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PARLIAMENT AND KING.

Hereditary prerogative of the Lords has been forced upon the attention of Great Britain as an active element of politics in the present contest between Lords and Commons.

The late King was a shrewd politician, especially throughout the present crisis. He adhered assiduously to the role of neutral between the warring factions of radicals and conservatives.

The new King is confronted with a perplexing situation, that gave much concern to the late King. He was not so popular as the late King was.

On May 26 the present recess of Parliament was to end and the contest was to begin over the reform resolutions of Asquith in behalf of the Commons and the resolutions of Rosebery in behalf of the Lords.

So that the new monarch has a complex role to play in the clash of political factions. Should he plant himself as opposed to the Liberal programme?

It is early yet for the appearance of the sea serpent, but pending the arrival of that Summer visitor, some very weird tales are drifting in.

ful that free movement of the steamer vessel. The vessel, in which he found the royal chieftain, so plentiful that in forcing her way through them a crimson wake was left behind.

EQUAL RATES FOR THE SAME HAUL.

The ideal basis for railroad rates is a uniform unit of charge per mile of haul. That may be what the two houses of Congress have in mind in their long-and-short-haul amendment to the Interstate Commerce act.

The problem of fixing railroad rates is a most difficult one, and the man who says he knows how to do it is a fool.

Cities have been built, trade "zones" have been created and commercial institutions have been established by apportioning the trade centers.

The proposed system will not give central advantage to those who have the cheap rate advantages.

PROPHECY AND FULFILLMENT.

The transportation problem, local as well as transcontinental, has never been the chief problem of our development as a state.

The electric lines to Oregon City, to Estacada, to Gresham, tapped the sources of our nearer market supplies.

"There are here two or three millions of acres that are unsurpassed in the world for climate and soil," said Mr. Hill, speaking of the Willamette Valley.

OREGON'S BANKING STRENGTH.

New wealth poured into Oregon banks at the rate of more than \$128,000 per day during the months of February and March.

The report of the Oregon State Bank Examiner, gives the condition of 7082 National banks at the close of business March 23, 1910, and also for January 31, 1910.

Although this state is but scantily populated and new in development, the average deposits per bank are practically the same as for the entire nation throughout the United States.

THE OREGON TRAIL.

There are many signs that Americans are beginning to take a more intelligent interest in the history and natural features of their country.

Charles M. Harvey's article, "On the Road to Oregon," in the May Atlantic forms part of a rapidly growing literature which concerns the affairs of the Western country.

OLD-NEW LESSONS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Great movements are the fruits of long periods of stagnation and stagnation. People rise to an emergency, generally only after protracted wrongs or suffering.

A MEMORIAL TO BUNYAN.

The project to erect a memorial building to John Bunyan at Elstow, the village where he was born and where he lived most of his life.

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Mr. Harvey says in another place that Nathaniel Wyeth was the first American who crossed the Continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A mysterious custom, and a proved preventive of disease, to prepare the initial bandage of the infant with a severe heating process.

A CITY AGAIN DESTROYED.

Cartago, the ancient capital of Colombia, suffered and humbled by the recurrent earthquakes of nearly four centuries, has again trembled and crumbled before the seismic destroyer.

PASSING OF THE RANGE.

The early settler who engaged in small farming was the most potent factor in civilizing the West. Following on the heels of the cattlemen and the Indians, he has by easy stages moved forward.

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