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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

To Pull Oregon Out of the Hole.

The movement for a commercial organization of statewide proportions has for its primary object the plan of putting this state on the map and in the column where it belongs.

With a larger area than the state of Washington, Oregon has but about half the population of the commonwealth on the north. There is said to be no essential difference in scope of country east of the Cascades lying south of the Columbia river and an equivalent stretch of territory on the north side of the river. The difference there may be as to extent is in favor of the southern district. The preponderance of population and wealth is with the north side in a ratio of about four to one.

But this is only a small part of the state's area. There is domain after domain in the southern and larger part of the state of Oregon that is still in the primitive stage. The portions of the state that have progressed toward development are only on the beginning of their possibilities—everyone knows that.

"Oregon for every community and every community for Oregon" is the slogan of the newly organized state chamber of commerce. That idea put into full force and effect will soon make a difference in the standing of Oregon as a state, and that is what is sought to be accomplished by the state chamber of commerce.

The Bank That Smashed.

Here's a little extract from the day's news: "Kasson Harp, factory worker of Toledo, O., lost \$10,000, the savings of a lifetime, when a confidence man persuaded him to draw the money from the bank. He placed the money in a strong box and gave the key to a girl. When he opened the box, he found three \$1 bills. He told the police the confidence man said the bank was going to smash."

But no national bank, no state bank, no reputable, well-established bank of any sort smashes without warning, without responsibility to depositors. It just isn't done. And the shadiest of banks is not so shaky as the old sock, the bag under the mattress and the other fire and thief-attracting methods of keeping money. Nor can the crookedest of crooked banks compare in danger with giving the key to one's life savings to a stranger.

When some wily stranger begins to

talk about banks "going to smash" and offers himself as the guardian of our savings it's about time that his feverish brow be given a chance at the cooler.

In Final Analysis Public Is to Blame.

"After all, it is not just to put all the blame on congress for the pitiful record made recently by that body. The senators and representatives, in general, have doubtless been honest and patriotic, according to their lights. They have probably 'meant well,' for the most part. They all did pretty well, during the first year of the war, according to their ability. Many of them worked hard and conscientiously to the end, when all that the public could see was the shameful shirking and partisan squabbling that clogged the legislative machinery and left so much vital business undone.

Yes, on the whole, they were honest! There is more personal integrity, perhaps in congress than there used to be. But having granted that much, it is hard to find more words of commendation.

For the bulk of those senators and representatives have been, in the judgment of the ordinary intelligent and public-spirited citizen at home, so hopelessly incompetent, so unaware of what is going on in the world, so inept in playing the part which men in their positions should play, that they become well-nigh incomprehensible.

How is it possible, asks the intelligent private citizen, that any such group of men, supposedly representative of the nation, should fall so far short of what is expected of them as those lawmakers have fallen in recent months? One may not expect great ability or profound vision, but one does expect a fair degree of business efficiency. Neither the house nor the senate has accomplished even its routine work. Congress has not even attended in a mechanical way to the legislative chores necessary to keep the government running.

The big trouble seems to be a downright and widespread incompetence. And that is why the people at home cannot justly jump on congress with the severity that its shortcomings seem to deserve. A man is not always to blame for his own incompetence. He may be doing the best he can with what talent he has. No less to blame is the employer who puts the incompetent man in a responsible job. The employer of those futile senators and representatives, the great American public, ought to be heartily ashamed of itself.

The German battle fleet is making more trouble now than it ever did during the war.

FORCED TO TAKE BATH

CHICAGO, Ill., March 11.—Charles Hugland for the first time in twenty-three years took a bath. Hugland, who says his home is "here and there," was arrested in his wardrobe—five overcoats, four coats, three sweaters, one vest, two shirts, two suits of underwear and one pair of pants. His beard was three feet long.

"Haven't shaved or taken a bath for twenty-three years," Hugland explained. Police saw to it that the water for Hugland's bath that night was hot.

THE REX BARBER SHOP

Cantrell & Holliday, Props.
Union shop, everything clean and sanitary. All first-class workmen. We solicit a share of your patronage.

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Silverthorn's
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NO MORE, THE FEEDING HOUR!



STAGE STAR RECALLS LOVE

BUYRUS, Ohio, March 11.—Fifteen years ago Robert Downing played in Buyrus with his wife, Eugenie Blair, in "Ingomar." Theatre-goers remembered the pair very well when Downing returned the other night in a new play. But his return

wasn't what caused the stir. Shortly before the curtain went up Downing was seen sitting in the back part of the theatre gazing at a picture. The picture was Miss Blair, the former Mrs. Downing.

Rummage sale in Presbyterian Sunday school room, March 12.

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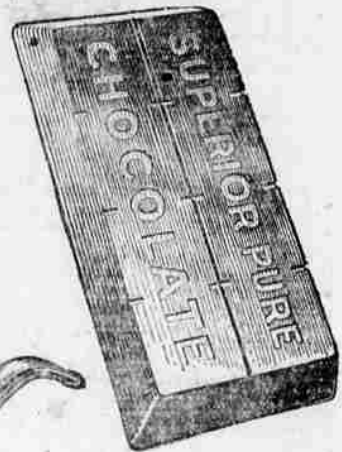
THE VERY LATEST

are the waist-seam models. You're sure to like them, especially young men. They're going to be the style for the coming season. Just a slight military touch that makes quite a hit with the boys coming back, as well as those who are here.

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX make them and you know what that means. We've just received a shipment of these waist-seam models and we want you to see them now. Come in and try on some of them. You'll surely like them.

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The newest shapes and colors in J. B. Stetsons—just in. All prices.



"Your Nose Knows"

All smoking tobaccos use some flavoring. The Encyclopaedia Britannica says about the manufacture of smoking tobacco, "...on the Continent and in America certain 'sauces' are employed ...the use of the 'sauces' is to improve the flavour and burning qualities of the leaves." Tuxedo uses chocolate—the purest, most wholesome and delicious of all flavorings! Everybody likes chocolate—we all know that chocolate added to any-

thing as a flavoring always makes that thing still more enjoyable. That is why a dash of chocolate, added to the most carefully selected and properly aged burley tobacco, makes Tuxedo more enjoyable—"Your Nose Knows."

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"Your Nose Knows"



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