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**FACTS ABOUT PORT IMPROVEMENTS.**  
A persistent campaign of studied misrepresentation is being conducted against the Swan Island harbor improvement project. It makes a plain statement of the facts necessary.

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### Statement of Position on Port Consolidation Bill

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—(To the Editor)—May I call attention to an editorial in the Oregonian of Monday, October 19, 1920, entitled "Technical language in a proposal for consolidation of the Port of Portland." It is a decidedly clear error in fact to state that the bill has taken absolutely no effect. The bill is now before the House of Representatives, and it is the duty of the House to pass it or not to pass it. The bill is now before the House of Representatives, and it is the duty of the House to pass it or not to pass it.

### Those Who Come and Go

"If the Malheur lake bill is not defeated by the people," said C. B. McConnell of Burns, at the Imperial, "the school fund of Oregon will lose several hundred thousand dollars. The Malheur lake bill is a splendid thing for the people, and they ought to vote on it for giving 7,000 acres to the federal government as a bird refuge. How many a squirrel harvest nut?"

### John Burroughs' Nature Notes

Answers to Previous Questions:  
1. Does a bird's song vary in different places? Yes, it does. The song of certain birds seems to vary slightly in different localities. Not a season passes but I hear marked departures in the songs of our birds from what appears to be the standard songs of a given species.

### More Truth Than Poetry.

By James T. Montague.  
TOO LATE NOW.  
When Doctor Oiler said that men of forty years of more  
Could not get any work again  
They'd done in days of yore,  
And that when middle-age decay  
Began to sap their powers,  
I were best to ease them on their way  
To better worlds than ours,  
We sadly heeded an avil oft  
Our aged grandpa's chest,  
And with a faint reproachful cough,  
He snored into rest.

The estimate of \$10,000,000 is for construction of additional dredges, for improvement and maintenance of the entire channel to the sea, of which the Swan Island project is an essential part.

### WHY NOT CAN FREE TRADE?

The story of the can of Argentine beef that recently penetrated the Seattle market, and caused a panic among the health authorities, is being repeated in other parts of the country. The story is that a can of Argentine beef, which was supposed to be a delicacy, was found to contain a deadly poison. The story is that a can of Argentine beef, which was supposed to be a delicacy, was found to contain a deadly poison.

### NO BITES AT COX'S BAIT.

If Governor Cox is a progressive and is so ardent an admirer of Theodore Roosevelt as he professes to be, why do those who followed Roosevelt in 1912 follow Cox now? The mantle of Roosevelt has fallen on the shoulders of Cox, why do those who knew Roosevelt and his opinions believe in his own family—declaring for Harding, Republican?

### Having and 18th Amendment.

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—(To the Editor)—I think the republicans are right in pressing Governor Cox for a vote on the 18th amendment. It is his support to the 18th amendment, in its present form without increasing the alcoholic content of liquor, which is the only issue on which the Republican Party is making a stand.

### Not Much Help.

Before getting jubilant over the chance to run automobiles with onion juice, drop round to the grocer's and inquire the price of onions.

### In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.  
From The Oregonian of October 23, 1895.  
Astoria, Ore., Oct. 23.—The seat of government may be moved to the coast of the city tonight harbor Portland, and the vice-president, and six members of the cabinet.

It is not proposed to construct the docks, railroad yards and other structures shown on the published maps of the improvement out of the city of \$10,000,000 solely for the purpose of illustrating the uses to which the filled land can, and doubtless ultimately will be put.

### CATCHING FLIES.

A catchy slogan has a powerful persuasive—sometimes. Two years ago a candidate for high office in Oregon—public utilities commissioner—was triumphantly elected because he placed after his name on the ballot the magic phrase "Six cents is too much for a cent."

### COX'S POLICY OF PERDITY.

By his reply to Mr. Cox's telegram about the league of nations, Mr. Root plus down that evasive person and proved him to be a shuffling hypocrite. He says to Mr. Root, "You have no right to deceive them (the people). They want the truth in this campaign."

### Business Rule Should Govern.

Portland, Oct. 22.—(To the Editor)—A burning message is most timely in all those republicans who are contemplating the election of Harding as president of the United States. The message is a warning to the republicans to stand by their principles.

### Beavers Are Protected.

BIRKENHEAD, Ore., Oct. 21.—(To the Editor)—I would like to know how beavers can be trapped in Oregon. There is no open season for beavers anywhere in the state of Oregon.

### Senator Harding Spices "Temporary White House" Interview With Wholesome Truths.

Jellyfish do not grow with the kind of a jaw possessed by the republican candidate for president, says the interviewer, and it took but one glance at his tightly clenched lips gripping an unlighted cigar to bring smiles at the thought of anyone making up Harding's mind for him.

### SEEING EUROPE AND AMERICA.

The whimsical author of an article on "seeing America" makes one smile at the provokes reflection when he suggests that American tourists still have a hard struggle in competition with foreign travel agents. He points out the fact that the American who visits Europe is apt to spend a good share of his time visiting the large hotels, and another that he may do this for the mere purpose of being able to say to his friends that he has seen Europe.

### PROFESSOR NETUNE.

The cruise on which the new dreadnought Tennessee is about to start will do more than "determine whether service in the navy can be made so attractive that voluntary enlistments will supply enough recruits to man the ships of the navy," as a contemporary suggests. It will also test a new method of making life on the sea tolerable to young men who now shun it because it seems to offer little or no opportunity for self-improvement.

### General Pilsudski.

General Pilsudski, president of Poland, says he certainly will resign if the allies make the Poles give up Vilna. The general is probably just blowing off a little froth.

### "Love" and "Like."

MARYHILL, Wash., Oct. 22.—(To the Editor)—Please advise us as to the distinction between "love" and "like." A claim that "love" can be used only with inanimate things, while "like" can be used only with animate things, is not only a fallacy, but it is also a pity.

### Did the Indians Ever Walk Across the Columbia?

This question has puzzled students of Indian lore ever since the legend of "The Bridge of the Gods" has been known, and there are many firm adherents of the theory that this majestic span, once surer of its height, led the tribes of Wamwau who ruled the west before the white man's coming, and toward whom he gives the scientific explanation of how cataclysmic slides might have dammed the current of the Columbia and permitted the Indians to walk across the stream.

### These Are Only Some of the Features in the Beautiful Pastel Drawings of the Chinese Appearances.

Millions can draw as well as you can. Says Mark McMein, and he gets a gallery \$2000 an hour for his art. Perhaps this will point the way for some other girl artist to make a little pin money at \$2000 per effort.