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REMEMBER MAINE

Prohibition lost in Oregon last November. Its defeat was decisive. The vote for it was 42,541, and against it, 63,564.

Nothing has happened since to indicate a growth of prohibition sentiment. The 63,564 who opposed are probably of unchanged mind.

There is no mistaking the meaning of Maine. In theory it was dry, in practice, its rural communities were dry, and its big cities unlawfully wet.

In Maine with prohibition as the lawful order, there were in Portland 200 liquor selling establishments, in Lewiston 200, in Augusta 62, in Gardiner 19, in Waterville 25, in Rockland 45, in Bangor 190, in Bath 73 and in Eastport between 40 and 50.

The conditions created a system of graft. Every illicit business, every establishment conducted in disobedience of law has to pay officials for its immunity.

The high aims of our prohibitionists in Oregon are admitted. Their desire to better social conditions is to be applauded.

Nor can they overlook the majority of 20,913 by which state-wide prohibition was defeated in Oregon last year. What they are confronted with is not a theory but a condition.

The sounder policy is local option. So long as efforts were concentrated on local option, Oregon was swiftly adding to its dry territory.

BY NEGLECT THE wall that went up in Portland after the latest city primaries is well remembered. There was a hot majority fight, but only about 50 per cent of the registered vote was cast.

They held a direct primary in Massachusetts last week. There were a thousand offices in the state to fill, including governor.

In the New Jersey primaries with Governor Wilson as a presidential candidate, and his prestige completely at stake, the Democratic vote was only 30 per cent on the average, and only 20 per cent in Trenton, the home of the governor.

So runs the political game. The politician is always on the job, and the so-called good citizen remains at home on primary day, to howl his head off after the result is announced.

A chief reason why government is bad, is because so many men of calibre and character neglect to exercise the duty of citizenship.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND RIVALS THE essential dissatisfaction of Germany with her commercial prospects is dealt with in an interesting letter in the London "Nation" from an Austrian German long resident in England.

THE passing by an attack of apoplexy of William E. Curtis, best known by his long connection with the Chicago Record-Herald, removes one of the best known and most reliable of writers and observers in the newspaper field.

Mr. Curtis had but very recently returned from a long journey to the near and far east, and his letters and reports supplied most valuable information, serving to form public

opinion regarding the oriental nations. On this last journey he visited the Turkish empire, both in Europe and in the provinces, paying special attention to the influence of American missionaries and teachers.

THE MOVEMENT FOR SMALL FARMS MANY are the arguments for the small farm. It puts many a family on the land, who leave the close air and crowded tenements of the city for a healthy open air life.

THE LETHAL GLASS THE deliberate aiding of suffering incurables to suicide as an act of mercy, was openly advocated last week at a meeting of the society of Medical Research at St. Louis.

THE BOARD OF MEDIATION WHY has nothing been heard of the board of mediation, constituted under federal law, for the settlement of interstate railroad labor differences?

COSTLY GOVERNMENT IN 1910 there were 6227 persons on the federal payroll. It was one employe to every 1500 of population.

THE SPOKANE RATE CASES IT is reported from Chicago that the railroads have resolved to appeal the Spokane rate cases to the new commerce court at once.

OUR AMIABLE PRESIDENT THE question of the tariff, said President Taft in one of his speeches, "I think all Republicans agree upon."

Letters From the People A trial quarrel caused farmer A. ... before the town J. K. ...

Was Dr. Chapman Caught Napping? Portland, Or., Oct. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—

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Bank Clearings of Great Cities. A recent week's bank clearings of the great cities of the United States were as follows:

New York's Pistol Laws. From the Corvallis Gazette-Times. One of the most rigid laws ever devised against carrying concealed weapons has recently been enacted by New York state.

Warning to Boys and Young Men. From a Correspondent New York World. I am one of the unemployed. I have sought a position for the last two months without success.

Looking Forward (Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-prose is a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.)

THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Many people who think they are wealthy are only careless.

SEVEN FAMOUS CLUBS. The Athenaeum. The most famous of the present literary clubs in England is the Athenaeum, which was first established in 1824 under the name of "The Society."

Always in Good Humor. The Old Maid—But why should a great, strong man like you be found begging?

Looking Forward. The winter soon will make a trip this way. It is a beautiful time, and then we will have the grip, sore throats and influenza.

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