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**GUESSEWORK AS TO ROOSEVELT.**  
 A political writer of National reputation for keen vision and correct judgment, recently in Portland, Oregon, in an opinion as to the plans of Colonel Roosevelt toward the Presidential nomination in 1912, "How do I know?" he replied, "I have been guessing about Roosevelt for twenty-five years, and I have been wrong every time; so I have given it up."

The despairing confession of this famous political southseater is a sufficient warning to any one against the folly of prophesying what Roosevelt will do. Yet his recent visit to Oregon, in course of his widespread "swing around the circle," an invitation to the interest in his personal and political future, and stimulates curiosity as to the real purpose of his transcontinental journey. The answer as to Colonel Roosevelt's mission on the Pacific Coast ought to be simple enough. He came West on an invitation to give the address at the University of California, and at Stanford. Incidentally he returned via the Pacific Northwest. Why should he not?

Colonel Roosevelt ought to have the right to go and see what he pleases, of course, without inviting the suggestion or intimation that he has some ulterior purpose. Undoubtedly he had not in coming to Oregon. He had a natural and proper interest in this country; he did not need to come to ascertain the conditions of the country or to exploit himself as a possible or probable candidate for future Presidential honors.

Colonel Roosevelt is a man of remarkable acumen. He knows that there is a political tide that, taken at the food, will not only change the tide but there is also a time for disappearing. Could Roosevelt be nominated in 1912 if he tried to be? We doubt it. Not against President Taft. The East would be against him, and the South. They would dominate the National Republican Convention. Could Roosevelt be elected if he tried to be? Without questioning that he would perhaps be the strongest Republican nominee, it is problematical if he could defeat such a Democrat as Woodrow Wilson. Here again the East would not be united for Roosevelt and the West would be united against him.

**THE HESPER AND THE GOLDEN FLEECES.**  
 Some ships, like some men, throughout their existence have stormy, sensational careers, while other ships and other men drift along without anything ever happening to them. The old bark Hesper was not launched for a prosaic life and in her forty years since she has been roaming the seas as she has supplied a world of racy news for water-front reporters. The performances of some of her "bucko" mates are to this day discussed in remote and near parts of the world wherever sailors congregate. One of the most cruel and weird that she has seen in the South Pacific in the hands of a few desperate sailors who had killed her officers.

**COTTON IS STILL KING.**  
 Details of the exports of the United States for the first eight months of the current fiscal year show that "King Cotton" has a firmer hold than he has ever before. In a total of \$1,437,000,000 in the eight months, cotton is credited with nearly \$560,000,000. Based on the exports for the eight months and the engagements made for the remainder of the season, it is estimated that the total by July 1 will reach \$600,000,000. The importance of the cotton crop can best be understood when it is stated that in no previous year has the total for the twelve months reached \$500,000,000. Prior to this year the maximum reached was \$481,000,000, and no farther back than 1909.

planters. Thus far the results have not been sufficiently important to cause much anxiety in this country, but a continuation of present high prices, together with the rapidly-increasing demand, may change the situation.

**ONLY TWENTY-TWO.**  
 The last day for filing initiative or referendum petitions for measures to be voted on at the forthcoming June election has passed and the public election has resulted in only twenty-two bills are proposed for consideration. To the voter who found himself confronted at the recent state election with thirty-two measures, many of them being of the most important character, it will seem a paltry twenty-two.

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 Besides, there is nothing worth more than a few moments' consideration to be determined. Only the matter of a few million dollars—\$5,525,000, to be exact—is to be issued in bonds, if the public approves, and such simple problems as the following:—  
 Street tax levied for maintaining Street-cleaning Department.  
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 Public collection of garbage.  
 Overseeing the making of fish.  
 Competition in sewer pipe.  
 Municipal ownership and maintenance of street-cleaning plant.  
 Providing for a public service commission.  
 Fixing corporations.  
 "No seat, no fare" scheme.  
 Selling water on the wing away or selling water property.  
 Restricting billboards.  
 Voting in Adams streets.  
 Carrying of banners on streets.  
 Making boycott unlawful.

**WASTING THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.**  
 Recent dispatches from Washington announcing the abolishment of a number of customs collection districts seem to have been somewhat premature. It was stated that forty-one out of the 180 customs districts did not earn maintenance expenses except ten of them, in which the expenses totalled to \$13 to \$170 per year. It is stated that to collect \$1 at Natchez, Miss., and \$267 at Coos Bay, Ore. There were others in which the cost of collecting \$1 ranged from \$75 to \$200.

**A TIMELY FLEA.**  
 Mrs. Lolla G. Baldwin makes proper protest, from the standpoint of one who knows whereof she speaks, against conditions that exist in many rooming-houses of this city in which the women are forced to seek shelter because of insufficient hotel and boarding-house accommodations suited to their requirements. She cites the fact that the Y. W. C. A. is unable to accommodate many who seek its protection, and urges the necessity of a woman's hotel in this city.

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 In this connection it may be well to call attention to the effort that the Portland Woman's Union is making in this behalf. An organization of many years' standing, the Woman's Union maintains a boarding home for working girls, which, through careful management, is kept upon a practically self-supporting basis. Its accommo-

dations are, however, inadequate to serve the numbers that press upon it for room and board, and the quiet and protection of home. A large and constantly growing waiting list is maintained, and the need of a new building of dimensions and accommodations sufficient to meet the simple needs and moderate means of women who work for a living. A suitable site has been secured partially by gift and devise, upon which to place such a building and earnest effort is being made to secure the means necessary to release this site from debt and build thereon a modern, fireproof structure that will meet the pressing requirements of the case.

