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There is something greater on earth than arbitrary power. The thunder, the lightning and the earthquake are terrific, but the judgment of the people is more—Daniel Webster.

A PLANK FOR WORKERS

THERE are those who will claim that the workers' plank in the San Francisco platform is too progressive.

It declares that "labor is not a commodity." That is objectionable to men who think that a worker's toil is to be bought as bricks and stone and other building material are bought.

The plank declares for collective bargaining by workers and for their right to organize and be represented in negotiations by persons of their own choosing.

The plan is still maintained in thousands of industrial plants and is accepted as permanent by a majority of enlightened employers.

It is true that these and other declarations in the workers' plank are advanced. But what would be the state of social and economic America but for the considerable treatment accorded workers through governmental intervention during the last six years?

Other stars
SEATTLE unhesitatingly tells the credulous stranger that in the firmament of the nation's great cities her star is yet to shine with a radiance dimming all others.

to the Orient, being nearer by the Great Circle than San Francisco, which has been claimed for these particular gateway honors?
Yea, verily, Seattle is indeed a gateway, a wonder gateway, smoothly operating on ball bearings and all that sort of thing.

The only disturbing suggestion in all Seattle's paean of self praise is that a gateway by every expectation of tradition should lead into some kind of a field. And Seattle sits on the edge of a cliff. She is girded about with serrated mountains. Only the straining of metal and the extravagance of power join her in trade with the interior of the East.

Portland is now the leading port of freight origin on the Pacific coast. The ports of the Columbia have the lead call on the interior and the East which nature, through the water grade, made possible.

WE ALL know that rail rates are going higher. And we know that they are going much higher.

When the higher rail rates begin to press down, when all these added millions of money come to be collected of shippers, when it is finally borne in upon us that the transportation cost is a tremendous factor in our daily budget, then perhaps we shall wonder why the great waterway stretching hundreds of miles inland is not more utilized.

There are no costly steel rails do wear out and be replaced on the river. There are no ties to rot, no right of way to be maintained, no taxes to pay on trackage, no dividends to pay on colossal investment.

TEACHERS AND MONEY
THE 500-page bulk of the 1920 report issued by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching contains two well stated conclusions.

The first is that money does not make good teachers. The second, that married women make better teachers than single women.

SETTLERS FOR CANADA
BAGGED by the governments of the three prairie provinces and by scores of leading financiers a Western Canada colonization association has been organized for the purpose of obtaining enough additional settlers to work 20,000,000 acres of idle land in the provinces.

STEAMSHIP lanes on the swelling Atlantic are fast becoming burial grounds for dead matrimonial hopes.

ner who had won her during the war. The plans were all made. But they had not included an English captain who was a passenger on the same steamer with the prospective bride.

Another English girl a short time before had started for America to marry a doughboy. But like the other, she found the soft voice of a singer purring to her on the soft bosomed Atlantic far more entrancing than the love of the former soldier.

THREE GREAT PILLARS
BEHOLD the Oregonian in its white-winged piety—a veritable grandmother in white cap, with ribbons and saintly smile. It fought prohibition for years.

It jeered prohibition and snarled at prohibition. It even opposed local option. It never drew a sober breath in its life. But for political purposes it is smiling the demon rum now.

At the Jackson day banquet in Washington January 8, Governor Cox addressed the Republicans for inviting the support of disloyals in the 1918 campaign.

Curious Bits of Information
Gleaned From Curious Places
Quite a cycle of legendary explanations for the origin of the popular term "O. K."

Labor and Industry
From the Democratic Platform
"The Democratic party is now, as ever, the firm friend of honest industry."

Olden Oregon
History of Portland in Its Aspect of Port of Entry
When Oregon Territory was organized in 1842, a customs district was established with a port of entry at Astoria and one on Puget Sound.

Letters From the People
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Gov. Cox on Treaty Killers
Washington, July 13.—During recent months Governor Cox has not made many speeches, but his nomination to all who gain the support of disloyal and burdensome groups for partisan purposes, and inasmuch as he has been equally conspicuous in his denunciation of the peace treaty.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
When is a highway not a highway? When it's closed for repairs.

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