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**ALWAYS UNFAIR**

**THE Oregonian** within the last year or so has shown signs of disintegration and decay. It has lost the spiritual force that once steered it so ably in many right directions, a force that formerly made it an influential exponent of several right principles.

But a great error of the Oregonian, which is now more glaring than ever before, is the coloring of its news, the distorting of its reports of local happenings, and the filling of its columns with unfair versions of what people say and mean.

**CANADA RIDING FOR A FALL**

**THE** vision of Canadian reciprocity is passing fast from view. Except as President Taft casts on it a mournful backward look in various speeches, which have grown in fervor the nearer his swing round the circle brought him to the Canadian border, reciprocity is a dead issue so far as our papers and our people are concerned. Or the north of the border it is largely used by the triumphant conservatives as a demonstration to their audiences of a danger escaped by the British preference which they rely on.

**SOME REASONS WHY**

**THE** JOURNAL does not expect steamers to begin plying between Portland and Alaska tomorrow. Nor the next day. Nor in a month. Nor by any sudden and ill advised movement.

Working expenses for 1910-11 showed an increase of \$7,912,932 over 1909-10 due to additional fuel, larger renewals of permanent way, repairs and additions to the rolling stock, and increased pay to the employees.

**PROGRESS OF THE CANAL**

**P**RESIDENT TAFT predicts the opening of the canal July 1, 1913. It is a prophecy that is darting in its dependence on so many elements.

**IN CALIFORNIA TODAY**

**OREGON** will be interested in the vote in California today. A resume of the ballot appears in another column on this page.

**TRUST REDUCES PRICES**

**THE** English and Scottish steel-makers' association represents the leading steel manufacturers in the British islands. The invasion of British markets by American and European steel manufacturers has gone so far that protective steps have been taken.

**LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE**

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