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lif is dispoed of now. uur haw makers foreese thish, though hey are not advertising it, and this is why there is so much
activity along the line of controlling trusts. This is also one reason why the big fellows are coming to their senses and are etting up in their grip on food supplies and letting their low men at least have a chance to live

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THEY ARE TALKING FOR BUNCOMBE. off at the mouth in opposition to the Panama canal free tolls repeal, are playing politics, simply that and nothing more. It is a fact that while America built the canal, the American people own no coast-wise ships and the free toll pro-

vision for this class of vessels means only a tribute to the ship-
ping trust. commerce in American ports is already confined to "Coastwise commerce in American ports is already confined to American-
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simply double the subsidy the people pay the trust, with its unAmply double the subsidy the people pay the trust, with its un-
American policies and its alien
orews. It will not benefit the
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$\qquad$perhaps nation will go dry, that it would prefer to see this
end reached rather through calm and deliberate reasoning, than
hysteria.
A very proper stand, but
a certainty. To a disinterested observer it looks as thowhen the coming election is over that Portland will be in the drycolumn. It will not be there because Portland wants that re-
sult, but because the balance of the state will force itcity.

President Wilson won the fiirst test vote on Panama canal Lolls in the house yesterday. He will win all the way through because he has a definite program, knows what he wants, and is right. The country is back of the president in this as well as almost everything else he has set out to do.
Clabby, the prize fighter, for assaulting a policeman, has been sentenced to live three years in California. This is an-
other evidence of the extreme severity with which the law is administered at times.

Ty Cobb is seeking other fields in congress. He has blossomed at as an orator and is said to have made good the first time Another I. W. W. "army", this time from California,
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The telephone trust has been dissolved and talk ought
 by the hand writing of the wall, this is what will happen. Once they take hold of the matter the people win 80 to the They will, driven by anger forthe trusts, as the trusts have done them, that is they will rob them, They will, driven by
anger forget to be fust, and there will be a rattling of dry bone anger forget to be just, and there will be a ratting of dry bones
which will be all that is left of the meat trust as well as all others.
There is a feeling now that the punishment meted out to such ficient. They are beginning to demand that the trust managers and the corporation directors be punished by imprisonment, instead of fining the stockholder for their offenses. This is the proper remedy the appropriate punishment. A corporation
cannot commit a crime but its officers can, mnd do. Here is where the trouble began, for it was soon discovered that under our laws no manter what a corporation did, the utmost that it
could be punished was a fine. This led to all kinds of violations of the law as there was absolutely no punishment for the actual eriminal. Steps have already been taken to change all this and before long the directors and managers of big companies will face the penitentiary when they violate the law just as the com mhen rich corpon now does
their inordinel deprive the laborer of food justly his, by lifting it tantulizingly lengths to which the docrine of seif protection win excuse any ting their rights. The American people are law abiding get they will, try ballots firit in an effort to ton this ariming and trol of food stufff, If they win well and good if they do not we may well fear the resort to bullets instead and the rousing of the human pasasions to the point where the class referred to the criminal exploiters of the great mass of the population, will be put out of the way just as mad dogs or any other menace to

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