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According to the Ledger, the secretary of the pope recently visited Tacoma. What a terrible place for so goodly a man!

With \$100,000,000 worth of Clatsop county timber, \$50,000,000 worth of royal chinook salmon and \$20,000,000 worth of coal within its grasp—and all for the asking—Astoria should do fairly well in the next 25 years. The present generation should be encouraged in its efforts to enjoy its share of the prosperity that must follow development of our natural advantages.

Public opinion demands the appointment of a woman to fill the coming vacancy on the city board of education, and it is the duty of the directors to respect the wishes of the taxpayers. Women are naturally more interested in school affairs than men, and for many other reasons the mothers should be represented on the board. It is sincerely to be hoped the directors will respect the wishes of the people they represent and name either the person recommended by the Woman's Club or some other equally capable woman. There are many mothers who would gladly serve the public in this capacity. The duty of the directors is plain; they must fill the vacancy by the appointment of some worthy woman.

The people of West Astoria are to be congratulated that a school house is at last to be built in their end of the city. The school population in the West End is large—larger proportionately than in any other part of town—and to compel children to make the long trip to the McClure and Olney schools has been an injustice. The school board has realized the situation for some time past, but has been unable to afford relief. Now the taxpayers have levied a 2 1/2-mill tax for the purpose of erecting a school building, and while they neglected to fix a time for the completion of the structure, the board can be relied upon to act promptly. West Astoria promises to enjoy substantial growth within the next two years, and it should be the aim of the directors to put up a building that may be enlarged as the school population increases. The amount made available—about \$400,000—ought to provide an excellent school.

The annual loss by fire in the United States is alarmingly greater and increasing from year to year, notwithstanding the constant adoption of new and improved methods of trying to prevent it. The increase of loss is greater in proportion than the increase in the value of property, and if this ratio were to be maintained uninterrupted, the time would eventually come when the country would be without property to protect. Of course, nearly all owners of property are insured against fire, so that the real loss attaches to the insurance companies that assume the risk; but this merely transfers the burden. It does not remove it from the shoulders of the people. The country, as a whole, suffers just so much shrinkage of its assets. So much capital in the form of stored-up labor has gone to waste; so much value has disappeared; and no counter-consideration has been received for it. If the insurance companies would all enforce more rigorous conditions for the issuance of policies, restrain the excessive zeal of competition, arrange their schedules so as to afford real property and promote as far as in them lies, the construction of fire-proof buildings, they would doubtless reduce their risks materially, and a general decrease in the losses by fire would be the inevitable result. The fire losses in this country are already beyond reason, and some effective measures should be adopted at once to check them. England, France and Germany are said to be far in advance of us in their precautions to prevent the building of fire-traps.

There has been for years a fixed habit of regarding the Prince of Wales as a spendthrift, always suffering in the clutches of the money-lenders. The wildest stories have been told of extravagance, and yet had the stories been true—which for the most part they were not—the prince would still have had more than enough to gratify every whim. As Prince of Wales the Duke of Cornwall yielded him an annual income of £60,000. When, at the age of 22, the prince married parliament presented him with Marlborough House and added to his income the sum of £40,000 a year. A few years later parliament, realizing that to rear the children of a prince was an expensive operation, voted £34,000 more. Quite aside from this is the revenue from his stables and estates. The amount received by the present King and the princess before election to the throne had reached a total of £4,100,000, practically an income of £1,000,000 for every year of the royal life. Surely there would have been scant excuse for dealings with money-lenders for a man with such income to be in debt would be a crime. But as well as the prince faced the king faced better. His salary is equal to \$1,250,000 a year, or more than \$100 a day. It is perhaps the prince left a few accounts unpaid, the king must quickly wipe out the score.

Her Krupp, the cannon maker, is regarded by the Springfield Republican as the greatest existing obstacle to the disarmament of nations. Her Krupp is by far the richest man in Germany. His yearly income is estimated at \$1,000,000 and the income of the second richest is only \$1,000,000. The making of cannon has therefore placed Her Krupp in a class by himself without other men within speaking distance. There are hundreds of Germans engaged in the making of articles designed to produce the comfort of a peaceful people, but no one of them has found his business so lucrative as Her Krupp's making of cannon. Andrew Carnegie is more than twice as rich as Her Krupp, and he, like Krupp, has made his money largely out of government contracts for war material in one form or another. No one is going to censure either of these great manufacturers for selling opportunity by the throat. They had invented processes for the hardening of steel which enabled them to exact about their own price for the armor plate, the cannon and other instruments of war, which governments must have in this twentieth century of the Christian era. It is no much to hope that war will be done away with without holding our such vast possibilities to the inventive genius. Besides, there are other thousands who find steady work and good pay in hammering the idea of invention into shape. What would become of the great industries of the world if the great nations should come together and not only agree to abolish war, but abolish it?

MAKING MONEY IN PRISON. A remarkable example of cunning has been unearthed in one of our large prisons. A convict had perfected a scheme and was making silver dollars and distributing them through accomplices on the outside. Naturally, the officials were very much surprised at the discovery, but no more so than the person who receives a counterfeit article in place of the genuine. It is therefore very important when you ask for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters to see that their Private Stamp covers the neck is unbroken. If you value your health, for 50 years the Bitters has been recognized as the best health maker in existence, and if you are a sufferer from indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, flatulency or nervousness, it is because you have never tried it. Try it at once.

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