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America asks nothing for herself but what she has a right to ask for humanity itself.

DISCREDITED OREGON

The resolutions of the grant land conference contain no request that Congress dedicate the excess of value over the railroad's \$2.50 per acre in the lands to the building up of an irrefragible school fund in Oregon.

They voice no request that the excess over the railroad's \$2.50 per acre or any part of it go to building good roads in Oregon.

The gentlemen who controlled the conference manifested no concern in such trivial things as irrefragible school funds, reclamation or good roads.

The resolution protest against forest reserves. More than anything else, the character of the resolutions is likely to cause Congress to be more strict and guarded in applying the reserve policy.

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In making the world know better the facts of our matchless resources in agriculture and scenery.

COMMITTEE of the Chamber of Commerce has discovered that "employment in Portland is as chaotic as charity."

Before winter comes the reorganization of the municipal free employment bureau should be accomplished in accordance with need and promise.

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Plans are being made for what is called a "strike" by Jewish workmen in the United States following the opening of peace negotiations in Europe.

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remnant of the unlogged timber lands. The battle ahead is one of the biggest that has ever been fought in this state.

THE ARMENIANS. A CONSTANTINOPLE dispatch says Ambassador Morgenthau has proposed that a huge fund be raised for bringing Armenians in Turkey to the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau's plan may be impractical; the Armenians might not want to come to America, and this country might not want them.

It seems impossible that in this day and age such cruelties could be perpetrated in a world boasting of civilization.

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THE QUESTION OF A LOAN TO EUROPE

From the New York Evening Post, Sept. 13. WITH the arrival of the commission of eminent London and Paris financiers, representing their respective governments and banks in conferences on the foreign exchange situation, the question of a large loan, to be made by our markets to those of Europe, has come definitely to the front.

The first source of perplexity to many readers of the news is the question, why abnormal rates of exchange on London and Paris could be corrected by a \$500,000,000 loan, raised by those markets in America.

The answer is that the raising of such a loan would enable the English and French governments to draw on the proceeds, when making payment for their purchases of American materials and supplies.

Such a condition is bound to hurt both the European and the American markets. English importers of American goods who have contracted to settle the bill in dollars at New York (which is the case with most of the "war orders") have to pay 5 or 6 per cent extra in order to command the requisite American money through a draft on a London bank.

Neither market wishes that state of things to continue. Conspicuously, enough more gold might be sent from Europe to restore equilibrium.

With Russia threatened by internal troubles because the reactionaries object to enlarging the people's powers and England facing possible civil war if conscription is adopted, the Teutons must be hearing good news these days.

Stefansson proposes to spend two more years pursuing his Arctic explorations. After worrying about him for more than a year and then having him turn up safe and sound, people will conclude that the explorer is quite competent to take care of himself.

After noting the character of the resolutions passed by the grant land conference, the query becomes, who put con in conference? Was that done when Senator Day was slipped stealthily into the resolutions committee by a joker notion?

Mme. Bernhardt says she postponed her American tour because her actors have entered the army. Perhaps when she does come there will be more than one wooden leg in the company.

It cost a Pittsburg man \$17.40 to telephone his wife that he had arrived safely in San Francisco. Of course the presumption is he was worth it.

After the grant land conference comes the water power conference. Having beheld the one, we shall have no trouble in analyzing the other.

Fire losses in America. The total fire loss in the United States and Canada, including forest fires, has averaged \$231,000,000 a year for the last five years.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 100 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, which will be published, if the writer so desires.)

In Reply to William Whistler. Portland, Sept. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal—When William Whistler says: "If the Grocers' association had its just deserts, they would have been prosecuted under the Sherman law," he reveals a colossal ignorance.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Baker merchants declare that the fall business starts off exceedingly good.

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