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THE ASTORIAN PUBLISHING CO., CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST.

Editor Astorian:-Portland is greatly disturbed because it has not raffroad connection with middle and southeast-

ern Oregon.

When railroad building first began in the state, arrangements were made to extend 'a road from the Willamette valley through the Klamath country. dependant, however on certain con gressional action. The latter was agreed upon and the agents of the pro ject left Washington City with the assurance that the bill would pass. Then the Oregon senator from Portland, it is said, without notice to the agents, amended or changed the provisions of the bill and killed the road. The same scheme contemplated a road through the Nehalem valley, which the Oregonian now crys for, but it met the

same fate as the southern part. Later a railroad started from Ya quina bay with the Intention of crossing over the Cascade mountains into middle Oregon, and tap the country the Oregonian now wants Mr. Harriman to enter. The building of the new road lessened the freights into the Wilamette valley and raised the price of grain, etc., to the farmers. The Portland papers ridiculed the road and its port. Its merchants with transportation companies, put on an opposition to the new route and bought up the valley products without regard to cost. The new enterprise failed, and no road to this day has crossed the Cascade PIONEER

This bit of ancient history emphasizes the statement, so often made that the interests centering in Portland, of which the Oregonian is the organ, have always combatted any plan which would develop Oregon without making such development tributary to Portland.

When it is recalled that Mr. Huntington would have built his road into Ore gon years before and over a better route, had it not been for the incident which so displeased him, and that the road now owned by Mr. Hammond might have been doing business in cehtral and southeastern Oregon for not hard to explain the opposition to the little line proposed to be built for the convenience of Forest Grove, Hillsboro and the other towns on that line, and to other "opposition" projects.

PERTINENT POSSIBILFTIES.

While the citzens of Astoria are waiting with excessive patience for the city to be cleaned up and beautified by the Civic Improvement League or the Woman's club, would it not be pertinent to remark that each resident is responsible for the appearance of the property he occupies, and each each neighborhood for the cleanliness New Discovery for consumption and ring state whether for man, woman and sightlines of its vicinity? This might prove the successful method of by Charles Rogers, druggist. Price setting at the problem for resuts.

Certain citizens probably regard the efforts of the central bodies as meddlesome, and do not like to be requested to do what they know should be

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tone from their own sense of pride and decency. Then why not combine with the neighbors or your own self esteen and at once remove the rubbish from the street, clear away unsightly brush and weeds, trim up the shrubbery, fill up the mud holes and cultivate flowers and other aids to beauty?

If such a course could be made a fad it would not be long before there would be a great difference in the impres sion a view of the various parts of Astoria would produce, and the scheme might be productive of splendid results in the development of good citizenship and the encouragement of a sense of responsibility and neighborliness. In the cosmopolitan population of this city there is altogether too much coldness and strangeness between the va rious sections for its welfare. Any move that will bring together the mem bers of the clans of the city and make each citizen feel that he is an important and responsible part of the whole rather than a person to be designated only by his nationality, and having no particular interest in the municipality for his vote and to pay his taxes, will

be a wise and patriotic action. There are hundreds of noble and de wives and mothers in Astoria who embody much latent power for developed. It remains for a happy leadership to accomplish notable results in these fields.

Germany is highly indignant because of the expressions of Admiral Dewey, who said that the crews-the men behind the guns-of United States was than those of German vessels. His point was that our sailors and marines are better trained for independent thinking and acting, not relying on in structions of officers to the extent re quired by German regulations, and consequently act with more intelligence German navy has hardly had sufficient opportunity to show just what it is capable of. If all reports are true ome of its officers are spolling for a chance to show Dewey that he is mistaken, though possibly their present show of feeling arises from a sus-

picion that Dewey is right about it. It is expected that A. S. Dresser will receive his appointment as register of the Oregon City land office sometime this week. The present incumbent, Charles B. Moores, has made an excellent officer and leaves behind of much satisfaction to know that in Mr. Dresser he will have a worthy successor. The new appointee is a man eminently qualified from a legal and business standpoint for the duties of

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