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now revert to our former position and remind the reader that all property receives an unearned increment exactly the same as land, and the rule which applies to land applies to everything else.

State Treasurer Steel was elected by the people and draws his salary from the people, and his political campaign he pledged his good faith to the people, and before he assumed the duties of his office he took an oath which bound him to render honest service to the people.

There are those who will admire Steel for being produced in a tremendous crop of them. Instead, the day brought forth only grass for the brute herd and potatoes for the human.

The dogwood is scattering its white specks, the hillside and the wild currant is throwing in red blooms. The wild lily is in the height of its glory, and the perfume of the cottonwood spreads its honey smell through the woods.

There are ever so many splendors for Spring poets to rave over, were not ninety-nine out of every hundred of them bores and were the world less taken with cheese and cabbage. Think of the panorama of the orchard blossoms in so many places; of the evening star, now brighter than ever; of the dried-up ruts in the highway.

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draft ships to follow the old channel from Astoria to the sea. This sediment should be removed and deposited where it will cause no more trouble, and the dredge should also be placed in service on the bar while the weather is fine next Summer.

With plenty of money in sight for completing the south jetty, and probably for construction of a north jetty, there is no apparent reason why the channel over the bar should not be scoured out to a depth of forty feet.

An eminent physiologist, Dr. Romme, a London dispatch says, has discovered that a boy is born when the father is the weaker of the two parents, and a girl when the mother is the weaker partner.

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VIEW ON PRIMARY ELECTION.

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Your cook refuses to accept green and rotten tomatoes at the price of perfect ones. She does not count the number of vegetables that are delivered to her, but those that she can use. When your wife selects a piece of cloth she first makes sure that it will serve the purpose she has in view.

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