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WHERE THE FAULT LIES.

"Western Oregon needs the canal," says the Oregonian, and then the Portland paper launches into a vigorous utterance with reference to commercial conditions existing now and in the past in the Pacific northwest, and particularly in our own beloved Oregon.

"Why is Portland not a city of 200,000 people today instead of 100,000 or 125,000? The answer is that the trade that would otherwise have come to it has gone to Puget sound. Seattle has 100,000 people, and Tacoma has 50,000.

The failure of Oregon to keep pace with her sister state was indeed due to the failure of Oregon to hold the bulk of the grain exporting business. That failure was the fault of Portland. Long before the sound country had reached its present important proportions.

There was then a solution of this problem, and the Oregonian fought bitterly to maintain the existing order of things. Its editor a director of the Oregon road, the Portland paper raised its voice against the people of its own state and the vast country behind it.

Now the Oregonian howls for an open river, that the products of the inland empire may be hauled down to its docks in direct competition with the railroads. Had terminal rates been extended to Astoria six or eight years ago these would have been little need for an open river.

expense. The Oregonian knows this, and knows when Harriman secures the desired depth on the Columbia bar he will overlook Portland as a port vastly too inferior to figure in his calculations.

THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE.

In declaring valid the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution of the state of Oregon, the supreme court points out emphatically the power of the people.

The supreme court is very explicit in pronouncing this idea incorrect. The people, it says in effect, are the highest legislative power, and if they see fit to pass upon measures intended for enactment by the legislature it is quite within their province to do so.

"The initiative and referendum amendment does not abolish or destroy the republican form of government, or substitute another in its place. The representative character of the government still remains. The people have simply reserved to themselves a larger share of legislative power, but they have not overthrown the republican form of government, or substituted another in its place.

"The veto power of the governor is not abridged in any way, except as to such laws as the legislature may refer to the people. The provisions of the amendment that 'the veto power of the governor shall not extend to measures referred to the people' must necessarily be confined to the measures which the legislature may refer, and cannot apply to acts upon which the referendum may be invoked by petition.

As was to have been expected President Roosevelt has taken the part of the Oregon senators in their contention with Secretary Hitchcock, who has, acting under instructions from the president, revoked the order holding up land entries.

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WILL ADJOURN TONIGHT.

Special Session Stands by Its Determination to Quit.

Salem, Dec. 23.—Both the senate and house yesterday voted to stand by the agreement of yesterday's caucus to adjourn Wednesday night.

MATTER FINALLY SETTLED.

Transfer of Friar Lands in Philippines Has Been Made By Governor Taft.

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—Archbishop Ireland has received a cablegram from Mgr. Guidi, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, announcing the purchase of the friar lands in the islands and inviting the archbishop to rejoice with him.

"I want to add to this my expression of great pleasure at this termination of the long drawn negotiations. All praise must be awarded to Governor Taft and Mgr. Guidi, who have labored hard to bring all the parties interested to a final understanding."

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