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direct issue. They were able to keep the reform in the background until the war came on and expenditures by millions mounted to expenditures by billions, producing a situation in government finance that could not be ignored.

The bill in the house for the budget made it necessary for every man to stand up and be counted. That but three congressmen in all the house were willing to be recorded against the measure is highly significant.

SEATTLE CAR FARES SEATTLE faces the prospect of a six-cent street car fare.

There is threat of a general strike in Pennsylvania if the governor refuses to call a special session of the legislature.

There are new and strange notes in America. It is a new kind of procedure. It is not a healthy or wholesome policy.

They have brought their European ideas with them. As related by the senate investigating committee headed by Senator Keaton, the steel plants of Pennsylvania are full of men who cannot speak the English language.

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locomotives burning either coal or oil. Inventions that increase efficiency appear so frequently as to suggest that the science of electric propulsion is in its infancy.

Between the railroads that border the Columbia gigantic potential hydro-electric power dashes wastefully while officials of the lines ponder and puzzle over fuel supplies.

FIVE DEAD IN 10 months this year, the number of automobile accidents is 1600 greater than the whole of 1918.

There is an easy and sane way to lessen the number of accidents. The brakes on every machine must be kept in repair.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE The alcoholic content in near beer is nothing to the discount.

COMMODORE HARDY has gone on his last cruise. His familiar figure will be missed in Portland.

ANYONE who is up sky-gazing at 1.30 o'clock on a Friday night is likely to see "light phenomenon," or almost any other old thing.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE (Communications sent to The Journal for publication should be on one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be signed by the writer. The editor reserves the right to refuse any contribution.)

ADVISES NATIONALIZATION Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your editorial of today regarding the impending strike is timely, but it is not incomprehensible to those who are interested in friendly relations between capital and labor.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

"Crane is the little wonder town of Eastern Oregon," declares the American. As for the acreage of land here that can be found in cities 10 times as large.

Noting the profits of the berry growers in Bend and the Enterprise, the Enterprise asks: "How about your idle hill land that is good berry land?"

"When two barloads of tourists are unable to get hotel accommodations in Bend and have to go back to Deschutes to get rooms for the night, as was the case last week, according to our Deschutes correspondent, it is a pity that the Bend Bulletin, the need of increased hotel investment here."

"We are glad," writes the Walker Basin correspondent of the Bend Press, "to see the business men of the Bend area making the trip over the Falls during the business men's frolic there and made the trip over the Falls during the business men's frolic there."

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The county board of Wheeler county has sold to the Clark-Kendall company of Portland the \$4,000 issue of road bonds for the county.

County Superintendent Frost reports 90 per cent of the teachers of Washington county signed up to join the State Teachers' association.

The big plant of the California Packing company at Dallas has been busy preparing a shipment of 100,000 bushels of prunes to England.

Military credit toward graduation is being collected by the University of Oregon to students who did work in training camps in the United States and abroad.

Checks mailed by the Industrial accident commission to laboring men for the month of October totaled \$418 and aggregated \$10,000.

Only two prospecting coal mines are in the Clatsop county area. The Clatsop County Lumber Co. has been prospecting for coal in the vicinity of the city of Astoria.

Actual work of boring a well to test the water table in the vicinity of the city of Astoria will be begun in a short time by the Oregon Petroleum company, a company wholly owned by the city of Astoria.

Steven Linn, aged 21, claiming to be an officer in the United States aviation corps, was arrested by the city of Astoria in a Seattle bar, was found wandering the country several miles from Astoria, and was taken to the county jail to be examined as to his sanity.

Construction charges for the current year on the Tilton mill of the Yakima Washington Lumber Co. in the \$3,000,000 national fund for the reforestation of the Y. W. C. A. has been placed at \$31,600.

The Washington Water Power company of Seattle has announced an increase of 10 cents an hour for its street railway employees.

The Clarke County Dairyman's association has organized a committee for the purpose of importing of better breeds of herds in the county.

The gold piece seen in Hingham, Mass., was found by a man at a drug store Saturday. It had been in possession of a mill employe for four years.

Two coal mines in the vicinity of Centralia, the Victory and the Olympic, will be opened to the public, thus insuring plenty of coal for the city of Centralia.

Edwin J. Franzen of Polson, a sophomore at the University of Oregon, has been chosen to enter West Point by Representative Summers of the Fourth congressional district.

A single order for over 1,000,000 feet of lumber has been placed with the Pacific Lumber agency at Aberdeen, the largest order ever placed in the city.