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Portland, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1916. THE GREAT BARGAIN. They say that there is a Bourne-Chamberlain alliance.

Hardly the friends of Chamberlain are ashamed of it, and attempt to deny it. The friends of Bourne, such as he has—proving, possibly, the best and gunning, possibly, the best.

The story that there is a deal or partnership between Bourne and Chamberlain, "comes from assembly sources." Nonsense. The public is not so easily to be fooled and humbugged.

When we see a lot of framed timbers, different portions of which we know have been gotten out by different parties, we are not surprised.

There is more to be said: A large element in the Democratic party is not doing so well as they are.

Water-power conservation. "Everlasting power," "white coal," are names conferred on Western streams by Eastern enthusiasts.

A National Incorporation Law. It is pretty well understood that Mr. Taft will present for consideration to the next Congress a bill enabling corporations to form under the National authority.

Suffrage for Negroes. A correspondent of The Oregonian who conceals his identity under the mystic cypherogram of "Yendis Yrots" writes to tell us that we "are all off" on the negro question.

again, and more important for present consideration, the States of Oregon and Washington, which Mr. Honshaw says contain one-third the total water power of the United States, own and control all unappropriated waters under their constitutions and statutes.

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laws for their control. What comfort there is in such a condition of things even for a man like Mr. Bryan, who dines and sups on state rights, it is difficult to see.

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How Shall the Voters Cast Their Ballots on Prohibition on Nov. 8?

George A. Thacher Makes a Psychological and Sociological Study of the Liquor Question and Tells Why He Will Vote Against Prohibition—Saloons That Are a Menace to the Community—Should the City Supply Public Amusement Places for Its Citizens Whose Only Hosts Are the Liquor Men?

PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—(To the Editor)—There's an old jingle which tells of National peculiarities and preferences in the matter of drinking.

Some letter-writers inspire us with a similar feeling. Mr. Yrots, with his crude barbarism and concealed ignorance, is one of them. His letter appears in another column of today's paper.

Washington is a true state, but like other groups it does not look well to the ways of its household, economically speaking.

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One thing we must all admit: The counties in Oregon that license saloons are the ones that are the most lawless.

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is no mystery in the fact that members of a family that has had a drunkard eagerly grasp at the promise of prohibition, for it is about the only thing that has ever been offered that promised a revolution of conditions.

To the voters of this large and thoughtful class there is one danger and dread. Personal convictions aside, they shrink from opposing what is loudly claimed to be the moral sentiment of the state.

In connection with such a complicated subject as prohibition it is a relief to consider the amendment to the state constitution offered by the Great Oregon Home Rule Association.

The north end of Portland offers a good field for the study of prohibition. The effort for years has been to regulate and suppress, and the field is still a virgin one.

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These public receptions were going on all over the city. Who can say how many thousands of them every evening to laugh, chat, play cards, see the moving crowd and listen to music?