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TAFT'S FACILITIES.

President Taft has a difficult place to fill, because, of necessity, he must act the part of a man in high place, who is thrown into a conflict between opposing forces, each of which desires its own way.

Therefore he is losing the support of many who supported Roosevelt. These are persons who didn't understand Roosevelt. For, at bottom, Roosevelt is a man who believes in and adheres to ideas of centralized government.

Mr. Taft is a most reasonable and judicious man. No one sees more clearly the necessity of a middle course between the extremes of radicalism on the one hand and of a narrow conservatism on the other.

For maintenance of an even balance between these opposing forces is a necessity of society and government. Taft is in the position of a man who must choose between them.

It is seldom in our affairs that a more difficult situation is presented than that which President Taft now has to meet.

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Senator Jeff Davis, the "Idol of the Hilly Billies," has been caught with the "goods on him," and, like some

other reformers for revenue only, he shirks the responsibility. Summoned before the House committee on public lands to testify regarding a suit in quiet title to 100,000 acres of swamp lands, this blustering paragon of all Senatorial virtues admitted that he was to receive "a good fee" if the title to the lands were proven.

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That is, the Secretary of the Interior was not to be chief of his own department, but Mr. Pinchot asserted his right to be chief—Pinchot insisting that the employees of the Interior Department were to be under his own jurisdiction and control.

Traitors to the people are the bosses and organs that would limit the number of the people's initiative measures on the ballot.

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There are millions of thrifty European farmers and tradesmen who would welcome release from the narrow environment in which they are now present living.

millions of acres which will support a vast population. No other part of the United States can assimilate to advantage as great a number of industrious workers as can find homes and means of livelihood in the Pacific Northwest.

Portland's Garbage Puzzle. By one and another The Oregonian is asked why the City of Portland is about to spend \$100,000 for a garbage burner, plus never-ending salaries of employes and costly administration, when it can let out the business to private individuals and thus escape a heavy outlay of taxpayers' money and an unceasing toll for upkeep and new outfitting.

The British Columbia government has undertaken to solve the garbage problem by a new method. It has agreed to build for the Salvation Army at Vancouver a receiving home, and will advance \$20,000 in cash to be used in paying the fares of girls who are to be brought into the country.

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Portland continues to be the only railway center, starting point and terminal that can do business at all hours and all times.

Portland and its suburbs are above high water mark. Portland is on an air line, also, today.

LET ONE MAN (UREN'S) DO IT ALL. How U'ren and His Schemers Will Overturn State Government. For the County Observer desires to call attention to the proposed amendment to the constitution that is to be submitted to the voters of Oregon for adoption or rejection next November.

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TILLMAN'S RESISTLESS FORCE. Extraordinary Tribute to the Senator From South Carolina. (Washington Post.)

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HIGHWAYMEN PLEADED GUILTY. Udy and Baker, Boy Robbers, and Others Indicted by Grand Jury. (Washington Post.)

Charles Payne, who shot T. O. Duckett with a revolver when the latter paid a visit to his divorced wife January 20, was among those indicted and arraigned.

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ASTORIA RATE TO COME DOWN. A. & C. Must Stand Entire Reduction Ordered by Commission. (Washington Post.)

That the reduced grain rate ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad.

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DECEASED BY SON, SHE SAYS. Mrs. Cartwright Brings Suit to Have Deed Declared Invalid. (Washington Post.)

Accusing her son, James Peter Moffet, of having obtained her signature without monetary consideration and by undue influence, to the parcel of real property and 100 acres as a part of the Miller donation land claim, Mrs. Charlotte Moffet-Cartwright has brought suit in Circuit Court to have the deed set aside.