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IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Apparently no progress is being made by the British Parliament towards the solution of the land tax and other leading questions raised by the present ministry.

Since 1832 it has been thoroughly established, both in doctrine and in practice, that the House of Commons has the right to control the House of Lords.

Professor Dicey, an eminent English authority, writes on "The Law of the British Constitution": "If there is a difference of opinion between the House of Lords and the House of Commons, the House of Lords ought, at some point (not definitely fixed) to give way."

English constitutional writers hold, however, that the obstinacy of the Lords may force the Commons to test the question whether they continue to enjoy the confidence of the country.

Between these conditions the King may be in a position to embarrass the House of Commons, and King Edward regards the present situation with much concern.

Whether the House of Lords will give way, or whether it will be packed or stuffed so as to drown the conservative opposition, or whether there will be appeal to the nation, on election day, remains an open question.

Lurid imaginings and gloomy speculations are indulged by scientists who have of late been observing the planet Mars.

Mr. Harriman always gave full credit to these men, and the fine executive ability of A. L. Mohler, formerly of this city, played no small part in the results which made the Union Pacific's annual report a wonderful exhibit of up-to-date railroading.

DEAR PRICE OF FREE LAND. "No more free land"—an Eastern "conservation" cry—has a harsh sound for many sparsely settled districts in the West.

YOUR UNCLE JOSEPH. The insurgents say they will put Joseph G. Cannon—Uncle Joe—out of business in the next Congress.

BONDS FOR IRRIGATION. There are no very substantial reasons against the bond issue proposed by the Secretary of the Interior to raise funds to complete the Government irrigation projects.

MR. HARRIMAN'S MONUMENT. The interest of the late E. H. Harriman in the New York Central was secured such a short time before the death of the railroad king that his influence in that road was not very great.

THE ALBANY APPLE FAIR. The apple fair now being held in Albany presents anew the wonders of developed horticulture.

THE DIAZ LABEL SUIT. If President Diaz, of Mexico, had the same control over the New York courts as he exercises over those in his own country, he would unquestionably win his libel suit against Carlo de Fornaro.

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It is needless to state here that one of Mr. Harriman's greatest natural gifts was the ability to select lieutenants who could carry out his plans and make them meet his expectations.

Work has begun on the Lake Washington ship canal, ex-Governor McGraw turning the first shovel of dirt Wednesday with appropriate ceremony.

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There will be no more dummy bank directors in Portland. Trust to that.

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Life's Sunny Side. James Clarkson, once surveyor of the Port of New York, was discussing the will and rigid rules to prevent smuggling.

They were discussing that old, old accusation against woman that she could not keep a secret.

In an assault and battery case tried in a Cleveland court the prosecuting attorney in the Scotch High case defendant had knocked him senseless and had then kicked him for several minutes.

A young English suffragette tells of a funny incident that happened at a meeting in the Scotch High case.

A lecturer who was talking recently at a woman's club about famous men of letters said in his remarks about Hawthorne that he had read the book "The Scarlet Letter" and had taken his wife to the Old Manse.

USE FOR GREAT PHYSICAL ASSETS. Taft, Roosevelt and Bryan Able to Endure Continuous Strain.

IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN.

HUNTING A WOMAN'S JOB IN PORTLAND. Experience of a stranger pretending to be a green country girl, in search of any kind of employment except kitchen work.

VARIED EXHIBITS AT THE CROOK COUNTY FAIR. Not only products of the soil, but an educational exhibit, and Wild West shows, and Indian dances.

AUTOCRATIC POWER OF NEW YORK'S MAYOR. Head of a great community where a birth occurs every six and a death every seven minutes.

DR. CHAS. W. ELIOT'S "NEW RELIGION". Full text of the address which has aroused theologians throughout the English-speaking world.

TOGO INTERVIEWS HON. JAS. JEFF. The Japanese school boy's estimate of the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

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May Beat Bryan's Record. Houston Post. If Mr. Hearst lives and allotted time of three score years and ten he will probably accumulate one of the finest records of political defeats in existence.

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