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RAPE OF WATER POWER CHECKED.

THE president has taken the right stand in his message vetoing a bill granting an extensive and valuable water power right—or renewing such a grant—to a private corporation. There has been entirely too much of this sort of legislation. The privileged few have not only gobbled up the greater part of the coal lands of the country, but in a few years, unless the process is stopped, will absorb the more valuable water power privileges also.

THE TWO LEGISLATIVE TICKETS

ASIDE from several other candidates, there are two Republican "tickets," or groups of candidates for the legislature, to be voted for Friday. One, headed alphabetically by J. C. Bayer, is known as the machine or organization ticket.

THE SAME OLD LIE.

THE tariff plank of the New York Republican convention says: "We recommend a revision that will maintain the policy of the Republican party as opposed to that of the Democratic party, that the tariff should not be for revenue only, but first of all for the protection of American wage-earners, manufacturers, producers and farmers in the struggle against foreign capital and labor for commercial and industrial supremacy."

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cause they believe in it, think it important and necessary, and will abide by it. This group is as a whole at least quite as worthy of support, as citizens and as legislative timber, as the other. Its members are equally good Republicans—unless Republicanism involves the denial to the people of the right to choose their own public servants, United States senators included.

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Letters from the People. Replies to Mr. Farrell's Attack. Portland, Or., April 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—Wilfred E. Farrell who published a letter in Monday's Oregonian, if so ardent a Republican as he would have us believe, has a poor way of serving his party.

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Small Change. By the way, how finely the currency has been reformed. It's quite a long time between Tom Lawson's outbreaks.

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