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the Senate. "We have been here forty days and have passed bills carrying appropriations aggregating \$2,600,000.

With the House firmly standing in such a position, it would not have taken the Senate half an hour to make up its mind to agree upon some reasonable legislation.

The Oregonian ought to criticize Governor Chamberlain for not forcing the Legislature to pass revenue measures.

In conclusion, let it be remarked that the people of Oregon are looking for men whose abilities mark them as leaders of public movements.

THE COMMON INTEREST. That Puget Sound people are taking a broader view of the problem of development of the commercial interests of the state is evident from the general approval which has been given the appropriation of \$125,000 for improvement of the Columbia River.

PARANOIA. Mr. Jerome's latest move in the Thaw trial seems to have been shrewdly conceived. He insists that Thaw is a paranoiac; in other words, that he is a victim of chronic and probably incurable brain disease.

On the other hand, in paranoia the delusions are systematic. They center themselves into a story or plot which the mind has constructed.

Mr. Jerome undoubtedly hopes to secure the indefinite confinement of Thaw on the ground that he is an incurable paranoiac.

virtually pronounced this law unconstitutional, not because its vital idea is unsound, but because the right to institute proceedings to prove his sanity ought to be reserved to the prisoner.

THEY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED. The recent slump in states' rights among the railroad presidents is something to shudder at.

Very well; so far so good. Congress adjourned after enacting a more or less effective law which, without any date prophesied, would rain down destruction and ruin upon the railroads.

The dreadful truth is that our railroad presidents almost without exception have soured on states' rights.

A PORTLAND ORGAN OF PRIVILEGE caught redhanded with stolen goods on its person cries "Stop thief!"

Mr. Harriman has undertaken to punish the State of Nebraska for its railroad legislation by laying off some trains and placing others on slow schedules.

Which is worse morally, the briber or the man whom he bribes? Was Eve more sinful than Satan?

THE STOCK JOKE of the facetious Callaghan that "it rains thirteen months out of the year in Oregon" usually falls from parched lips.

Cotton is still king in the commercial life of the United States, not "the king" however, as the saying is.

It is reported that holiday goods ordered a year ago for sale for Christmas, 1906, are just arriving.

There is absolutely no excuse in this city or state for men to remain idle, pending the settlement of a strike.

The fate of the young man of 23 years who "drank himself to death" recently in Aberdeen, Wash., must excite the pity of the pitiful.

The commencement of the annual rise in the Columbia River is already noted. This means that the heavy snows of the winter will be drained off gradually.

Two City Councilmen at La Grande have been sentenced to ten months in jail on a conviction of trying to extort money from gamblers.

The Capital Journal thus speaks of its home town: "The blight and paralysis of graft are upon this community and should be shaken off."

According to its newspapers, Spokane is startled by its proposal to close its saloons between 2 A. M. and 5 A. M.

cannot be expected to make any special effort to disclose the opportunities for settlers in Oregon.

Joachim Miller relates in his book of his recent articles in his weekly days "this chief delight was a bowl of milk and cornbread in a fence corner."

The end of March is approaching. In the words of the weather-wise Almanac, that did duty in a past generation, look out for storms about this time.

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FAVOR FEDERAL REGULATION.

Railroad Presidents' Views on the Great Question of the Day. Seven of ten railroad presidents interviewed by the Chicago Tribune last week favor co-operation between President Roosevelt and the railway corporations looking toward Government regulation.

L. C. Fritch, assistant to the president of the Illinois Central-Federal laws are a rule, fair because made after due deliberation and prepared with more care than state laws.

E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, the late Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Hughtill and myself have favored, for many years, co-operation with the Interstate Commission for the purpose of having the best possible authority and releasing railroads from the absurd restrictions of the Sherman anti-trust law.

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APPROPRIATION FOR UNIVERSITY.

Father of Referendum Doubts if Grangers Are Well Advised. OREGON CITY, Or., March 21. (To the Editor.)—Is there good reason to order the referendum on the University of Oregon appropriation bill?

For myself, I do not know. But in common with practically all the people in Oregon I have great faith in the judgment of the Board of Regents, and I also have confidence in those members of the ways and means committee whom I know personally.

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HIS LAST WEEK. The Story of Christ, told by days, in the words of the Gospel.

THE BACKYARD FOR A GARDEN. Timely hints to Portland housewives on raising vegetables.

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MR. DOOLEY ON MUSIC. No man or woman who ever heard a piano should miss it.

GUARDING UNCLE SAM'S MONEY. How the Nation's Strong Box is protected against robbery.

PRINCE EDDY A SAILOR. Heir to the British Throne has a new ship all his own.

HOW GEO. ADE WRITES PLAYS. Interview in which the Hoosier Humorist talks shop.

"DON'T SPOIL THE DOGS." Homer Davenport shows what damage fashion has done.

JOAQUIN MILLER. Veteran Poet tells when first heard of gold in California.

MARY STEWART CUTTING. Little Stories of Happy Life: The Mission of Pleasure.

ONE-PAGE CLASSICS. Nathaniel Hawthorne's Masterpiece, "The Scarlet Letter."

IN THE CAPITAL OF ALGIERS. Frank G. Carpenter describes its forty-million-dollar boulevard.

THE ROOSEVELT BEARS. Seymour Eaton tells of their visit to the London Tower.

EASTER STORY FOR GIRLS. "Kate's Violet Vision," a tale of happiness by Louise Lexington.

It's Good to Be Alive. Charlotte Perkins Stetson. It is good to be alive when the trees shine green.

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—From the New York World.