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Chardard also fine in the demands of this army of employees an excellent market for the products of the soil. To meet this demand, there is a steadily increasing use of the lands from which timber has been removed.

THE WASTE OF "CONSERVATION." Representative Mendall of Wyoming, in a statement before the committee of investigation, on Tuesday, presented a view of the system employed for "conservation of natural resources," which too few have had the courage to declare an "evil."

It is a new notion that the policy which the country has pursued from the beginning till now is a destructive one. Hitherto the country has urged the development of water powers, the opening of coal mines, the cutting of lumber, the clearing of forests for production of food, the use of the natural resources within our continental area.

THE DEBATE ON POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS. The debate upon postal savings banks in the United States Senate has not yet become very exciting or very instructive. Senator Smith, of Michigan, has introduced a bill to amend the act which would naturally result from a man of limited education and narrow ideas.

TIMBER'S BIG TAX ROLL. The remarkable growth and prosperity of the Grays Harbor country, as well as other regions where lumbering and logging is the principal industry, are easily explained by a table printed in the Oregonian yesterday, showing the wages paid on Grays Harbor in 1909.

THE TRUSTEES SERVE WITHOUT PAY AND the earnings, after deducting clerical expenses, are distributed among the patrons. These are the only genuinely popular savings banks in the country.

Another pastor, of Tacoma this time, has been picking primroses that did not belong to him.

THE HARVESTER TRUST WILL ADVANCE THE price of farm machinery. The trust, of course, does not give the prosperity of the farmers as a reason for making up prices, but places the blame on the higher cost of steel and lumber used in construction.

THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF MINES has taken up the matter of extracting gold from the Yukon to the royal mint at Ottawa. This gold now nearly all goes out to Seattle and San Francisco, and in order to turn the tide, the Canadian proposes to abolish the charge of one-eighth of 1 per cent now exacted by the Dominion assay office.

JUSTICE BREWER ON THE COURTS. If Justice Brewer's published opinions give any clew to the inclination of the Supreme Court of the United States, there is some danger of that distinguished tribunal being included among the promoters of radical ideas.

TESTING THE CORPORATION TAX. The corporation tax of Congress is tossed about in a state of constitutional question. Pending the decision of the arguments by the United States Supreme Court, opponents of the tax wish Congress to defer six months after March 1, 1910, the date when it would be levied on the income of the United States.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISES. Berwick (Pa.) Dispatch to Philadelphia Record. That President Taft is pulling no punches in re-election was the statement credited to the President by Dr. Leonard Levy, the noted Pittsburgh rabbi, who, satisfied with a \$12,000 salary, recently declined a call from a London congregation, and who lectured in Berwick last night.

BOCCACCIO AS A SOURCE FOR STORIES. EUGENE, Or., Feb. 1.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to Miss Bauer's New York article in the Sunday Oregonian, the original source of the story of the Decameron of Boccaccio: Novel X of the tenth day. It is a beautiful story, as are many others in Boccaccio's "Decameron," but the book is one that is proscribed by Anthony Comstock. It is not likely to be in many homes. It is, however, the author for hundreds of stories and plots in modern literature.

THE BUST OF BOLIVAR. John Barrett is wearing proudly the order of the Bust of Bolivar conferred on him by the Republic of Venezuela.—Washington News.

BRIGHT PLANET BUT TIMELESS. Astronomical Observations Impossible to Earth's "Twins States." Garrett P. Service in New York American. There is one remarkable fact about the magnificent planet which now is so brilliantly in evidence in the evening sky, the earth's "twin sister," Venus, to which, so far as I know, attention has never been called.

A BIG POLITICAL ISSUE. Prediction That It Will Turn on Roosevelt for 1912. Chicago Inter-Ocean. A member of the Congressional committee on the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy has made the bold prediction that the investigation will take about 19 years.

WALLA WALLA COMMERCIAL CLUB INVITES General Opposition. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—Enclosed herewith please find a card bearing an important message from the people of the Northwest regarding the proposed amendment to the pure food law.

WALLA WALLA COMMERCIAL CLUB. Following is the message: WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—To the Apple Growers of the Northwest: The proposed amendment to the pure food law, which is being introduced into the House of Representatives by Mr. McComb, is a measure that is being introduced into the House of Representatives by Mr. McComb.

WILLIAM HIRAM FOLKES. CASCADE LOCKS, Or., Feb. 1.—(To the Editor.)—The Cascade Locks and Navigation Company, which is engaged in the construction of a dam across the mouth of the Willamette river, is planning to force a special election upon the people of this county.

WISCONSIN EAGLE, OLD ABE. Milwaukee, Wis., Dispatch. Captain John D. Wolf, who carried the famous eagle Old Abe to the front during the Civil War as the mascot of the Wisconsin Eagle Company, is dead at Eau Claire, Wis., at the age of 85 years.

THE COST OF LIVING. Doctors say we may live without stomachs. If you have the price of an operation for a stomach which must need trouble for you, you would do well to consider the cost of a stomach before you get it. And let it be known that your physician prescribes a vegetarian diet and you should for joy and thanksgiving eat only home-grown vegetables and fruits.

HOW HOME RULE MAY WIN. When the Irish Party Has Tories by the Throat. PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's forecast of the result of the British elections and its well-taken comments on the general attitude of the English commercial classes towards Irish home rule, affairs, that any attempt to represent this view must be surprising.

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