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Portland, Wednesday, May 6, 1908. MENTAL MEASUREMENT. At the close of his article on "The New Art of the Future" in the Atlantic...

SLANDERING PORTLAND. To get anything like an accurate estimate on the immense size of the Pacific Coast States, their enormous natural resources and widely diversified industries...

THE LATEST SHIPWRECK. As often as disaster overtakes coastwise vessels, whether from stress of weather or untoward accident, crews of the United States lifesaving service demonstrate qualities of courage and endurance that inspire admiration and gratitude.

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Wall Arises for Foreign Markets. Charlotte (N. C.) Observer. While the decision of numerous of the Carolina cloth mills represented at Spartanburg recently to close down indefinitely on July 1 or earlier, was impelled by a feeling of helplessness, none of the less gives the operatives a bad prospect.

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month the average number of dwellings permits was greater than for the month just closed. There was an increase in the Portland postoffice receipts over those of April, 1907. It must appeal to the duller intellect that this remarkable demand for new dwellings and for postage stamps would hardly be in evidence if, as alleged by the Post correspondent, there was "withdrawal" of population and wealth.

THE WOLF MURDER. In his remarkable book, "The Turn of the Balance," Mayor Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, O., describes an imaginary murder which in several particulars seems to resemble that of Nathan Wolff. A tramp entered the defenseless home of two lone women intending to rob but not to kill them.

ONLY ONE PRINCIPLE LEFT. It is useless now to try to advocate or uphold further the Republican party as a means, an instrument, or an agency, through which things may be accomplished. All principles now are embodied in Statement No. 1. There is nothing else. But of Statement No. 1 the Democratic party is the best and surest opponent.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN STEEL. The steel trust has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on its preferred and one-half of 1 per cent on its common stock. While the dividend remains the same as before, the business depression began, there has been a heavy shrinkage in the net earnings for the first quarter of the year.

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when it is stated that, by carrying out the plans recommended by the agricultural experts who accompany the train, fully 1,000,000 acres of land which now lies idle in Summer fallow can be made to produce profitable crops. This land can not only be brought into cultivation every year, but it has been demonstrated by actual tests that, if planted in certain crops, it adds to the richness of the soil and replenishes the supply of properties which are exhausted in wheatgrowing.

SAFE FROM MENACE OF PRIVILEGE. So long as newspapers, backed by Healthy Public Opinion, remain free, Kansas City Star. The necessity of the independent newspaper to a modern democracy—that was what Rabbi Weiss was getting at when he told the Associated Press that he did not believe in the privilege of long newspaper tenures.

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SEASIDE BECKONS BATTLESHIPS. Two Correspondents Point Out Tillamook Head for Visiting Pilgrims. SEASIDE, Or., May 5.—(To the Editor.)—We are making an effort to have the best give us some kind of display of Tillamook Head. Some Portland people have so much interest in Seaside and also because they have been slighted in respect to the ships not going up to their city. We think they will be interested in having something done here.

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HOW THE DIRECT PRIMARY WORKS IN IOWA. Unbiased Opinion From an Intelligent Iowa Editor—Swinging of the Pendulum From the Era of Graft and Corruption to an Extreme of Draconic Reform. (The editor of the Beacon, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, who was in Oregon at the time of the recent primary election, wrote the following in his paper, from Washington, D. C., after reading throughout Oregon. We give the entire article, with exception of an introductory paragraph of no interest here.)

Out of this tide of civic righteousness came a radical primary law, which gave to the rank and file of parties absolute power over its leadership and all officialdom within the state. But in its swing the pendulum of public sentiment is not wont to be under the control of deliberate judgment directed to the public good. Following the primary and as part of the campaign of vengeance and reform, it is proposed to bind members of the legislature to vote for the popular choice not at the primaries, but at the polls, for the Senate, Oregon has a Democratic Governor. He is stronger than his party. It is the hope of the Oregon Democrats to send him to the Senate, and what is known here as Statement No. 1, covering this proposition, is expected to be a factor in the proceeding. In their zeal to win public confidence during the prevailing demoralization, the successful candidate for the Senate and many other successful candidates for the Legislature exploited this strange doctrine. Mr. Calkins, the nominee, must yet submit himself to the state electorate in June, along with Statement No. 1. If the latter wins, Governor Chamberlain may be called by commission to the Senate, and he will be on his feet with Pitchfork, Tilman and Jeff Davis, while Calkins and his fellow Republicans consider at their leisure how vain a thing it is to strike a deadly blow at party integrity in the hope of advancing political reform, or personal fortunes.

Both Congressmen were indicted. Senator Fulton, with his seat scarcely warmed, was left alone at Washington to speak for his state. I do not understand that he is believed to be involved in this carnival of crime, except as an accessory to the extent of winking at the corruption that returned Mitchell to office. He was probably as clean as the circumstances permitted in the way of an ambitious politician who believed it to be necessary to work with the scoundrels in order to promote his own political fortunes. His record at Washington would appear to be clean and more than ordinarily helpful to his state. He was doubtless glad to witness the deliverance of his party and state from the bondage of graft and withal to escape the ban of suspicion. As usual in such cases the people of Oregon arose from their slumber which was a portion of the debauch of cupidity and opportunity, and grew so virtuous as to lose confidence in every public man and

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