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front. The fighting that will occur... submission to the majority, to the majority... "The fact that the bulk of the labor vote cannot be swayed for or against an issue regardless of its merits merely by pronouncement of union officials was pretty clearly demonstrated in the recent bond election."

PROSPERITY IN SOUTHERN OREGON. But few Oregon citizens have any conception of what the construction of the new railway in Southern Oregon means to that section, as well as to the state at large. This is not to be wondered at, for Oregon is a large state and the distances from Portland to the new line of railroad activity are quite remote, the nearest being Sutherlin, 185 miles to the south.

A LAW IGNORED. The Bend Bulletin calls attention to a law (Section 6317, Lord's Oregon Laws) making mandatory the erection of plainly-lettered guide posts at every crossing of public roads in Oregon.

FOR THE LAND HUNGRY. There is opportunity for emancipation in the intervention by the Attorney-General in the Oregon & California Railroad grant case, but not of the order the Pinchotites and other reservationists are seeking.

Gleams Through the Mist. The April Years. Oh for the swift of the sweet waters swishing Round the red roots of the wild willow.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1915. IT'S THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN. After a year of government under the managerial system the City of Dayton, Ohio, has issued through the medium of its bureau of municipal research several more or less congratulatory pamphlets.

POINDEXTER'S GOOD JUDGMENT. Evidence Senator Poindexter's "excellent judgment in measuring the sentiments of his neighbors" is found by the New York Sun in his several changes of party.

WILL MEN OBEY WOMEN? In the Eastern States woman suffrage is a live question. Here it has been settled in favor of the women and we know by happy experience that the dangers so often predicted from it are purely imaginary.

GRAND OPERA AT POPULAR PRICES. The excuse commonly given for offering bad music and silly plays at the theatre is that the public demands trash. Audiences are so tired, we are told, or so stupid or so childish that they will have nothing to do with the great artistic productions.

PROGRESS AMONG NEGROES. Decided progress in education and economic independence of the negro race in the United States is shown by a census bulletin. Of negroes six to twenty years of age 47.3 per cent, as compared with 65.9 per cent among native whites of white parentage attending school in 1910.

Germany's strategic railroads on the eastern border facilitate swift concentration of troops at unexpected points. The Russians, who have no such system of railroads, are therefore constantly taken by surprise and apparently outgeneraled.

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