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The case of Alexander Sigurdson, a young man residing at Warrenton, should receive more than ordinary attention. Mr. Sigurdson is but 19 years of age and is in the employ of the A. & C. R. R. as a painter. Upon the complaint of the father of Matilda Costa, aged 8 years, he was arrested and brought before the justice of the peace, charged with an attempt to commit a crime, which, if guilty, should have sent him to prison for a long term of years.

The examination showed conclusively that there was not the remotest foundation for the charge, and the deputy prosecuting attorney very justly made a motion to dismiss the case.

The father of this little girl was entirely too hasty in prosecuting. If reports are true, Mr. Sigurdson bears an excellent reputation and it was gross injustice to have him dragged into court under such a charge. If the parents had carefully investigated the trouble he would have doubtless learned enough to have caused anxiety as to the conduct of the little girl.

The whole affair is to be regretted, but it should serve as a lesson to parents to be sure they are right, or that foundation for prosecution exists, before taking steps involving the character of a worthy young man and which end in a serious reflection upon the parent and child prosecuting.

The game of inter-collegiate football may be a little strenuous, but so is life in general. No man or woman amounts to anything who cannot meet life bravely and take the hard knocks cheerfully. Football is a game that inculcates better habits, for no athlete can dissipate. It brings forward the manly qualities and makes a young man self-reliant, teaches him to hold his temper, and, all in all, is the best American game of the day. Don't keep your boy out of the game if he wants to play. If he has pluck enough to get into practice games and win a place on a team, he will have energy enough to get out into the business world and succeed. This is good interest on a few bruises.

Our old friends, the porch climbers, are with us again, says the San Francisco Call. The advent of winter has brought them to us like a visitation of fleas, and it is well for the householders to know that the knights of the jimmy

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Reports have it that the great oil wells of Pennsylvania and other eastern states, from which the finer illuminating oils are produced, are fast giving out. This brings the country face to face with a serious problem. Texas has little oil that can be refined at a profit and California produces none better than the fuel grade. An immediate advance in price may be expected.

Astoria needs more business buildings of commodious size. Every day one can hear merchants complain of cramped quarters. Building sites in the business section seem to be in evidence, but for some reason those owning property do not see their way clear to build. In order to have Astoria take the place where she belongs, Astoria people will have to take the initiative.

The paragraph of yesterday's Astorian joked the little republic of Panama, but it now seems that the new government is no "josh," but a sound reality. The president has recognized it as a de facto government and it appears that it will be firmly established without bloodshed. Success to it, but one cannot help believing that the canal scheme is behind it.

It is said that a suit will soon be instituted against Charles H. Schwab, the unscrupulous manager of the ship-building trust, to recover \$20,000,000 which it is claimed he acquired unlawfully.

It is the same old story. Ohio is for Mark Hanna, and Mark Hanna is for success of the republican party in 1904 and it will succeed with Mark as chairman of the National executive committee, says the Eugene Register.

Delaware republicans are still struggling with Addicksites. That state ought to have scratching posts as well as whipping posts, suggests the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

William R. Hearst has decided that there is no more formidable candidate in the democratic party for president than William R. Hearst.

The Portland burglar who took a chance at robbing W. F. Burrell's residence did not look up the record of the household on suppressing burglary.

Hawaii votes republicans into office this year, with a few exceptions. The home rulers are making charges of fraud.

Governor Chamberlain has found that Oregon is not being advertised in the east. The governor is very correct.

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Bill Devery says he is out of politics. Bill need not mention it.

Mr. Heinze does not seem to be very popular up in Montana.

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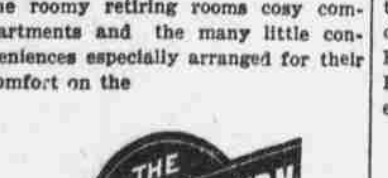
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