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So that the situation is clearly apprehended by Mr. Taft is shown by a paragraph in his letter: The issue between radicalism represented by Mr. Johnson and regular and progressive republicanism represented by Mr. Taft is a very important one.

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MR. TAFT STATES THE ISSUE. It is Between Radicalism and Its Opposite in Oregon. The Oregonian has received from Mr. William Howard Taft copies of the address which he delivered when he was informed of the effort being made to put his name on the republican primary ballot of Oregon as a presidential candidate.

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Those Who Come and Go. At the head of navigation on the Sulzlaw is Mapleton, and that is the place where Joseph Morris has made his headquarters. He is a young man, Franklin said that if a man sticks to one job for ten years he will be wealthy. "I explained Mr. Morris' idea," said a man who had been in the business for many years, "but I would have proved that Franklin is a precocious boy. He was in the business of completing ten years in that business I became a merchant, and I've been in the business for many years. He says that the main industries in Mapleton are gathering chicken bark, salting and the lumber business. He still has a carload of chicken bark on ship. When he was in the dairy business he received about 15 cents for butterfat, and the stuff was shipped by water a long way and chances were taken on it being fresh when it arrived at its destination. Now the dairymen in his old standing ground receive about 70 cents a pound and there is a quick despatch direct to Portland.

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BELIEVES MARS IS INHABITED. Writer, Accepting Lovell Theory, Speculates on Language Medium. PORTLAND, April 29.—(To the Editor.)—That planet Mars is inhabited by intelligent beings, and that its inhabitants are adepts in civil engineering, will, I think, be conceded by all who have fully examined the results of Professor Lowell's investigations. But it does not follow that the bodies of the planet are constructed just like ours, though a certain degree of resemblance is probable. We have had the interchange of these distant people is another matter. The languages spoken on earth have undergone changes from time to time; and Cicero or Horace would have difficulty in making himself understood on the Roman coast today. It is a nearly certain as anything of the kind can be that the Martians do not speak any language now in use here.

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More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague. A HARD LUCK STORY. We know that Uncle Jake would leave. His all to us when he departed, And Uncle Jake's drinking made us grieve. We struggled not to be downhearted. For boots will hurry one along. To where all mortal ties must sever. And Uncle Jake took his so strong. We felt he couldn't last forever. Alas, for fiddle human hopes! Alas for over-keen ambitions! We fancied that we had the dope. But who could count on prohibition? Did Uncle Jake give over the can? Become a Dry, hard-belled and And zealous? How can we have a healthy man? Ah, no! A far worse fate befel us. He drinks as often as of yore. A quart is still his daily diet; We sometimes fancy he takes more. Than in the days when one could buy. The old man hits the same old pace; His appetite is unabated. And a fine case, that is a case. A fortune soon is dissipated. Whenever he goes out to buy. Cold perspiration walks our collar. And quaking with despair we cry. "There goes another thousand dollars!" We wouldn't do our uncle wrong. We feel that his demise would grieve us. But if he doesn't go ere long. He will not have a cent to leave us. Harding and Cox. Ohio lives right up to her reputation. The allies are now collaborating on a dissolution of partnership notice. (Copyright, 1920, by Bell Syndicate, Inc.) In Other Days. Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of May 1, 1895. Mrs. Mary A. Leonard, the female lawyer, pleaded a case yesterday in the court of Judge Stewart. Mayor George F. Frank has requested the allies to resign as Commissioner Henry Hausman and of J. George Mack, secretary of the board of police commissioners. The First Presbyterian church has as yet received no definite reply from Rev. Edgar F. Hill of Fremont, Ill., who has been called to succeed Dr. Arthur J. Brown as its pastor. Eight of the nine alleged Chinese merchants who arrived by boat Sunday have succeeded in winning the trial to land. AT 74. If I didn't wake up in the morning, Or when I'm in the wings of morning, Just what chance would I then have. In the journey I might be on? Would I fly on the wings of night, Or grope in the lush of night, Would there be a lamp left my feet might stray? In the night when the stars be bright? The one in the east I am thinking about. Which some wise men saw one day. And I thought their feet to a manger. Where a great and good child lay. And east is east and west is west. Just as when I'm in the wings of night. And I trust that star will shine for me. As it shone in days before. But I want it to guide me along a trail. Whence the love of my heart has gone. And a life like hers, so full of love, I'd give her life for his country's sake. Though the tears from my eyes will flow. I know he said he was willing to die. If, indeed, it must be so. Then why recede to day or the hour that comes? It surely will have to be. As sure as the sun will rise and set. As I'm coming to you and me. And if I meet those loved ones there. Sometime or maybe before. Will you know me there, as they will know me once? I am seventy—possibly more. In Port Oregon, April 24, 1920.

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