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CONSOLIDATE THEM.

The time has come when the citizens of Portland should consider seriously the consolidation of the Commercial Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

The expenditures of the Chamber of Commerce run from \$18,000 to \$20,000 per year. The Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce appropriated \$10,000 per year.

The idea of consolidation is not new, but it has not heretofore been seriously entertained by the organizations concerned.

There are many ways in which the Chamber of Commerce could be made more effective and efficient.

THE DECAY OF GOOD READING.

Inasmuch as George P. Brett is the head of a famous publishing house, his opinions on the reading preferences of the public are valuable and authoritative.

The substance of Darwin's book, and Fructer's as well, has entered into the common thought of the world by this time.

It has been debated. We could mention one book of at least a semi-philosophical tone that is probably the best seller in the world next to the Bible.

IS IT WORTH THEIR WHILE?

It may or may not be astonishing that Director of the Reclamation Service, Newell agrees with Secretary Lane in their mutual forgetfulness of the details of that Tumalo irrigation venture.

TWILIGHT SLEEP.

There is much of pleasant psychological interest in the history of the "twilight sleep" in the United States.

GARBAGE HEAPS AND ROSES.

It is to be presumed that every town that boasts a commercial club has an ambition to increase its population.

WILSON'S SHIPPING BILL.

President Wilson's strongest plea for his Government ship purchase bill is that an emergency exists which cannot be met promptly by private enterprise.

WAR NAMES.

Whether war taxes or war names cause more misery to the conscientious American citizen we shall not undertake to decide.

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