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Portland, Saturday, Jan. 4, 1908.

A Great Political Solvent: There will be no need of nominating Republicans for the Legislature this year; no need of electing any.

Will Competition Be Restored?: The Government is about to proceed against the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific for dissolution of the United States Government.

The Middleman: That the producer and consumer ought to be brought together, so they may deal directly with each other.

who must be supplied from day to day, pays much. At both ends the people get little for their money.

Reaping the Whirlwind: Another town has been attacked by the night riders and partially burned.

What Care for Ex-Presidents: Suitable and Adequate Provision Should Be Made, Says Cleveland.

Who Can Supplant Bryan?: No Use for Any Other Democrat to Try for the Nomination.

The Extravagance of Women: And the Relation of It to Financial Stringency.

A Use for Hypnotism: The almost supernatural wisdom of our police forces in this part of the world.

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country demands is a reduction of the tariff that will prevent the Carnegies, Coreys, Schwabs, and all of the rest of the enormously rich beneficiaries.

National Bank Conditions: The Controller of the Currency, in the statement of the condition of National banks, makes a sensible, unbiased explanation of last year's troubles.

Sometimes "when all life's lessons have been learned," the quartermaster's department of the United States Government may be conducted on something approaching a business basis.

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WHAT CARE FOR EX-PRESIDENTS: Suitable and Adequate Provision Should Be Made, Says Cleveland.

Referring to the poverty of Jefferson when he left the Presidency as a blow to National pride, Grover Cleveland, writing in the *Century* the companion of January 2, under the title "Our People and Their Ex-Presidents," argues that definite and generous provision should be made for the maintenance of Chief Magistrates at the expiration of their terms.

Mr. Cleveland writes, "by the meager and spasmodic relief occasionally furnished under the guise of a military pension or some other pretext, nor would it be best met by making compensation dependent upon the discharge of senatorial or other official duty.

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HEARST AND THE LONDON TIMES: Yellow Editor Incurs Wrath of the Great English Journal.

Chicago Inter-Ocean. In some ways W. R. Hearst and his frisky ways have incurred the ponderous wrath of the London Times.

At all events, Mr. Hearst managed in some way to incur the displeasure of the London newspaper, and it thunders at him in its familiar style.

Mr. Cleveland describes the limitations that his former high office place on a retired President in his choice of occupation and means of livelihood.

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THE PESSIMIST: It is cheaper to shove than to pay pew rent.

Should one desire to become immortal, should he wish to leave his footprints on the sands of time, let him walk on a freshly laid walk before the cement has had time to set, and he will never be forgotten.

There are times when 4 per cent is better than 50 per cent, particularly when the smaller percentage is per annum and the larger 50 per cent of the dollar.

Nevertheless, depositors in one of our late institutions of finance found it difficult to participate in the general rejoicing that the state's funds were amply protected.

A prescription for financial prostration: Rent a store, a safe, a Receiving Teller sign, and open a bank. A Paying Teller sign can be added later if practicable.

Speaking of suckers, there is an old saying to the effect that, like the poor, they are always with us.

One reproach that has been leveled, or rather hurled at all iconoclasts by devout believers in orthodox Christian theology is: "You take from us our religion, and give us nothing in return."

While we have this on our minds, there are our friends, the Japs, in Vancouver, B. C., who are up in Canada in worth two in the United States.

The correspondent in Vancouver who reported the fracas must have been excited, or behind a tree, where he could not see straight, or perhaps he was hit in the head with a brick and saw stars.

"Their knives flashed in the darkness," he wrote to the *Post*, "I heard a loud 'wo' blood congealed in the heat of the conflict," we could easily forgive him.

Anyway, all thoughtful Americans are glad that the Japs, who will be here to settle this mess, John isn't much on the fight any more, but he is older than Uncle Sam and can put up a much showier bluff.

Upton Sinclair has started a new novel. The opening chapters may be found in the current issue of the *Atlantic*.

Allen Montague (the hero, presumably) goes to New York to engage in the practice of law, and to live his modest fortune, and live a life of comparative ease.

His brother Oliver is already there and seems to be in touch "with people of the right sort." He has a modest income of \$100 a week, and he is a candidate for the nomination of the Democratic party.

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