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rates between tidewater and interior points. Such reduction cannot legitimately be asked for, or expected, if we insist on burdening the railroads with an entirely unnecessary haul of 100 miles...

WATER ADMINISTRATION. The meter rate for water charged by the City of Portland evidently is not high enough. Increase it, and a few persons who use or waste large quantities of water will pay more, as they ought to do.

THE PRESIDENT TAKES A HAND. Evidently President Taft decided at the beginning of the session of Congress that the proper, and indeed the best, course for himself was to be a spectator at all by an expression of opinion about the details of the tariff bill...

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WHERE SAIL EXCELS RAIL. In selecting October as the time for the start of the women-point case in this city, the Interstate Commerce Commission will be favored with exceptional facilities for studying the actual conditions which have made Portland the natural and logical point at which the exchange of rail and water traffic should take place.

CRUEL CARE OF INSANE. Cruel and brutal treatment of the insane, once universal, now we are fain to believe the exception, is justly regarded with horror throughout the civilized world.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND. The law of supply and demand is automatic in its workings. When a commodity for which there is a universal demand is scarce, the price will advance.

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500,000 bags per year along with the regular annual production. With the government as a partner to finance that which could not be sold in the world's markets, there has been a remarkable increase in the production of coffee, and it is no longer possible to reduce stocks by the liquidation of a paltry 500,000 bags per year.

It is disbelieved by the Princeton Review that any railroad will be built in the Deschutes Canyon. Mr. O'Brien, manager of the Deschutes and Prineville road, says with modicum of brains would ever select the Deschutes route for penetrating Eastern Oregon so long as any other route remained open.

WOMAN AND MAN. Susanne Wilcox writes in The Independent about "The Unrest of the Modern Woman." The main statement is in the following words: "To get a glance over the great majority of modern women convinces one that the plain housewife is rapidly disappearing, and is being superseded by a conspicuous and noisy type of woman, who is a hobby-riding woman on the one hand, and the submerged majority of sober, duty-loving women on the other, who are nevertheless contented with the role of mere housewife."

Count Boni de Castellane's "confidential" story that he is to marry Miss Marjorie Gould, the beautiful young daughter of George Gould, may be all right for his credulous creditors. In this country it will hardly find believers.

CHANCE FOR SINGLE TAXERS. Quit Leaving the Cities; Take This Cheap Land and Go to Work. PORTLAND, July 18.—(To the Editor.)—In the Coeur d'Alene district in Idaho and other points in Washington and Montana about 200 homesteads are being virtually abandoned by the Government.

They say the President has made a point of trying to cultivate Senators and Representatives, and now he has got a lot lined up, away from Aldrich and Payne. Which seems to be true, and is pretty good politics.

What a long wait the Wright brothers had for their flight. In Portland they could have made it any day the past two weeks, any time of the day.

Mr. Potter Palmer and Mrs. John W. Mackay, two bright and shining lights in American dillardom, each gave a party on the same evening in London last week. Mrs. Mackay spent a paltry \$10,000 for musicians and entertainers, and Mrs. Palmer badly distanced her by paying \$12,000 for singers and \$2000 for flowers, while a temporary extension to her house cost \$4000.

DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON ON GO! He Great Critic Tells Boswell What He Thinks of the Sport. London Truth. On the fourth day after leaving London Johnson and I arrived in Edinburgh and put up at the "Blue Post" in that city.

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THIS MAN IS HIS OWN PRIEST. Says He Wants Nobody's Theological System Between Him and Almighty. PORTLAND, July 18.—(To the Editor.)—Your correspondent, Mr. Duetta, works to put his readers into a system. The system has a name. There are many systems with as many names. He says the system has the proper label and you are all right.

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Life's Sunny Side. Irate Barber (to customer as he seats him in chair)—You see that guy going out the door?

Customer—Yes. What of it? Barber—He's the meanest man on earth. Customer—What has he done? Barber—Why, the scoundrel sat in my chair for half an hour and never told me he was a Jew.

Little Marlon—Our family is very exclusive, is yours? Father—No, indeed; we have nothing to be ashamed of.—Philadelphia Record.

Miss Oldgirl—Do you sell anything to restore the complexion? Chemist—Restore? You mean preserve, miss. (Deal to the amount of \$4.25 immediately added.)—Tattler.

Customer—Bring us two hot-dog sandwiches. Waiter—Certainly, sir. Do you want dachshunds? They're more expensive; but they're long.—Judge.

AN ESSAY IN PROPHECY. With Comparison or Parallel in History for Illustration. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Journalism and Literature. [Lord Morley on "Literature and Journalism" at Imperial Press Conference, London.]

Surprising the Doctor. London The-Bits. An old lady of great wealth has just died at Fontainebleau. Her will, which was opened on the day of her death, contained the following clause: