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WHERE IMPROVEMENT IS NEEDED. The Astorian has awakened from its Rip Van Winkle sleep of 20 years and made the remarkable discovery that "The Portland Oregonian has at last frankly and honestly gone on record in absolutely unqualified terms in the matter of the primary and imperative necessity of improving the Columbia River bar."

BREEDING DRAFT HORSES. There is good reason for the growing interest in the breeding of draft horses as evidenced by the attention given to the horse show at the State Fair last week.

WAS HIPPLE A BAD MAN? How does a good man go wrong? And why? The Independent has a careful and interesting study of the "Psychology of a Pious Thief," taking for illustration the case of the late Frank K. Hipple, L.L.D., president of the Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia.

MORE GLORY FOR THE VIKINGS. Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the Northwest Passage, arrived at Seattle last Saturday, and in a brief interview expressed the belief that he had definitely located the north magnetic pole.

THE GREATNESS OF MR. PUTER. After reading Stephen A. Douglas Puter's testimony, we are constrained to believe that his escape from Detective Burns was only part of the game.

THE GROWTH OF A GREAT CITY. This is the day that has been haunting the minds of the ever-vigilant school "let out" and vacation began a long while ago.

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the total Columbia River allowance between several projects so as to keep them all going.

WHAT BRYAN IS TRYING TO DO. Mr. Bryan's Commiseration appears in the opposition press to "great fair" his great government ownership policy.

THE SPIRIT OF CONQUEST AND ADVENTURE. This spirit has led into sea expeditions which have flickered like times of old.

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The Pioneer Reaches Omaha in Journey Over Oregon Trail. Omaha Bee, Sept. 12.

Evzra Meeker, who passed over what is now Omaha some 24 years ago with an ox team while en route to the Pacific Coast, is again in Omaha en route back to his old home in Indianapolis. On his first visit to this locality Mr. Meeker used as a mode of transportation a team of oxen and the prairie schooner.

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