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DEFYING THE PEOPLE THE people indorsed the workmen's compensation principle as embodied in the Scheibel amendments by a majority of more than 40,000.

The measure carried every county in Oregon. The election returns constitute a vote of instructions to the legislature.

The House has followed the people's mandate by its overwhelming approval in the passage of the Scheibel amendments. Every member among the fifty-five who voted for those amendments is in harmony with the will of the electorate as expressed at the polls.

AN OREGON BILL THERE is not a reason in the world for the failure of the house at Washington to pass the Chamberlain bill for exchange of scattered school sections in the Sautium national forest in a body near Detroit, Oregon.

Scattered as they are, the school sections are of no value or use. The mature timber on them is deteriorating. If so exchanged that they would be grouped in a body accessible to the railroad, as was proposed in the Chamberlain bill, they would become a valuable asset to the state school of forestry.

The body would have been a workshop for forestry students, who would have been given practical training in the field. There would have been revenue from the use of the mature timber in the further development of the forestry school.

IN NEW YORK, TOO AN ATTEMPT to emasculate the workmen's insurance law in the New York legislature has called forth a rebuke from the Evening Post, which says: "It must be made plain to governor and legislature alike that if there is one issue on which public opinion will not endure the suspicion of political manipulation it is in the workmen's insurance law."

WHY NOT APOLOGIZE? WASHINGTON dispatch says an effort may be made to amend the Colombian treaty to meet the objections in the Senate. Elimination from the treaty of the expression of regret that anything should have been done by the United States to mar friendly relations between the two countries has been suggested.

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MORGANISM IN ITS PRESENT INCARNATION From the Philadelphia North American. HOBE who have followed attentively the proceedings of the federal commission on industrial relations must have observed that this exceptionally important inquiry is unique in character.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY "IN EARLY DAYS" By Fred Lockley, Special Staff Writer of The Journal. Dr. Harry Lane, United States senator from Oregon, comes by his political aspirations honestly. If you will trace the records of the Lane family you will find that wherever they have been they are serving as governors, generals, senators or at the head of affairs. Senator Lane's grandfather was Oregon's first territorial governor.

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