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SENATORIAL L. W. W'ISM

NO MINORITY has a right to rule. By lung work, a minority is now attempting to rule the majority in the senate.

The ship purchase measure is an effort by the administration to give the United States a partially rehabilitated merchant marine...

FEBRUARY

ONE of the most interesting things about the present month of February is that there will be no full moon.

Once there was no February, not even in the Roman calendar. Under Romulus there were but ten months in the year...

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FEWER, BUT BETTER LAWS

THE review of the results accomplished by the legislature to date, as published in The Journal Sunday, suggests the observation that the average member of the legislature is impressed with the conviction that the value of his services depends on the number of bills he can introduce.

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than paying that cost. The traffic is mainly from coastwise steamships, which are therefore paying the cost of operation.

The figures are reassuring. If with a world war driving merchant ships from the seas, the Panama canal is paying running expenses, much more can be expected of it when Europe quits fighting.

THE BINGHAM BILL

SENATOR BINGHAM ought to withdraw his compensation bill. It cannot pass the House.

The present system of compensation has been in use but six months. More people directly interested in the system approve it more than disapprove it.

The issue that Senator Bingham's bill draws is this: Is legislation to be for the casualty companies or for the workers and employers?

CORN MEAL

THE fast advancing cost of wheat flour and bread has no terrors for the people of the Southern States.

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taken out of legislation we certainly would have fewer but better laws.

THE LUSITANIA INCIDENT

THE world marvels at the use of the American flag by the British steamer Lusitania as a means of avoiding peril from German submarines.

It was, of course, an improper use of the stars and stripes, and is to be condemned.

SECRETARY LANE'S CONSERVATION PLANS

From Collier's Weekly. OF COURSE there are a good many people in the United States who don't like the idea of conservation.

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a war loan of \$200,000,000, although she is not at war. The Dutch have borrowed \$110,000,000 and Canada \$100,000,000, with a second loan of like amount announced.

Putting all the figures, official and unofficial, together, it is a practical certainty that war bills actually paid during the past six months averaged at least \$1,000,000 a month.

This is the cost in dollars, to be paid by future generations. The measureless human suffering and bloodshed cannot be estimated in figures.

President John C. Hibben of Princeton University is opposed to paid coaches in college sports. He says their elimination "would liberate intercollegiate sport from the abnormal incubus of a superimposed system which tends to make puppets of the players, limiting spontaneity and free play of their natural initiative."

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THE COMPETITIVE JITNEY

Portland, Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—Since when did the Portland jitney run six sides for a quarter take over our streets and laws to regulate the same.

OPPOSING S. B. NO. 168 AND H. B. NO. 448

Portland, Or., Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—Conspicuous on my bulletin board sits a copy of Longfellow's works, won for the best essay, open to all, in one of our larger colleges.

DISCUSSING TITLES TO JOB

Portland, Feb. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—I notice a Mr. A. J. Hamlin's address in the paper as "resident of the city."

THE AUDITORIUM QUESTION

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never again be alienated outright to private owners.

The one reasonable objection to the two conservation bills now pending in the senate is the theory that these public lands in the western states which are now owned by the federal government ought to be owned by the states.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Most good talkers are poor quitters. A leader is a great man who knows when to sidestep.

REGIONS SIDELIGHTS

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