

Letters From the People

A Discussion of "Government by Contrivance"—A Highway Matter in Polk County—An Anti-League's Reply to a League—Other Timely Topics Discussed by Journal Readers.

WHAT REACTIONARIES WANT

Portland, Sept. 12.—To the Editor of the Journal—Government by contrivance is what I mean. It is the making of laws by a few men for the benefit of a few men.

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The League of Nations is an idea, born of sound thought, based upon a thorough knowledge of the deep wrongs of the mass of individuals that go to make up the nations of the world.

The Republican voters are all right, but the organization that dominates them is an aimless as a legless man trying to have speed laws made against an oncoming cyclone.

THE HIGHWAY IN POLK COUNTY. Dallas, Sept. 14.—To the Editor of the Journal—The Journal has been publishing the Portland papers in regard to the Pacific highway through Polk County.

Our supreme court decided a case a few years ago, saying: "Oregon has legislative authority to determine the location and the direct vote of the people is supreme."

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The same law was initiated at the last primary election and was carried by the Non-partisan League. By whom? Not by "big business," but by the North Dakota farmers.

Incidentally, the board declares, it hopes at an early date to announce the selection of a president for Reed to succeed William Trufant Foster, resigned.

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New Staff of Professors and Instructors Helps to Broaden Field of Work at Institution.

An era of practical education at Reed college to accompany training in theory for which the Portland school is widely known, arrived with the fall term opening Monday.

To this end a large, new staff of professors, assistant professors and instructors has been drawn from leading schools of the nation and they are at work already, gradually broadening the field of Reed's activity through practical application of theories of the arts and sciences, according to statements of members of the board of trustees.

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Consolidated Port Measure Discussed

Committee of Fifteen Makes Answer to Questions Asked by City Council—Port Commission Files Supplementary Statement Setting Forth Difficulties It Faces—Statements Presented for Public Information Since Matter Involved Is Included in Port of Portland-Dock Commission Consolidation Bill Which Will Appear on November Ballot.

It is now a question as to the effect of the consolidation of the port of Portland and the dock commission. The committee of fifteen, which was appointed by the city council, has filed a supplementary statement setting forth the difficulties it faces.

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