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Portland, Friday, March 6, 1908. K PLUMBING UNIT. Portland is a city astride a river.

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Portland is a city astride a river. The old part of Portland is the West Side.

Portland is a city astride a river. The new part—the East Side—already contains the larger population.

Portland is a city astride a river. The families are on the East Side, and yet nearly the whole adult population, men and women, and all above the age of fifteen years, visit the West Side from day to day, and most of them every day.

Portland is a city astride a river. The chief residence district of Portland is the East Side.

Portland is a city astride a river. It will be more and more. Suburban and village conditions now prevail there.

Portland is a city astride a river. The East Side wants quiet residence for families. Parents live there for two reasons.

Portland is a city astride a river. First, residence is cheaper there. Second, they know how desirable it is to keep your children out of the active part of the city.

Portland is a city astride a river. But parents want the city, and will have it. Hence they wish to live as "close in" as they can.

Portland is a city astride a river. The life and living of the family are made out of the activities of the city.

Portland is a city astride a river. As a consequence Portland, like all other modern and growing cities, in two cities in one.

Portland is a city astride a river. It is difficult, nay impossible, to make ordinances covering every part of such a city.

Portland is a city astride a river. Regulations necessary in one locality are not suitable at all for another.

Portland is a city astride a river. Pavements, and street cleaning, and fire regulations, and the manner of dealing with the liquor traffic, can't be the same on the East Side as on the West Side.

Portland is a city astride a river. But in course of time business districts will grow up on the East Side; they are growing up now.

Portland is a city astride a river. From the river they will push further and further out. Then all the near districts of the East Side will compare with those on the West Side.

Portland is a city astride a river. And the suburban and village conditions will be pushed further and further away. Everyone sees this movement actively in progress now.

Portland is a city astride a river. But the central part of the city never can be controlled by suburban village conditions; nor can the suburban parts be controlled by the ordinances and regulations necessary for the central city.

large conditions will be pushed further and further out. Thus far the old part of the city is helping the newer parts more than it is helped by them; or, rather, the help rendered by the older part is direct, while that contributed by the newer parts is indirect or less direct, yet on the whole equally contributory to the common growth.

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The coming of the great Swift packing plant will make Portland the greatest livestock market on the Pacific Coast, and the result will be other stock feed that can be grown on land which now lies idle in Summer fallow will afford sustenance to cattle, hogs and sheep in numbers sufficient to make the industry divide first honors with that of the premier cereal crops, which brings so many millions into the Northwest.

THE WORST BANKING SYSTEM. The Aldrich currency bill is merely another rotten patch on a rotten garment. Report is that it is to be forced through as an expedient, so that members of Congress can go home and say, "Behold how we have reformed the currency!"

But in fact it will be no help at all. It will be no preventive of future panics. It will be even an aggravation of the conditions of future panics, when economic and financial circumstances shall combine to bring them about.

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will make money for her owners by carrying American tourists across the Atlantic in competition with second-class American steamers, which cost twice as much. It will be noted that this magnificent steamer was not built on the Zyuder Zee or at any other Dutch port, but in Belfast, Ireland, where they build them cheap and don't care a rap who buys them or what flag they sail under.

Better put the overflow of a crowded school building, that is universally composed of the little ones, in temporary and even flimsy structures on the ground, as has been done in this city in times past, than to huddle them into the attic of the crowded building, as was done in Collingwood in the case so luridly brought to light this week.

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It will doubtless seem to many persons that the United States Supreme Court, in upholding laws in protection of female labor, is inconsistent with its recently announced decisions hostile, or at least unaccounted hostile to labor. The explanation of this inconsistency, if inconsistency there is, must be found in the fact that both states and Nation are passing through a period of hasty and impulsive legislation.

That is to say, it turns away from individual freedom and toward paternal restraint in the hands of the state. But it ought to be perfectly clear that the time that if we are to escape true socialism, meaning by that Government ownership and the destruction of individual ambition and the social end is socialization and decay, then the only door of escape is through a modification of our extreme individualistic ideas by the adoption of semi-socialistic measures of Government control.

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The desire of President Roosevelt to assist Secretary Taft into the White House is not a new campaign plan in American politics. Andrew Jackson helped Martin Van Buren into the first elective place in the land, and like President Jackson, the life of Martin Van Buren, Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, who is an ardent Taft supporter, thought in the White House today a copy of the life of Martin Van Buren, by David Crockett.

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