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TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

The three city banks hold deposits at present of Of the sum named, about \$1,000,000 is drawing less than 1 per cent interest. This vast sum is idle. It is earning nothing for the people to whom it belongs. and never will earn anything unless it is invested been others. Now, the depositors whose \$1,000,000 is lying idle have an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone -they have a chance to invest in a gilt-edged hotel propoistion and at the same time are afforded an opportunity of showing their public spirit and helping Astoria.

Astoria is a wealthy community. The west end of the city is peopled largely by Finnish fishermen. tleship Nebraska. Those people are hardy fellows-quiet and unassumyears past and askingshrdleutaoishrdleutaoluhrdlu assistance in creating the west end. Not only have battleship, the achievement increases in magnitude. they built their homes, but they have accumulated substantial bank acounts. Not long since, it will be recalled, there was some talk of refunding the municipal indebtedness-the talk went on until it was discovered that the debt couldn't be refunded! (Oh! discussion was on, there came a voice from the west end. The voice said:

"We'll take your bonds-we have the money."

\$173,050 worth of municipal bonds.

\$173,000 out of their savings to invest in municipal made her people. paper, certainly the men whose deposits aggregate hotel company. Doubtess the money can be secured Seattle-built battleships. elsewhere without difficulty, but it is desirable, for many reasons, that local capital build the hotel. It | Coaling at sea, it appears, is far from being a of the people, and its conduct should be dominated U. S. S. Illinois, which has reently returned to by them. Some day it will pay magnificent returns, Brooklyn from a cruise in the Mediterranean and vestment.

hotel scheme should and will be financed at home.

MR. SMITH AND THE WOODPILES

The writer of several recent communications to The Astorian, who signed himself "An Easterner," and made so many caustic and generally uncalled-for and ill-natured statements in regard to what he called "Astoria's wretchedness," nevertheless made some suggestions which are deserving of considera-

He found particular fault with Astoriians for leaving piles of wood and wagons in the streets and alleys. We agree with him there.

City Attorney Smith has an idea about the wagon nuisance. He suggested a day or two ago that the chief of police order his men to round up all the wagons in alleys and streets some night and take them to the police station. That looks easy. Then, in the morning, when Mr. So and Soshrdlentaolu in the morning, when Mr. So-and-So comes to the station with a long tale about a stolen wagon, he is greeted with a warrant. And there you have him.

Reform is a peculiar thing, and is generally accomplished after many committee meetings and much parade and considerable talk. Here is a reform that is easy. When you find a reform that translated into foreign languages. Some of them comes as easy as that, you want to cultivate it.

And about the woodpiles-Well, that's harder. Maybe City Atorney Smith can figure out a nice, polite way to attend to them. Here's hoping.

REGARDING NEWPORT'S FAVORITE.

This Harry Lehr business is amusing, but more instructive. A few days ago Harry Lehr, prime favorite at Newport, the gilded seat of American cultured foolishness, gave a dinner-for his wife's dog.

table, the decoration being the dog's favorite flower, the cactus dahlia, and deep red silver candelabra were used at each end of the table, with red shades.

The poodles were seated in high chairs around the table, their mistresses seated directly behind them in order to assist the five butlers in serving to the guests the delicate menu, which consisted of veal cutlets, frankfurters, salads, ice cream, cigars and cigarettes and checolates. For the "extra" more meat was served, as the canines all howled for more.

Interesting, isn't it? One would naturally presume that Harry Lehr was a mighty money king; but such is not the case. Harry Lehr, the spoiled pet of Newport, is an humble wine merchant. And he's a mighty good busi- short top coat to the pop-

All good business men appreciate the value of advertising, but all are not clever enough to get it for nothing. Harry is. He is original. His new ideas please Newport, and accounts of his doings are interesting. A year ago he greeted an early morning caller dresed in pink silk pajamas, with a rose in his about \$2,000,000. This is a per capita of about \$133. hair. And the story occupied a prominent place in metropolitan dailies. Later there was a story about a dinner he gave the monkeys, and then there was a denial. That makes two more. And then there have

Harry Lehr deserves to succeed. Hats off to Harry Lehr, proud favorite of proud Newport, and prince of press agents!

WELL DONE, SEATTLE!

Astoria's congratulations to the neighboring city of Seattle upon the successful launching of the bat-

It's not so much of a trick to build a battleship, ing. They have been building their own homes for but it is a decided victory to be afforded the opportunity of building one. And when the opportunyears past and have neither asked nor received any ity is created by the people anxious to build the

Seattle set about to build the Nebraska just as Seattle sets about to do everything-with the utmost enthusiasm. The contracting firm, the Moran Bros. Company, needed \$100,000 to successfully compete with other bidders, and without hesitancy the people those lamentable by-gone days!) However, when the of Seattle subscribed the amount. And what is more, the subscribers all declare their willingness to double their subscriptions for another battleship!

That's public-spirit. That is the sentiment that Now, that was not bad, coming from Astoria's accomplishes things-the sentiment that builds great fishermen. The fishermen stood ready to take up cities. When we consider this circumstance, it is not to be wondered at that Seattle has become a great If the fishermen of the west end could spare metropolis. Her people have made her-and she has

Again, our congratulations, and the wish that the \$2,000,000 can easily take up the stock of the new Nebraska may be followed down the ways by other

will, in a measure, be a monument to the enterprise howling success, judging by the experiment of the and will, as a consequence, prove an excellent in from target practice off Martha's Vineyard. In eight days the Illinois succeeded in taking on board It is to be hoped that the man of moderate means only 300 tons of coal from the collier, by means of will be afforded the opportunity to invest in hotel the specially designed apparatus. This was not as bonds. We should encourage men to put their fast as the ship could burn the coal. While this money into such enterprises, for the influence will be failure is disappointing to us it must be hailed with of great benefit to the future. The names of a few great satisfaction by the Jape, not from any hard capitalists will guarantee the stability of the venture feeling toward us, but because it shows that Rusand assure the small stockholders. We believe the sia's ships when found cannot take on the big loads of coal sent to them from Germany with the idea of being taken on at sea.

> King Edward is going to appoint a commission to devise some plan of dealing with the feebleminded. There will probably be no change in the present plan of encouraging them to remove to

> The kaiser has conferred the order of the Red Eagle on Dr. Harper, president of the Chicago University, who has already been decorated by Mr. Rocke feller as the Knight of the Golden Touch.

> When Kuropatkin declared that no Japanese soldier should be alowed to return to Japan, he might have had a hunch that they were going to take up permanent headquarters in Manchuria.

> After reading over the revised list of American battleships, the czar has decided that Secretary Hay has eminently sound views on the question of contraband of war.

> It is announced that Kipling's writings are to be ought to be translated into English.

> Treasurer Roberts says there are as many \$10bills as \$1-bills in circulation. Our observation leads to a different conclusion.

> The fact that Kuropatkin and Kuroki are trying to get together is not a sign of Russ-Jap peace plans.

Russians report a shortage of coal at Port Arthur, Seven invitations, the reports say, were issued, but the Japs are making it hot enough for them.

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