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The report of the state board of charities and corrections on the insane asylum is published in the Salem Dispatch to the Oregonian to-day, and although the charges publicly made were very serious and damaging to the management of the institution, the findings of the board do not present too few facts to substantiate the complaint.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

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TELEGRAPHIC

The legislature, SALER, Jan. 17.—The chamber and Jeffers were appointed on a joint committee to confer with a like committee of the Washington legislature and examine the fisheries on the Columbia.

By Russell, for the relocation of the county seat of Union, read a second time and referred to the committee on counties.

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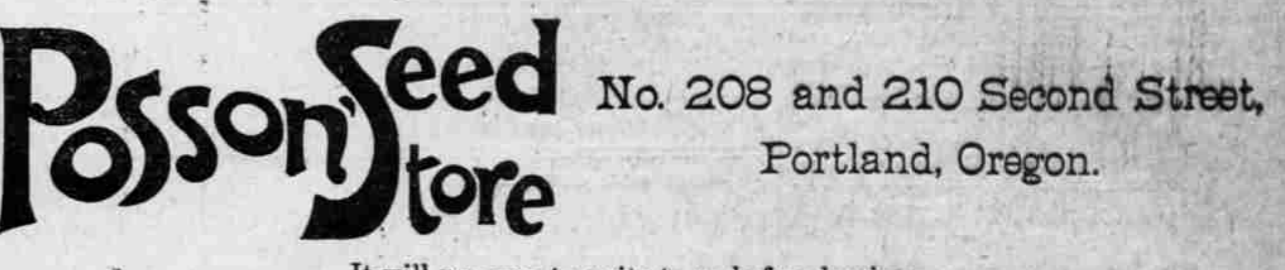
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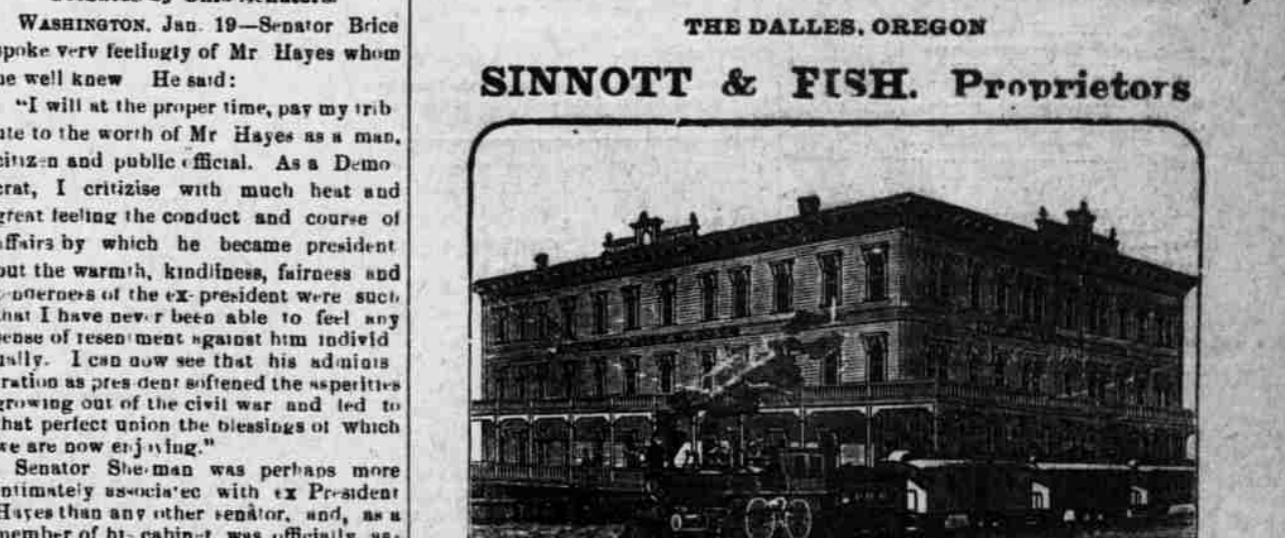
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