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BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES.

Those of us who are seeking to promote "harmony" with Portland are doubtless anxious that the metropolis shall join with the people of Astoria in their demand that common point rates be extended to this port.

Portland is equally as helpless as Astoria, and already the Oregonian is denouncing the Union Pacific system. When the O. R. & N. Co. was an independent line Portland's influence would have counted.

But the O. R. & N. is now completely off the map, having lost its identity in the recent merger. It is a feeder for a gigantic system, with Mr. Harriman at its head.

That Portland appreciates her own helplessness is manifest. On Tuesday, for instance, the Oregonian devoted a column to a discussion of "How We Can Save Ourselves."

They (the railroad manipulators) are not beneficent institutions, and all is fish that comes to their net. They may apportion railroad territory, giving Southern and Southeastern Oregon to San Francisco; Northwest Oregon, the Clearwater region of Idaho, and even the Nehalem valley, lying at Portland's door, to Puget Sound.

vast and rich Columbia valley, lie supinely and see themselves tricked and handled and made a fool's dupe?

Here, indeed, is an admission of lack of prestige that should prompt us to stop our nonsense and devote ourselves to the policy (already so well under way) of making the best of our resources.

Portland is finally getting back to first principles, and it behooves Astoria to do likewise.

An agreement has been reached between the American secretary of state and the Danish minister at Washington by which the Danish West Indies will doubtless pass into the possession of the United States.

The acquisition of the Philippines and Porto Rico has made necessary a new territorial policy. The residents of these American possessions are not in the full sense of the term American citizens.

Working 24 hours a day. There's no rest for these tireless little workers—the King's New Life Pills. Millions are always busy, on the Top of the World, the Bluebird, the Pioneer and Agate.

During the absence of General Ah Dogge, senior partner and general manager of the Hop Hing Lung Company, the affairs of the firm will be managed by Ju Young, through whom all business must be transacted.

There is no more agonizing trouble than piles. The constant itching and burning make life intolerable. No position is comfortable. The torture is unceasing. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles at once.

Our army the best. Our army is the most effective and efficient organization in the world. The reason for this is the men are well paid as well as well fed.

always make a good soldier. He must have steady nerves, a good digestion and a strong constitution. To fight disease it is also necessary to have the same requirements, but if you are weak and nervous, there is a medicine that will strengthen your system.

Of course there is a blizzard raging in Nebraska. That's what winters there are for.

Children especially liable. Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such injuries because not so careful.

A profitable investment. I was treated for about seven years with my stomach and in the last six months," says E. DeWitt, San Francisco, Ind. "I spent about \$100 and never could get anything to help me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.

A thousand dollars thrown away. Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainville, Neb., writes: "My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years. We used a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief.

Don't live together. Constipation and health never go together. DeWitt's Little Early Biscuits promote easy action of the bowels without distress.

A New York violinist has secured a verdict of \$5,000 against a railroad that had deprived him of a leg. Possibly he is one of the freak fiduciers who perform with their toes.

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Portland and Seattle papers ought to reach a climax in their fight. The spectacle of sparring for wind grows tiresome.—Ledger.

CLERK'S WISE SUGGESTION.

"I have been lately troubled much with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without suffering several hours. My clerk suggested that I try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which I did with most happy results.

The most reliable preparation for kidney troubles on the market is Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I struck my engine although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, with out any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bites and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life."

A THOUSAND DOLLARS THROWN AWAY.

Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainville, Neb., writes: "My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years. We used a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks be to this great remedy, it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years."

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Constipation means dullness, depression, headache, generally disordered health. DeWitt's Little Early Biscuits stimulate the liver, open the bowels and relieve the conditions. Safe, speedy and thorough. They never gripe. Favorite pills. Chas. Rogers, druggist.

A NIGHT ALARM.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. P. L. Corlier, of Manlius, Ky., writes: "My three year old girl had a severe case of croup, the doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Hart's Drugstore."

THE LAST HEARD OF IT.

"My little boy took the croup one night and soon grew so bad you could hear him breathe all over the house," says F. D. Reynolds, Mansfield, O. "We feared he would die, but a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure quickly relieved him and he went to sleep. That's the last we heard of the croup. Now isn't a cough cure like that valuable? One Minute Cough Cure is absolutely safe and acts immediately. For coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis and all other throat and lung troubles it is a certain cure. Very pleasant to take. The little ones like it.—Charles Rogers, druggist."

Foley's Honey and Tar is best for croup and whooping cough, contains no opiates, and cures quickly. Careful mothers keep it in the house. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Schwab is said to be hunting up poor relatives. Ordinarily, poor relatives save the rich this trouble.

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

SAYS HE WAS TORTURED.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Wis. "But Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by Hart's Drugstore. Price 25 cents.

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Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the cough caused by attack of influenza. It heats the lungs. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

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