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Mr. Whipple is right. We should not pay any attention to the statement that ed to put the money into a packagethe Union Pacific is going to utilize Astoria harbor, but should go ahead with pocket—and told them to bury the development of lumbering. We should do twice as much in 1903 as in 1902, and full of gold. When December 23 rolplace no dependence on the announce- led around they dug up the package ment that grain will soon be exported from this point. Our mills will do more for us than our shipping interests, Just so long, however, as humanity and besides the results from them will be certain. Let us start off the new just so long will they continue to be year by securing a few more mills, and then if the Harriman system wants to use our harbor all well and good. In dence operator. the meantime, we must help ourselves -must cut out the hot air and get down to business.

Members of the city council, who seem anxious enough for the indorsethat The Astorian is employing union labor throughout, and paying the highest wages, in proportion to the number of men employed, in the city. In order that union wages may be paid, it is necessary for this paper to charge living rates for its work, and the council neglect, you will find a few doses of displays a total disregard for the interests of the unions when it declines to award the city printing contract to the jency, headache, indigestion and dyslowest bidder. If the merchants and pepsia. Try it. other patrons of this newspaper took same view of the matter as that entertained by the common council, our Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. employes would be receiving starvation wages. So long as the council refuse to award the printing contract on a basis of the rates asked by this paper, just so long will its members be regarded as insincere in their frequent declarations that they are anxious over the welfare of the working man. The effort to beat down the legitimate prices asked is nothing more than a thrust at union wages, which cannot prevail at lower rates than those asked.

The following fom the Butte Inter-Mountain is pertinent and timely. The last mentioned fakir, a Dr. DeAmandus, opened up in Astoria last spring, but evidently failed to find suckers plentiful in this city, as he did not stay long. The article says:

Fisher's Opera House Once upon a time a man who knew human nature made the declaration that a sucker is born every minute.

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desire, swindlers would of necessity

cease operations, "Rebel George"

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that he invariably makes his victim be-

lieve the operator to be ignorant of the

is trying to sell. The victim, eager to

cheat the poor, ignorant old rancher or

and then declares himself swindled.

The Humbert case is another in point.

On the basis of an alleged fortune,

sealed in a safe under order of the

court, the Humberts borrowed im-

mense sums which greedy people were

willing to lend them on promise of fab-

ulous interest when the safe was open-

ed. And now comes a story from

Portland of two women who want re-

dress for having been victims of a fraud the simplest should have avoid-

ed. A fakir in the Oregon city con-

vinced them that he could charm a roll

of bills into a chest of gold. He said his charm over \$1028 worth of currency

they committed to his charge, pretend-

in reality he "planted" it into his

package until December 23, when they

would find it transformed into a box

and found it contained only waste pa-

per. The charmer had fied. As old

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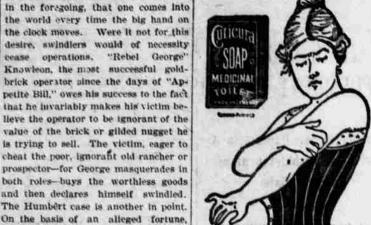
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