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OPINIONS ON THE SINGLE TERM.

The single, six-year term amendment to the constitution encounters much criticism from the Eastern newspapers.

Among those which endorse the amendment is the New York Tribune.

The Oregonian of 1912 certainly gave all the points needed to the argument that a President can serve the country more satisfactorily if restricted to one term.

Admitting that there are in the abstract good arguments for a single, six-year term, the New York Evening Post accuses Senators of having "their eyes fixed rather upon political expediency than upon the interests of the people."

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The Senate has, we believe, correctly interpreted public opinion.

The Chicago Record-Herald earnestly hopes the House will adopt a resolution for a single, six-year term.

Opposition of party Progressives to the amendment is taken by the Chicago Inter Ocean as practical confession that "without Roosevelt the Progressives party would speedily fall to pieces."

Conceding that the Taft-Roosevelt struggle gives much to commend the single term principle, the Springfield Republican says this term is superior to defeat than a single term to defend, but continues:

The country is probably disposed to preserve the status quo in this matter, inasmuch as the unwritten constitution binds terms, whether consecutive or non-consecutive, was strengthened by the result of the referendum.

The Republican thinks it were better to have Taft pass on the amendment than Wilson and supporters.

The Boston Transcript finds in the Senate's action "the influence of the hysteria which sees 'Caesarism' in every bush along the Nation's highway."

As a dam against Caesarism the amendment would be made of paper, the real sufficient barrier against Caesarism, as Senator Lodge said, "rests in the character of the American people."

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grinding the compromise hopper. Practical experience with compensation law is too meagre in America to cause friends of the principle to sticke out details.

Another Mexican crisis. While we have grown quite used to Mexican crises which threaten to end the government one day and evolve into smoke the next, yet the seriousness of this latest crisis is not to be minimized.

With at least part of his own army in revolt, with the gutters running red in the capital itself, how can Madero longer maintain the government?

Events in Mexico during the next few days will be watched with the greatest interest, for that ill-starred republic appears to be in grave and immediate danger.

If one is to be regulated by the notaries, why not let the examiners of the profession for the reason, the roof, the window-washer, the mover, the washer-woman, the tailor and the day employer?

LETTING THE FORESTS ROT. The Forest Service stands convicted by its own confession of being false to the policy of conservation it was created to maintain.

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CONTINGENCIES IN BRIDGE PLAN. Details on Which Interstate Bridge Plans Are Criticized.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 6.—(To the Editor.)—From all reports that the interstate bridge between Vancouver and Seattle appears that the main span for the bridge will be a cantilever type.

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THE TROUBLES OF A WATER USER.

Adventures in Paying Monthly Tax Are Vividly Recounted.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(To the Editor.)—So glad am I to find that someone has had the nerve to voice a protest to at least one of the water matters.

When first I heard that a new system was to be inaugurated, I felt a certain amount of pride in the progressiveness of our public officers.

With a vivid recollection of an article in The Oregonian telling how much the "improved system" would save to the taxpayers in car fare alone, I once more went to the water department.

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Prun'g Song

By Dean Collins.

(To be sung by committees of both Houses.) Come into the garden, boys.

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Truly, of course, we'd love. To let them by as they stand.

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