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THE PRESIDENT'S RAILROAD POLICY.

President Wilson stands by the policy he adopted last August for settlement of labor disputes on railroads. The storm of protests which has arisen against his proposal to forbid strikes or lockouts pending Federal inquiry into a dispute has not moved him from his position.

THE SUM OF \$5,000,000 AND 10,000 ACRES.

The Tacoma plan to buy 70,000 acres of land near American Lake for \$5,000,000 and offer it to the Government as a gift has been approved by the United States Army.

DIFFERENTIAL REMOVED.

A traveler from the East, desirous of seeing the Pacific Coast, has found for a number of years that, in the railroad section, California was quite the most expensive to travel.

TEACHING CURRENT HISTORY.

The education of the student in newspapers is only just beginning to be appreciated by schoolteachers. Not that the teaching of current events in the classroom is wholly new.

LABOR CRISIS HAS SIMPLY GIVEN

added weight to the already sufficient arguments for enlargement of the provision of the Interstate Commerce Commission. If the Commission is to inquire into questions of wages and hours of labor in connection with its other duties, it certainly needs more members.

under a supreme National commission which The Oregonian has suggested. The proposal that the Government should take over the railroads and employ them into military service was proved necessary by the crisis of last Summer.

It is the earnest hope of The Oregonian that Congress will adopt the recommendations of the President. The world would be a better place if the minds of Congressmen should now be so free from all thought of catering to any special interest that they will be able to legislate wisely and deliberately for the common good.

HIGHER COST OF ANCIENT ART.

From our valued contemporary, the New York Times, we learn the details of a sale of ancient paintings from the Davanazi Palace, at Florence, Italy, which has just been held at the Plaza Hotel, in America's great metropolitan center of art and art appreciation.

PONDICHERRY, THE SCENE OF LAST WEEK'S DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

The death of John D. Archbold marks the passing of another among the old crowd of Standard Oil men. A new crowd is taking hold of the great octopus and its affiliated National City Bank.

CAPITAL REMOVAL AGAIN.

The latest proposal to change the location of the Washington State Capitol is probably being resolved with fortitude by Olympia. Olympia is accustomed to capital-removal fights.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE CAMPBELL HAS A CARD IN THE HOLE.

President Ripley had a card in the hole when he began to fight the Adamson law. On its face is 10 per cent bonus to all employees of proper standing.

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legislative session, of the old Olympia Hotel. That hotel was noted for its great lobby, where legislators and lobbyists would foregather evenings to discuss the bill pending legislation, or the third house convened for its biennial deliberations.

Careful experimentation has proved false the theory that the creative power of a flower ceases when it is cut from the parent stem.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. Evans. Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit, or the subject is not suitable, letter will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations.

GOLF AT AN ASYLUM.

SUPT. GAHAGAN, of the hospital for the insane at Elgin, Ill., had a rough, rolling, rocky piece of poor pasture land at one end of the grounds. He had 2100 inmates in the asylum under his charge.

I spent the afternoon of election day playing on these links. I played with a patient in the institution. He outplayed me. He played a much more intelligent game than I did, and he would have beaten me worse than he did except for a sore hand.

Of the 2100 patients in the hospital about 500 have played on the course. About 200 go over the course each day, some as players and most as galleries. More than half the patients have been over the course either as players or galleries.

RHEUMATISM AND NASAL TROUBLE.

Mrs. E. B. writes: "Will you please explain in what way throat and nasal troubles are responsible for rheumatism and stiff joints? A woman 35 years of age has had slightly enlarged and distended tonsils and adenoids for many years, which she has had removed."

VACCINATION NECESSARY.

S. H. writes: "My wife was vaccinated when a child and for some reason her arm became swollen and caused her a great deal of pain—such pain that she now says that under no consideration will she allow our child to be vaccinated."

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