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CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT.

In an editorial upon the President in the Chicago Tribune points out that it is possible to distinguish between his "politics" and his "policy."

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were isolated regions rich in undeveloped land and awaiting the locating of transportation facilities to change them from wilderness and trackless plain into farms, gardens, cities and towns.

The laborer is worthy of his hire, and Mr. Harriman and his friends are entitled to fair and just remuneration for carrying out their freight.

LONG AND SHORT HAUL AGAIN.

There is not much comfort for Spokane in the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission on a "long-and-short-haul" case against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway.

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or solicited by him in payment for his confession. This information, in view of the fact that the juror had been kept away from prospective jurors and witnesses, we are told, because it would tend to influence them.

Haywood's defense at Boise is exposing its tender sensibilities to the world. It might do well to make just a little clearer its position as to "newspaper influences." The County of Ada, the seat of the trial, and the whole state of Idaho, have been flooded with violent denunciations of the prosecution made for the most part by socialists like Eugene Debs.

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SINGLE DISTRICT PLAN FOR VOTES.

Another Proposed Amendment to Oregon's Constitution. ESTACADA, Ore., May 17.—(To the Editor)—The People's Power League, of which W. S. U'Ren is secretary, is considering proposing by the initiative for the next biennial election, an amendment to the Oregon Constitution securing to the people of Oregon what is known as proportional representation.

I fear the abstract principle of proportional representation—which aims to give to each political party such a proportion of the total number of Representatives and Senators as the total vote of each political party in the State is to the total vote cast. But, by what plan are we to secure these results that will not be controlled by the entire State?

To obviate this fault, my brother, Raymond W. Gill, of Cleone, originated what is known as the single Senatorial and Representative district plan.

I have tried to study out some feasible plan to attain to proportional representation, but have failed to find one. I would suggest that the appellations, "Republican" and "Prohibitionist" be not printed on the ballot at all; but allow the candidate to state in 30 or a dozen words the principles he stands for.

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REGENTS AND UNIVERSITY FUNDS

Author of the Late Act Answers Cry of "Grat." PORTLAND, Ore., May 17.—(To the Editor)—Permit me to make a few statements regarding the University of Oregon appropriation bill (House Bill No. 37), which is threatened with a referendum.

During the present campaign for signatures, a great many harsh statements have been made about the authors of this bill, and especially about the members of the Lane County delegation, who were instrumental in passing it through the Legislature.

The advocates of the referendum believe that too much latitude is given to the Board of Regents, and that there is an unlimited opportunity for "graft." In justice to Mr. Eaton and the other members of the Lane County delegation, I wish to state that I prepared House Bill No. 37. I did this at Mr. Eaton's request, but it was his bill, not mine.

HIGH PRICES AT JAMESTOWN FAIR.

Exposition Visitors Will Have to Pay Well for Accommodations. Letter in Milwaukee Journal. A. J. Aldrich, who is in charge of the Jamestown fair, has undertaken to entertain visitors away beyond its capacity.

THE ROOSEVELT BEARS IN ATHENS.

They take an active interest in Grecian art and athletics. ACROSS THE SAHARA BY RAILROAD. Frank G. Carpenter tells what the French do on the great desert.

THE NATION'S CALL TO YOUNG MEN.

Eloquent utterance by William H. Taft, Secretary of War. ORDER FROM YOUR NEWS-DEALER TODAY. ment and is accomplished by a separate current from the master clock.

Wise Horse Knows Hospital.

Kansas City Star. Myer Book, a grocer of McKeesport, Pa., was stricken with paralysis while on his wagon and dropped the reins. His horse trotted around to McKeesport Hospital as if he knew what was wrong.

Fixing the Blame.

Cleveland Plaindealer. If old Japan prefers to fight, The sun spot is to blame; If Italy can't get along, The sun spot is to blame; If railway trains leak from the track, If quakes and cyclones rent and rack, The sun spot is to blame.

HOW WE CAN BOOST A CITY BEAUTIFUL.

