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SECRETARY BALLINGER'S REPORT.

The report of Secretary Ballinger is a business-like statement of the affairs of his department has to deal. In the entire document there is nothing that can offer excuse for legitimate criticism and for this reason it will prove most disappointing to the army of muck-rakers who have been camping on Mr. Ballinger's trail for several months.

The water power problem, which invited more adverse criticism of Mr. Ballinger's administration than any other feature of the service, is discussed in a practical manner. The plan of legislation for the conservation of the power sites of the country is said to be the first presented by any Government official.

One error as to fact, in your article I am not owner of the Oregonian, nor chief proprietor. Henry L. Pittcock is the man; and my property interest in the Oregonian is as a shareholder in the business.

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A VERSATILE CITIZEN. Mr. C. E. S. Wood stirred the enthusiasm of I. W. W. members in a Portland meeting last Sunday by declaring himself an Anarchist, for which he was rewarded by making loud applause and yells.

A PERSONAL STATEMENT. Many persons have taken notice of an article on Harvey W. Scott, that appeared recently in the Saturday Evening Post (Philadelphia), and many, including brethren of the press, have sent in their compliments to Mr. Scott, for which he desires to express his sense of pleasure and gratitude.

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