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WHICH SHALL IT BE?

That the canal and locks at the Cascades will be completed, so far as to admit the passage of boats, at an early date the coming spring, is now almost an assured fact.

In order that The Dalles shall reap full benefit from having an open river to the sea, which will insure to it terminal freight rates both east and west, more industries than ever will be attracted.

Were the spindles for converting it into cloth located in the city, the wool from half a million sheep would come here to be woven. Had we the mills to make it into flour, the millions of bushels of wheat which find market here would stop here to be converted into bread stuff.

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PUBLIC DEBT REDUCTIONS.

Enthusiastic admirers of ex-President Harrison often point to the great reduction of the public debt during the four years he was chief executive of the nation as the crowning event of his administration, and assert that the reduction was greater during those four years than during any other like period of the nation's history.

WOULD BE USELESS.

A strong pressure is being brought to bear upon Gov. Lord to call an extra session of the legislature, it is alleged, for the purpose of so reducing appropriations as to enable a lower tax levy to be made.

Another senator who was quite prominent in the regular session, Mr. Patterson, but whose voice then was not heard against any of the appropriation bills, says "there is a demand for a reduction in public expenditures all around to the same scale to which people are reduced in their private affairs."

The last special session of the legislature cost the state of Oregon some \$15,000, possibly one now would cost a like amount. Yet were it certain that the expenses of the state would be reduced \$100,000 by the calling of a special session, the governor would be justified in doing so.

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For frying, Cottleene must be hot, but don't let it get hot enough to smoke or it will be burned and spoiled. To find it is hot enough, test it by throwing into it a single drop of water. When at just the heat, the water will pop.

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