

**Tongue is to Blame.**

It has become apparent, says the Baker Republican, that Congressman T. H. Tongue is responsible for the proposed omission of a trip of the upper Columbia by the rivers and harbors committee. This fact is established by communications published in the Oregonian. Congressman Tongue is the only member of the committee in the Northwest, and it now develops that he has no conception of the magnitude of the interest dependent upon opening the Columbia, but is devoting his energies to coast points and Willamette valley sloughs.

There should be relief, in the minds of business men at least. If one congressman has taken such a biased view of the state's welfare, local men believe that the three other members of the delegation should be able to present the matter properly. Business men here realize all the more certainly that it is up to them to have Mr. Tongue action repudiated.

**Pulled Down British Flag.**

A man walked up to the flagpole in Skagway the other day; and without hesitation, calmly pulled down the British ensign, to the astonishment of crowds of onlookers. The matter caused intense excitement there, and may yet become an international affair, as the Canadians will ask an apology from our government for the act. The man who pulled the flag down was angry because it floated in the breeze above the stars and stripes. Several remarks had been passed on the matter before, but no one thought it would be interfered with. A Canadian official came up to the man who pulled it down and asked him why he had done so, and to his astonishment the man pulled a card from his pocket which read "George Miller, Attorney at Law, Eugene, Or." Then Miller walked away without saying a word. He is a brother of Joaquin Miller, the well known poet. There was intense excitement at Skagway over the event.

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