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British government was insufficient to enable the stockholders to get any dividend from the 1909 business. The Cunard report presents in the plainest possible manner the problem that must be faced by the American people if any attempt is to be made to establish a subsidy-supported merchant marine.

that obstructs upbuilding of the West in disregard both of the law and of the needs of this part of the Nation, and substitutes for a regime of law one of a multitudinous bureaucracy. There will be no protest in the West against reasonable withdrawals of lands for forest reserves, nor against correction of laws that make fraud and other obnoxious provisions. But the enormous reservations that have been made in the West in obedience to non-resident theories of Pinchotism are an abuse and an evil that will leave their restrictive impress upon the growth of this part of the United States.

NOMINATING JUDGES. The project to turn the nomination of judges over to the lawyers exclusively is open to grave objections. Since no other candidates would be admitted, of course, the nomination would be equivalent to election, and the real outcome of the plan would be that the bar would appoint the members of the state judiciary. No person could ever become a judge who was not popular with the lawyers, and the influence of the bar over the bench, which is already regrettably noticeable, would become irresistible.

to ride across the continent without changing cars. On the other hand, the eastern, or Andean, territory belonging to Peru and Ecuador has scarcely been explored at all. It is a dense tropical forest, destitute of roads and inhabited only by roaming adventurers or savages. This is the region where the rubber tree flourishes. It might be a source of countless wealth and other products under present conditions, but it is said that the possible output of this valuable product exceeds hundreds of times over anything that has yet been obtained.

POLITICAL PARTIES COMPARED. Republicanism and Democracy, and New Issues With New Leaders. EUGENE, Or., May 13.—(To the Editor.)—Has the Republican party become retrograde, or is it changing its general line of policy? Has it any right to do with it, or is it a mere eddy in the current which time or new leaders will reverse?

SOO BUYS TIMBER HERE. Eastern Road, With Canadian Pacific in Deal. In order to show prospective shippers that the allied roads are willing to purchase supplies in the country from which they desire to draw trade, W. S. Tarrant, of the purchasing department of the Soo Line, was in Portland yesterday placing orders for between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 feet of lumber for immediate delivery.

WITNESS SAYS HE WAS DRUNK. Inebriate's Perjury Convicted Man of Illegal Liquor Selling. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—Starting developments came to light today in the case of the state against Charles Beers, convicted of selling liquor on Sunday. G. L. Martin brought into court today on a bench warrant to explain to the court why he had testified falsely when on the witness stand for the state.

REPUBLICANS ON DOWN GRADE? Democrats are in high place over the aspect of National politics. It seems probable that they will win the House of Representatives in the elections next November. Should their good fortune and Republican insurgency continue, as they fondly hope, they may then win the Presidency in 1912 and enough Legislatures to give them superiority over the members of the United States Senate.

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NEED OF THE INITIATIVE. All the people of the United States are not going to be satisfied with the Congressional railroad bill. It has a number of features which are irreconcilable differences. People in the Coast states want the water-rate clause to stand; people in the interior do not. Some favor a commerce court; some think one railroad in no competing road; and some think one railroad in no competing road.

ONE NORMAL SCHOOL FOR OREGON. Experience of Kansas Ought to Be Guide for This State. ALBANY, Or., May 13.—(To the Editor.)—For nine years I had the honor of holding a professorship in the State Normal school of Kansas. When Dr. A. R. Taylor came there in 1882 as president he found a situation somewhat similar to the one existing in Oregon today.

TRACKLAYERS NEAR BRIDGE. Progress at Oswego. So fast has track-laying progressed toward the east side of the new Southern Pacific bridge at Oswego that within a week it will be possible for a construction train to approach the bridge. Already the tracklayers are at the site, and they will rush the work along as fast as the arrival of materials which will be hurried to the spot on the completion of the spur from Milwaukie.

INSURANCE FIRM WINS SUIT. Railroad Held Responsible for Fire at Winona, Wash. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today sustained the judgment for \$2000 recovered against the O. R. & N. Company by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company of San Francisco for fire insurance on the store of L. M. L. Lester, which was destroyed by fire at Winona. The company then sued the railroad, claiming that it was responsible for the spread of fire.

SNOW STORMS ADVERTISE ROAD. Great Northern Shows How Pleasant It Is to Be "Snowbound." A snow storm that blocks traffic is usually a matter a railroad attempts to apologize for, but the versatile and resourceful Great Northern has used the snow storm of last April, when Great Northern trains were stalled for periods of one to three days in South Dakota, as an advertising medium.

SHIP SUBSIDY'S SHORTCOMINGS. The annual report of the directors of the Cunard line for 1909 has just been made public. This report is of special interest to the Americans who have been misled by the clique and sophistry of the subsidy-seekers for the famous old Cunard line has always been held up as an example of the benevolence of the British government in providing subsidies for its ships.

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