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CAUCUS AND PARTY DUTY.

Candidate Sheehan assumes a fine air of outraged virtue when he repeats in his letter to Governor Dix that he "will remain as my (his) party's candidate for United States Senator as long as the party desires me to do so, no matter what the personal consequences to me may be."

SCIENCE AND HULL.

The investigations of students like Forel and Krafft-Ebbing have thrown much light on the conduct of persons who commit apparently unaccountable trespasses. Stuart Morris Hull's predilection for slipping off locks of hair to which he has no right is hardly stranger than a multitude of other obsessions which are duly recorded in the books dealing with abnormal psychology.

COAST INSURANCE TRUST.

The existence of an "insurance trust" which from its San Francisco office controls fire insurance rates in all Pacific Coast cities and towns has been something of a mystery for a long time. Now the Insurance Code Commission of the State of Washington has made public evidence fully justifying the suspicions.

CHEAPER STEEL NEEDED.

In the readjustment which the railroads will find necessary now that the Interstate Commerce Commission has denied their right to advance rates, there is a possibility that some of the "increased cost of living" may be shifted to other industries which can stand it better than others.

A PLAIN AND FULL STATEMENT.

The School Board has made specific answer to the charges of inefficiency and mismanagement, which, having had their beginning in criticisms made by the Civic Council, have extended in lines more or less restricted throughout the community.

OUR INTEREST IN CONSERVATION.

The resignation of the Oregon Conservation Commission is a shock that the public will somehow endeavor to withstand. We are assured that it is not failure of the Legislature to make an appropriation for its maintenance that has caused the Commission to strike its flag and abandon the field.

EXTRAVAGANCE IN TAXATION.

In Seattle the subject of taxes has taken a place among the uppermost topics in the public mind. The problem presented is not one of method in the levying of taxes but of reducing them. As a first lesson a committee of the Chamber of Commerce has published the results of a careful investigation.

THE SINGLE TAX REQUIR.

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