felt queer, and he has been wan-dering about the city, not knowing which way to turn. What impelled him to commit his rash act he was unable to say.

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