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Astoria's debt ought to be refunded, and the bonds taken up by the people of this city. Several hundred thousands of dollars is lying idle in the city, and those who possess it would gladly Invest in city bonds, if statements frequently made can be relied upon as correct. By refunding the indebtedness a large amount of money could be kept at home. Astoria is a producer, receiving little from outside sources, and were the situation changed the effeet would instantly be felt. When the city grows, as it gives promise of doing within the next few years, the money derived from taxation will be needed to make improvements, and it will be many years before the debt can be wiped out. Meantime the heavy interest should be given to home people, who would use it to better their city

This matter is one worthy the consideration of the officials of the city government, who have done and are doing excellent work in managing our municipal affairs.

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The recommendation of Fish War den Van Dusen that the closed fishing seasons be abolished, while a sugges tion that comes rather abruptly to the Certain it is that the March and April runs of fish will never be great enough to supply the packing houses, and it is not reasonable to shut off the supply of market fish. The matter is one that will require careful consideration and thorough discussion.

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The Dalles Times-Mountaineer: The trouble which every city on the coast is having in attempting to regulate. control or eliminate gambling is an argument in favor of a license law. It is very evident that prohibitory laws are ineffectual; that gambling is an evil that cannot be prevented, then why not regulate it with license Whenever people come to their right senses they will undertake to regulate evils instead of attempting to prevent them by passing laws that are never enforced.

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