**AN OLD ORCHARD STORY.**  
 The story from The Dalles by Addison Bennett, which tells of the rejuvenation of an old orchard, and the profit that it has brought to the present, is not a fairy tale. Nor is the instance cited a solitary example of the reclamation of an old orchard from the fogs of horticulture that rally under the banner of unthriftness and neglect.

**THE ARMY AND TYPHOID.**  
 Of course we all hope that our military officers who are engaged in the search for an anti-typoid serum will succeed in their quest. Where men cannot be prevailed upon to keep themselves and their surroundings reasonably clean, some sort of a serum must be relied upon to prevent typhoid. Unfortunately, in the time of our Spanish War the desired serum was not at hand and the poor soldiers perished by the hundred because there was nobody to tell them the simple truths of hygiene. Uncovered garbage heaps attracting swarms of flies combined with embalmed beef did the deadly work.

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 This particular feature of the budget has become prominent. Several months ago Senator Aldrich startled the country with his famous statement that a business man could save \$200,000,000 per year in the current number of the "World's Work." Mr. A. W. Dunn presents some interesting facts and figures showing the distribution of the Government millions and the methods by which they are "jimmied" out of the Treasury and wasted. Mr. Dunn believes that it is the fault of the people that they are so ignorant of the effect of indirect taxation that is responsible for much of the waste of Government money.

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## Timely Tales of the Day

D. O. Lively relates a prize-winning fish story on George Kane, who spent one day this week in inducing the mountain trout to go into his wicker basket.

At 3 o'clock, tired and thirsty, he lay down on his stomach by the side of a clear pool and drank copiously. He had not been in that position long when he was fast asleep. His feet pulled and twinged affecting his nose so violently that he involuntarily threw his head back. Picture his surprise when he saw his nose appeared to be nearly a foot long.

**Half a Century Ago.**  
 From The Oregonian, April 8, 1861. The pile-driving which is still kept up in front of the What Cheer house gives a lively appearance to the upper part of the stream. From the pile-driving the commercial facilities of that part of town will be all that could be desired in a short time to come.

**Official Council Report Desired.**  
 PORTLAND, April 7.—(To the Editor)—As there seems to be more or less suspicion cast upon our public officials, whether they deserve it or not, and as a means to bring them to a feeling of mutual honor and trust between the public and the public official and thereby raise our officials above reproach, it is suggested that the city secure from one of the daily papers (by bids submitted) one or two columns weekly to be paid for out of the city treasury and used exclusively for city matters; that the day following each session of the City Council and the Executive Board, there be printed in the newspaper a statement that transpired from the moment of calling said meeting to order until its adjournment.

**The Acid Test Is Applied.**  
 Chicago News. "Are you sure the man is insane?" asked the lawyer. "Yes," replied the noted expert. "I placed him in a 20-story office building and noted that he used the stairs for going up and the elevator for coming down."

## Advertising Talks

By William C. Freeman. Foreword. I will not say anything about myself except that in January, 1909, I asked the owner of the New York Evening Mail to let me print in his newspaper a daily advertising talk. He consented. Today, April 8, completes No. 702 of the series.

Comencing next Monday the same story that appears in the Evening Mail on that date and daily thereafter will appear in this and other newspapers. The newspapers that think the stories will be helpful in raising the standard of advertising are themselves doing all they can to promote business integrity.

**Where Ivins Belonged.**  
 Philadelphia Times. Mahlon Ivins, Jr., of Merchantville, has a reputation as an actor and takes part in nearly all of the local shows. In the last show that was given "Shorty" had one of the leading parts. After the show, while he was taking off his makeup, an elderly man made his appearance in the doorway. "Are you Mr. Ivins?" the old man inquired. "Yes," replied "Shorty," as he mentioned him to be seated. "Well, the old man continued, "I just want to tell you something. I've been watching you acting tonight. You should not be playing the part of Shorty. You should be playing the part of Mansfield, Booth, or Irving, or Joe Jefferson. "W-w-w," "Shorty" said, "those are the names of actors."

**Some Really Good Features Will Appear in Tomorrow's OREGONIAN**  
 In fiction features the magazine section will be particularly strong and attractive. Four complete short stories are provided, one of them being an unusual adventure tale of Latin America, by the well-known writer, Sewell Ford. His story, "A Model Revolution," is told in less than four columns; you will wish there were more of it.

**Nearly a quarter of a million Americans are planning to go to Europe for a trip this Summer.** Are you one of the army? Europe, likewise, is preparing for the annual shearing of the golden fleece. There is an excellent article on this topic, fully illustrated with new photographs.

**Ten Artists set out some years ago to found a distinct American school of art.** How well they have succeeded is set out in a half-page article.

**If you are going fishing, you will get some information about some of the near-by trout streams from an illustrated page article on Trout Streams Near Portland.** There is an absorbing half page on American Medal of Honor men. Then Cap Anson relates some baseball history, the chic and dashing Widow Wise has a new matrimonial escape, Sambo nearly catches the wild man of Borneo, and Mr. Tweed Dedde lands the tots in a creek. Two full pages for the children and a page of fashion and household hints are included.

Added to this is the news of the world up to the minute.