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The Monroe doctrine's roll of defenders grows larger and larger. Canada joined the list a short time ago, and now Australia comes over to us.

Australia has discovered an important reason why she should defend the Monroe principle. The establishment of the colonies of any great European nation in Central or South America would, so Australians say, be a menace to their independence and safety.

Monroeism's virtues appeal to the enlightened public sentiment of the world because it is a great bulwark of peace. It has saved the American continent from partitioning and spoliation which has gone on in Africa and which threatens China.

The United States Steel corporation, the largest concern in the country, with its capitalization of \$1,100,000,000, has set a worthy example for other trusts in providing that its employes shall have an opportunity of buying stock and becoming partners in the concern.

The suggestion of a local physician that a state board of health be created is timely. Our health is of more importance than anything else, and if we are too careless to properly look after it, we should be compelled to do so.

Astoria has been granted common point rates on lumber and settlers. The first thing we know, we will have those much desired grain rates, and then—

well, in the meantime we must go ahead with the development of lumbering. The Tacoma Ledger blames the Columbia river bar for the delay to the British ship Madagascar, which has been detained here for 56 days.

The Oregonian is chary about admitting that Astoria is the second city in the state. Astoria wouldn't be so backward about an admission of the kind concerning Portland.

The West Coast Trade's annual number has been received. It is one of the finest special trade editions ever issued in the northwest and contains much information of value.

The operations of the two thugs who held up a young man on Commercial street a few nights ago give promise of solving the question as to what to do with ladies' watches.

Our impression is that the senatorial bee which is buzzing in the hat of Binger Hermann will fall to find the coveted hive at the national capital.

If Binger Hermann swallows Governor Geer, as a valley paper suggests, he will probably have a dark brown taste in his mouth for quite a while.

The extent of the following of that Moroccan pretender would tend to create the impression that he is the real thing.

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