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The year 1900 is a crisis in the history of the Pacific Coast. The future of its commerce, manufactures and agriculture is at stake on the issue of Pacific expansion.

Among a portion of our people there is a demand for the initiative and referendum, and the Multnomah County Republican members of the last Legislature favored the submission of the subject to popular vote.

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We assume, in this, that the Populists are reasonable beings and that when they have had a verdict on their pet measure they will accept it.

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THE ISSUES ARE REAL.

The chief effort of the Mitchell-McBride push is directed against the Republican Legislative ticket. They have made common cause on all city and county offices with Democrats, with Fusion Populists and with an array of Independent candidates.

The Mitchell-McBride conspirators really care little for the city and county offices. They will be content if these go to Democrats or to Independents.

Look at the attitude of the Federal Brigade: Republican office-holders, holding place under a Republican Administration, they are, almost without exception, either openly hostile or ostentatiously indifferent to Republican success.

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A VALUABLE BULLETIN.

Among the late bulletins prepared and sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture is one showing the wheat production of the world for the past five years, which will prove of unusual interest to a very large number of the people of the country.

The British losses officially stated up to May 5 are 289 officers killed and died of disease, 721 wounded and 179 missing.

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AGINALDO A TYPE.

The letter from Aginaldo to General Rios, the Spanish commandant at Rio, which Senator Spooner read, effectively disposes of what little is left of the theory that the insurgent leader was a man who was disposed to be our friend until our generals forced the fighting.

Up in the Willamette Valley the Fusionists are talking mortgage-tax. One for the enactment of a mortgage-tax law by voting for Veatch, et al., cries the Roseburg Review.

Continuing its good work in the cause of sound money, the Sound Currency Committee of the Reform Club has issued a pamphlet on the subject, "Our Money—All Its Own."

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Lord may be on Kruger's side, but the British are on his heels.

Clark believes the newspapers in New York are subsided. He is sure about those in Montana.

There are any varieties of weather which we haven't had lately, we should like to hear from them.

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NO PROGRESS BY THE NEGROES.

Discouraging Report as to Evangelization and Education.

At the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church at Atlanta, Ga., last week, Rev. D. C. Lilly, secretary of the Evangelization Institute for Negroes, at Chicago, Ala., presented a report.

The dates in this correspondence are significant. They should not be lost sight of.

Stealing by Government Officials Less Than in Other Days.

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