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BEATING THE GAME. The drift in recent years has been steadily away from competitive conditions in the field of public utilities. Monopoly under public regulation of rates and service has become the popular order. Theoretically it is the economical policy. It avoids duplication of capital and duplication of facilities.

STANDARD AND APATHY. From a high school girl comes the inquiry: "Kindly state the advantages or disadvantages of the commission form of government over other forms and what form in Portland has proved to be the most economical." Articles on the theoretical advantages of commission government are doubtless to be found in number at the public library, but it must be assumed that the youthful student desires facts, not theories. They are not available. We may draw one conclusion from a given set of conditions and somebody else may draw another.

BETTER TIMES FOR LUMBERMEN. Reduction of lumber rates from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast as Chicago will almost, if not quite, restore the relationship with yellow pine rates which enabled Douglas fir to compete in the middle west. It should help to give an impetus to building when the season is opening and when the cry all over the country is for more houses.

NEW COMMERCIAL GEOLOGY. The commercial aspect of a science is also the human side of it, because it deals with the relations of man and the study of geology ought to gain interest from the effort of the United States geological survey to show how geology affects everyday affairs. The survey has just issued an atlas in the introduction to which it sets forth that "study of the distribution of mineral raw materials and their relation to the promotion of trade and the control of industry is a branch of geology."

DISLIKE OF ENGLISH OBSERVED. But Canadian Is Unable to Ascertain Reason for It. PORTLAND, March 19.—(To the Editor)—Having lived and been employed in many of the cities of both the United States and Canada during the past six years, and being of the nature that takes a keen interest in local and public affairs, and the sentiments of people, it is perhaps not acquainted with many of the newspapers. Recognizing the Oregonian as one of the leaders with a broad-minded policy, I am taking this opportunity in writing, as a Canadian citizen, some of my views, or rather observations, that wholly unwarped, prejudiced and vicious feelings which exist in a small, but seemingly important, matter.

FAITH IN WEBSTER'S CHERISHED. Reader Ready to Give Up If Dictionary Can't Be Relied Upon. SEASIDE, Or., March 19.—(To the Editor)—The Oregonian's reply to Editor Ciment has undoubtedly exerted an influence on the cookies of a modest proletarian here. The so-called intellectuals have a way of assuming a superior air, and in the matter of words that is nowhere more irritating to the average reading citizen.

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