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PRESIDENT TAFT'S DILEMMA

President Taft finds no single issue on which his party can stand united. On the contrary, he finds a number of questions and parties banking up the Republican party into what he calls groups. The President is disheartened at the outlook and thinks he foresees socialism—which has large variety of meanings—looming up as the great issue of the future.

THE ROSE FESTIVAL BEGINS

Portland has made ample preparation for its annual Rose Festival. The celebration spreads abroad the fame of this city as a home of one of Nature's most beautiful creations and also as a center of growing commerce and thrift.

NEW ASSEMBLY NOT OLD CONVENTION

Certain noisier critics of party assemblies declaim as if the Republican assembly next month will select all the members of the Legislature and as if other candidates will be barred out. But Republican voters are not so stupid as to be misled by this false talk.

HONEST LAWMAKERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Lawmaking is as much a duty of a Legislature as election of United States Senators. A Legislature dishonest in the one duty will probably also be dishonest in the other.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT SENTIMENT

Ex-United States Senator John L. Wilson, of Washington, in a speech at Clifton, Wash., today, said that the Columbia River, he advocated a channel that would admit 20,000-ton steamships to Portland and Vancouver.

FUTURE AVIATION

Like everybody else, those who base their hopes on the success of traveling in the air have their alternate periods of brilliant anticipation and depressing gloom. A few weeks ago it almost seemed as if we were not to hear anything more of an encouraging tone about aviation for a long time to come.

work of the Port of Portland. That Portland efforts are made to improve is apparent by the interest now being shown in the work. Portland, of course, will never be directly reimbursed for the large sums that it has expended in improving this river highway for the commerce of the entire region.

NOVEL CORPORATION ATROCITY

Kansas Man is Hounded to Death by Tapers for "Social Drinks." Chicago Inter Ocean. The Kansas Railroad Commissioners have resolved a complaint from an indignant citizen that "the express agent in his town lifts it off" whenever he, the citizen, "gets a jug of whisky by express."

CLOSED-SHOP BLAMED FOR EVILS

This Writer Thinks San Francisco's Labor Unions Cripple Trade. PORTLAND, June 5.—(To the Editor.)—Having carefully read and re-read W. H. Corbett's communication in the Oregonian of today on the closed shop, I wish to state a few facts in connection with the subject matter which Mr. Corbett dealt in a manner most deserving of commendation.

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