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CONTROL OF WATER POWER.

While Franklin T. Griffith is president of the greater hydro-electric company in Oregon, his criticisms of the Ferris power-site leasing bill show the interests of power companies to be generally identical with those of the state.

In the face of this evidence of the state's paramount interest in water-power development, the readiness of control corporations in the public interest, the Ferris bill proposes to lay down the conditions under which the development shall be made and under which the business shall be conducted.

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The Government should, in justice, have no more voice in making water power laws than any private owner of water sites. Such laws are made primarily to govern the disposal of water, which is the state's and is subject only to state jurisdiction.

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Apple growers are vitally interested in the meeting of the By-Products committee, which is to be held at the time to secure radical amendment of the bill is now, while it is before the Senate, and it is incumbent on the water-power states to act vigorously in defense of their rights.

Here is a true and candid statement of the legislative situation, so far as it concerns the Multnomah delegation. The twelve members of the House and the seven members of the Senate have agreed to meet at Salem to consider legislative questions.

It is almost universally conceded that prohibition is the best remedy. National prohibition is attacked from every point of view—as a remedy for intemperance which has been proved ineffective, as a violation of state sovereignty, as an invasion of personal liberty, as a National confession that we Americans lack self-control, and as itself intemperate.

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Treitschke is the opposite of Nietzsche because he taught the doctrine of sacrifice, while Nietzsche upheld the utterly selfish superman. On the surface both are so, but only on the surface. Nietzsche taught sacrifice, too. In his theory everybody not a superman must bow down to the blond beast, live and work for him.

His theory is the exact parallel of Nietzsche's, as we immediately understand when we read the words "almighty state." Treitschke put the all-dominant state where Nietzsche put the blond beast, but one is as ruthless a beast as the other, just as much, just as exacting, just as contemptuous.

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David Warfield says the thing he abominates most in the world of theatricals is curtain speeches. Curtain calls are nice enough—but speeches, "I abominate them," he says. "For a theatrical show or with a comic actor, a speech is all a part of the performance, a sort of little monologue that can be made as interesting as the actor pleases, but for a dignified actor, what's there to do but step out of his role, smirk, smile and tell the audience how much he appreciates it being an audience, and that he thanks them from the depths of the box office, etc. If an actor has registered in a role—there is an end of it. The actor who goes in strong for curtain speeches is the one who goes later to the restaurant for his second round of applause from the after-theater supper who waits for him, etc."

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, December 30, 1889. Oporto, Dec. 29.—The light has gone from the face of kind old Dom Pedro. Beside the bed of his dead wife the Emperor of Brazil weeps, and he himself is not expected to live long.

London, Dec. 28.—Galdstone, the eminent statesman celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary today. Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Robert Tyler died this morning, aged 74. She was the daughter of the tragedian Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Fairlie, a celebrated belle of New York.

San Francisco—Captain T. P. H. Whitelaw has been ordered to Portland to make an examination of the sunken Clan MacKenzie, rammed by the Oregon a few days ago. Chairman D. P. Thompson, of the School Board, says he considers four-fifths of the applicants for free tuition are unworthy.

Possibly no one in the city enjoyed a happier Christmas than James Corbett Hart, who recently came from Montana to have an operation on his eyes. He was totally blind and Dr. William B. Watkins, of the hospital staff, gave as a present to him, the restoration of his sight, following an operation. Mr. Hart comes from Missoula and is 60. For the last six years he had not seen the light of day.

Plans and specifications for the new Perkins Hotel, to be erected by R. Perkins at the northwest corner of Fifth and Washington streets, have been prepared by Justice W. H. Perkins. The excavation and construction will be opened today. The plans call for a building of brick, six stories high with a tower on the corner.

Frank DeLum, it is well known, is opposed to the introduction of electric motor cars on Washington street, where he has extensive property holdings, his opposition being based on the detriment of the poles and wires, etc. He figures electric cars at a net value of property 30 to 40 per cent.

While Charles Keen is certainly an admirable actor it is still true that at the University of Washington his performances here, his delivery is so rapid as to be incoherent. The beauty of many passages of both Hamlet and Macbeth were almost entirely lost to him. Much less appreciate the sentiment.

One of the latest sensations of London life is preaching in the theaters. There are five theaters which are open to preachers every Sunday night. H. R. Meeker, Auditor and Clerk of the City of Portland, has issued a notice to taxpayers that an assessment roll for 1914 is open to public inspection at the offices of the City Recorder until January 15.

D. W. Williams & Company have a supply of timothy hay for sale by the ball also is available. Smith & Davis, 271 Front street, have been appointed agents for the sale of New Almaden Quicksilver. The students of Trinity School, Monday will resume their studies. Osgood, January 2, 1885. No pupils are received under 10 or over 15 years of age.

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Mary A. Hawkins, treasurer of the Ladies' Christian Commission, has issued a statement of the proceeds of the recent fair. The net proceeds were \$171.25 in coin and \$141 in currency and for membership and from other sources \$67, making the total \$1784.25 in coin and \$141 in currency.

Editorial Please Help. MILWAUKEE, Or., Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—The editorial page of The Oregonian today is a treat worth mentioning. The article on the social and social questions knows whereof he speaks and articles on these subjects serve to place the reader in a class by itself. Let us hope that during the New Year you will delight your readers with articles on kindred subjects to "The Brains of the Nation," "The Brains of the Nation," and "Some Hints on Language." Yours truly, HERMAN LOEDING.

1915 We enter the New Year with renewed hope and clearer vision. North America is firmly established—the sun of prosperity is peeping its head above the clouds. The opportunities of the war has given us a more apparent. The business difficulties it entailed are growing less. We have learned how to help ourselves—and have a surplus to give to help the stricken across the sea. 1915 is going to be a big business year. Plan for your share of the prosperity by planning your advertising now. Be aggressive, be alert—make 1915 the greatest year in your business success.

Half a Century Ago

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