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ABUSING DANIELS.
One of the favorite relaxations of our high caste jingoes is to abuse Mr. Daniels, secretary of the navy.

Mr. Daniels is doing too much for the navy. If he were content to sit idle at his desk and let it rot, following the precedent of previous administrations, all would be well.

Mr. Daniels has committed one or two crimes which his parasitic critics will never forgive. He has abolished the caste system, for one thing, and opened a career in the navy to every competent American citizen.

Every dollar secured from the grant lands for the irreducible school fund will reduce the amount to be collected from the taxpayers for school purposes.

There are 30,000,000 wage earners in the United States. Each one of them loses, on the average, nine days by sickness every year. It does not take much computation to discover that this involves a loss in wages of more than half a billion dollars.

TRUTH AND FAIR PLAY.
SECRETARY M'ADDOE of the United States treasury has written a letter to Congressman Kitchin to defend himself from a mass of unjust criticism.

THE trouble is that he is too able to suit his partisan critics. Since they can find no just grounds for blame they abuse him for his merits. It would be a happy day for the country if newspapers and politicians could rise above this petty spite work. The

reader will discover from Secretary M'ADDOE's letter that he is being maligned because he obeys the law, a law, by the way, which was passed in 1890 when Benjamin Harrison was president.

The Salem Commercial club was not asked by the Ferris committee, as was Governor Withycombe, to express the wishes of Oregon respecting land grant legislation.

AS FINALLY agreed to by the Ferris committee, the grant land bill gives 30 per cent for roads in the grant land counties, 20 per cent to Oregon schools, 40 per cent to "general reclamation" and 10 per cent to the federal government.

ON this page is a letter from a "homesteader." It is a voice from among the burnt logs, the big black stumps and the brush piles of a land clearing.

"Homesteader" tells of some of them, and we know that he voices the truth. There is not capital enough in the hands of the average homesteader to survive the long period of land clearing, stump pulling and soil taming.

THE JOURNAL has received this note from Carl Smith, its impartial and unusually accurate Washington correspondent: Land grant story March 22 reads unjustly to Sinnott in saying he offered an amendment giving 40 per cent to reclamation.

THE Journal gladly gives Mr. Sinnott the benefit of Mr. Smith's statement, from which, and from other sources, it is convinced that Mr. Sinnott has grasped the full import of a future twenty-five-million-dollar school fund, and is devoting his energies ably and aggressively to help secure such a fund for Oregon.

THE Journal wishes it could say as much of some other members of the Oregon delegation. A SURGEON did an operation for a man of humble means. When the time came for settlement, the straightened circumstances of the patient, whose name we will say was Smith, were made known to the practitioner.

THEY are the poor patient. It is the poor patient. Its power to pay comes from the contributions of the great army of Smiths on whom tolls are levied to keep government moving.

Germano do. The American Association for Labor Legislation is back of the movement. Insurance against the consequences of sickness is a fine thing but the prevention of sickness is finer.

THE women of Corvallis are circled, signed and sent to the Ferris committee, at Washington, a petition asking that the 80 per cent apportionment of the grant lands for Oregon schools and roads be allowed to stand.

EVERY MALE BEE HER HUSBAND. You have heard of beehives, haven't you? They call them colonies now, and the queen bee is the mate of every male bee in the colony over which she presides.

A HOMESTEADER'S DILEMMAS. The Producers' Honey company. Headquarters of the corporation are at 268 Taylor street, Joe Miller is vice president, H. E. Crowther, treasurer, and L. S. Bell is secretary and manager.

HONEY CHOCOLATES. "Why do we treat honey thus? Because hundreds want it that way. They are posted. They know such honey is not impure.

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