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TODAY'S WEATHER: Partly cloudy, with showers; southwest to northwest winds.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1901.

POLITICAL MORALITY: There is a marked improvement in the personal habits of our public men.

It is nearly a quarter of a century since Grant's retirement from the Presidency, and yet it is notorious today.

Senator McPherson, of Illinois, recently appointed another brother to public office, and that brother has appointed a cousin, also of the name of Yates.

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