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THE REAL KNOCKER

The Oregonian ought to be thoroughly ashamed of itself. For the past two or three months it has pursued a policy of pure villainy, the result of which, as is well known to the editor of the Portland Journal, can only be a detriment to Oregon and the whole of the Columbia basin.

Reference is here made to the action of the Oregonian in abusing the Columbia river bar. Day after day that paper has published to the world that the bar is so lowly inadequate for the needs of shipping...

The Oregonian is prompted to pursue this policy because it knows Astoria is soon to be made the shipping point. In the hope that it may stave off for a time utilization of the ocean harbor...

But the railroad people will probably take the pains to secure more accurate information than that voluntarily offered by the wheat pool organ. They will look into the matter and find that the Columbia bar will soon be in better condition than ever before...

There need be no fear that the Oregonian's effort will be crowned with success. That is not the point at issue at present. The Astorian desires merely to call attention to the unscrupulousness of the Portland organ...

DR. LOEB'S RESEARCHES.

There were interesting developments at this week's meeting of the American Society of Naturalists. Dr. Loeb and Professor Albert E. Matthews, of the University of Chicago, have in the past attracted much attention by their physiological investigations. Further progress is now reported by them.

The essential point of these researches is that the phenomena of nerve stimulation and anaesthesia are electrical. It has long been known that certain semi-fluid or gelatinous particles in the nerves are capable of holding either a positive or a negative charge of electricity.

Dr. Loeb announced a year or two ago that an injection of a solution of common salt, or chloride of sodium, would stimulate the action of the heart. He now reaches an explanation by putting together these facts. A muscle contains some of those same gelatinous particles which are found in nerves...

Certain Iowa farmers are arranging to emigrate to the Isle of Pines. They would be wise to lay aside a fund sufficient for return tickets. Working 24 hours a day. There's no rest for those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills.

Senator Hanna has not been too busy with economic questions to find time to give his colleague a fraternal lesson on the subject of politics. Says he was tortured. "I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill.

Bicycle riders racing at Boston ended the contest in a general fight. Something had to be done to maintain interest in the exhibition. Child worth millions. "My child is worth millions to me," says Mrs. Mary Bird of Harrisburg, Pa.

Whether Shakespeare wrote his plays or not possibly is a question, but it is unfair to accuse Bacon of having done so and omitted to then a word reply. Bacon was not a maker of Chinese puzzles.

A firm man's cross call. "I stuck every needle, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes W. Bellamy, a homopathic physician of Burlington, Iowa.

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rash as to offer to be a brother. All would stammer helplessly in attempting to say "This is so sudden." On the whole, the arrangement is best as it is.

The statement was made the other day in a New York paper that, in spite of his advancing years, Colonel Henry Watterson, of Louisville, gets to his office every morning at 7 o'clock, which necessitates very early rising.

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If the dowager empress of China has really determined to be good, the resolution is equivalent to an announced intention to commit suicide.

THE FUEL OF THE FUTURE. This question has been worrying many people who fear that the coal supply is becoming exhausted.

It comes upon one with a shock to see in the solitary Washington Post a head like this over the account of a serious accident: "Stuff to Be Taken Home." To use such slang as that in the national capital!

Children especially liable. Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning.

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