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The Arlington Record demurs to the position we took opposing the provision in the River and Harbor bill for an appropriation of \$435,000 for a portage railway above this city...

An esteemed Democratic cotemporary claims that the supreme court representative and for that reason advocates the election of the Democratic candidate for supreme judge...

It is a good plan to enquire into the origin of the Democratic doctrine of free-trade, or tariff for revenue only...

Our cotemporary of the Sun desires us to forget the Dred-Scott decision, the Fugitive Slave law and other acts of the Democratic party prior to the "late unpleasantness"...

The industrial development of Eastern Oregon has not fairly begun, and the people will not know the wealth of the natural resources until the immense water power of our streams are utilized for factories...

speakers said in Ohio last fall, the people demand immediate action. Further on, this same Democratic organ says: "The Democratic party is in a sufficient bi-metallist."

All indications point to the nomination of Mr. Cleveland as the Democratic presidential candidate in November. He suits the party on the free-trade subject; but the free-silver men have already begun to clamor against his candidacy.

The Democrats of Oregon should understand that the citizens of the second district will vote for the man who represents their interests, and not for one who is in favor of placing wool on the free list and protecting new England manufacturers.

The campaign has been opened in this state for some weeks, and the issues dividing the parties are the same as in former years. For a quarter of a century the policy of the nation has been outlined by the republican party, and Democracy must act the part of obstructionists.

The late Republican state conventions manifested a degree of harmony that is premonitory of success in November. President Harrison's administration has been statesmanlike in every particular...

The bill opening the Colville Indian reservation to settlement will give to the public a rich belt of land; but we apprehend no Oklahoma boom in consequence. If placer mines had been developed exciting times might have been expected...

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In the first place, it is believed that if public works were let to contractors, greater diligence would be used to complete them than by the present system, and greater economy exercised in the expenditure of money.

The conference report on the Chinese exclusion bill passed the senate Monday by a vote of 30 to 15. Senator Dolph voted for this bill, and such good Democrats as Palmer of Illinois and Colquhoun of Georgia voted against it.

A leading light of the Republican party in New York considers the nomination of President Harrison to succeed himself as almost certain.

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TELEGRAPHIC. The Plot Discovered. New York, May 15.—By an unexpected, and to a certain extent unforeseen, action the Russian diplomat representative and the agent of the Russian secret police in this country have nipped in the buds one of the best laid plans to include the vigilance of the authorities of that empire that has been heard of for some time past.

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