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Signs of Sunrise.

The vote of yesterday indicates that the people of Portland are tired of the most excellent fopperies and foibles of the last few years...

Abuse of initiative has been rebuked. Truth is that the people have learned, by experience, that they do not want the system...

Of sound and conservative sentiment the Republican party of Oregon is the natural exponent. The troubles that beset it and the defeats it has met have been factional disorders...

Trust the hen. Why does the hen lose fewer eggs in hatching than does the incubator?

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Canada's Bogie Man. We think it was in the comic opera "Pinafore" that Gilbert and Sullivan provided the hero, Sir Joseph Porter...

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Obstruction or Facilitation? To all who know about and remember "Old Oregon," it is an extraordinary thing to go from Portland and Salem and back in three hours.

Power at Sea. The Oregonian fully agrees with Admiral Striber, who commands the Pacific Ocean fleet of the United States...

AS TO PICKPOCKETS. There is no rose without its thorn, and no life without its pickpockets. The lesson of the misfortune which befell the young man at the door of the Postoffice yesterday is pretty clear...

THE ROSE FESTIVAL. In all the panoply of Summer beauty, bloom and fragrance, and with proper display of civic pride, the third annual Rose Festival is being celebrated in this city at noon yesterday.

Next Reunion in Convention With the G. A. R. to Be Held at Astoria. The Oregonian is pleased to announce that the next reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic...

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Sound cities were too busy nearer home to look after the trade of the new field. With more railroads, however, came more people and the Coast ports with their unrivalled water transportation soon made inroads on what had been Spokane's exclusive field.

While Spokane was even then enjoying a temporary monopoly to which she had no permanent right, the attempt to remove the seat from her mouth provoked such a protest that, to stop the noise, the railroads carved out that celebrated jobbing zone in which for 100 miles in any direction, Spokane enjoyed rates that, except on a few common commodities, were not met by competing cities that sought business in the same field.

The Breathitt County, Kentucky, feud is again to the front. When Judge Hargis was born and raised in the county, he was killed by his drunken son who was sent to the penitentiary. It was hoped that white-winged peace would have a chance to straighten out her feathers.

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STEADY INCREASE IN PENSION ROLLS

Figures for the Last Year at High-Water Mark; While Survivors Dwindle, Their Beneficiaries Increase; Speculative Figures for the Next 20 Years.

Reference is made on each recurring Memorial day to the dwindling ranks of the veterans of the Civil War, and it is probably the belief of the average citizen that the pension list is also dwindling, but, as a matter of fact, it maintained a pretty even keel for a decade up to the last fiscal year.

The amount disbursed in pensions for the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1908, was \$53,026,986, which was \$16,000,000 more than the amount disbursed for the preceding fiscal year. It was the largest single amount ever disbursed within any one year with the exception of the fiscal year ended in 1898, when \$59,000,000 was paid out by the Government in pensions.

The figures for the last year at high-water mark show a steady increase in the number of survivors and a corresponding increase in the number of beneficiaries. The total amount of disbursements reached the high mark of \$53,026,986.

Table showing the number of survivors and beneficiaries from 1899 to 1908. Columns include Year, Survivors, Widows, and Total Disbursements.

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