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Portland, Wednesday, May 5, 1915.

TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT.

Senator Weeks' comments on the growing interference of the Government with private business are given added weight by the controversy between the Treasury Department and the Riggs National Bank of Washington.

It is charged that Secretary McAdoo and Controller Williams have used their supervisory power to persecute the Riggs bank for the gratification of private vengeance.

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the elements of prosperity except one—confidence. The people lack confidence, not in business conditions, for they are sound, but in the Government.

Justice Hughes announces that he is "not available" for the Presidency. He is not in any sense a candidate. He cannot permit his name to be used.

Justice Hughes considers it beneath the dignity of a judge to aspire for political office. It is more, in his estimate. It is a violation of a true conception of a judge's duty to his conscience and to his oath.

It is conceivable that a judge might be impressed as a candidate for the Presidency without dishonor to himself, and with real benefit to the Nation.

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publican in 1916, but how that state will sidewise a reactionary candidate or a renegade politician. Minnesota is permanently progressive.

Mr. Davenport also found an earnest effort in Western States to put their government on an economical business basis, and he declares that the time has come for enlisting in the service of the people, not installing in control of the Government such progressive business men as Henry Ford and Thomas J. Edson.

The people are in no mood to put the reactionaries in power as the only refuge from Democratic incapacity and depression. That is the conclusion to be drawn, not only from Mr. Davenport's articles, but from the utterances of progressives who remained true to their party in 1912.

Albert Haynes, a Union County rancher, was thrown from his horse and killed last week. He was badly gashed on the head.

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Republican but Progressive. Political tendencies in the West are being studied for the Outlook by Frederick M. Davenport.

The Sebastian case at Los Angeles is reaching the acute stage, now that he is being shot at through the window of his home.

Ground squirrels in Douglas will chatter in glee when the news spreads that a woman hunting them shot herself in the foot.

The Kaiser is said to look much older. Why not? He has troubles on hand that will bring lines into his face.

Those were heartless robbers who rode in a jitney bus and despoiled the chauffeur of his collection of nickels.

The American ambassadors are becoming ambassadors for all nations which are not on speaking terms.

Nothing but severe prison penalties will put a stop to reckless driving of automobiles.

It is high time Kitchener's army began the war.

Greetings to the great port of Lewiston.

All aboard for Cello!

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, May 5, 1890. Washington—Senator Hearst is making a strong bid for the construction of two battleships for the Pacific Coast.

At Senator Mitchell's request the small route between Oswego and Willamette has been ordered changed so as to include Aurora.

The National Baseball League of Great Britain has been completed and plans for introducing the American National game into the British Isles materialized.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, who reside on a ranch near Shanghai, were badly burned last week. They were burning straw in a field when the fire broke out.

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