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sumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty!"

As to S. A. D. Puter, he is incontestably guilty, upon massed and indubitable proof, and his leadership in the program of scoundrelism that left its infamous mark on the good name of Oregon, puts him in an attitude of quality and minimize the testimony he shall give, not against, but in behalf, of his peculiar pet friends. Such men as he owe infinite debts, contracted in a career of deliberate crime, and what of "honor" moves him in the subsequent work that has been assigned to him on the score of this pardon, will be directed, insofar as he dare employ it, in making things easy for those who stood by him in the old days.

As a witness, this man's testimony will never be quite free from the taint of falsity and no human argument can make it disinterested. For this reason alone it should not be permitted to jeopardize the liberty and fair name of others. Puter is in the class with Orchard and entitled to the consideration that is universally granted to such people, which is, practically, nil; and Puter lacks even the show of shame Orchard has taken on, or really feels. Puter has written a book dealing with his crimes and the people who were, and possibly were not, mixed up with him; and from beginning to end it will be a tissue of explanations, evasions, subterfuges, ambiguities; any and everything short of fact and truth, and his testimony in open court or in the grand jury room, cannot, and will not, be of any more substance and value. One story cannot be the truth, or even the near-truth, and the other a web of falsities, since both will become public at the same time, or so nearly so as to preclude any distinct variations.

Puter is bad; and bad men are not to be trusted!

GET TO THE FRONT.

It is said, on good authority, that there are a number of prominent citizens of Astoria, holding actual, paid-up membership in the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, who have never yet (at least in 1907), shown their faces in an assemblage there. This is not right; it is unfair to those men who are striving to do something for the city and county, and an unpleasant commentary on their own public spirit. Every good man, especially if he shall be at all prominent and with an influence for the accom-

plishment of things (and without which he cannot be prominent, in the better acceptance of the word) should be at the meetings of the Chamber often enough to make his alignment and his interest apparent. And certainly he should be there once a year, upon the TWO TWO occasion of elections, when the guidance and work of the body is to be determined for another 12 months. This absentee might claim exemption for all the rest of the time, if he exhibited a degree of interest that moved him to get out and see to it that the best of people were placed in charge of the quasi-public affairs the Chamber stands for.

And these good men are urged to come out next Monday evening and take a hand in the choice to be made then, of the men who are to swing the work for 1908. The least they can do is to answer this call and demonstrate that they are in on the game of local development in so far as the selection of men to handle the responsibilities may go.

No one knows who is to be chosen; there are several candidates; all good men; but there should be a big attendance and a vote big enough to lend popular estimate and strength to the selections made.

WHAT THE KIDNEYS DO.

Their Unceasing Work Keeps us Strong and Healthy.

All the blood in the body passes through the kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys filter the blood. They work night and day. When healthy they remove about 500 grains of impure matter daily, when unhealthy some part of this impure matter is left in the blood. This brings on many diseases and symptoms—pain in the back, headache, nervousness, hot, dry skin, rheumatism, gout, gravel, disorders of the eye-sight and hearing, dizziness, irregular heart, debility, drowsiness, dropsy, deposits in the urine, etc. But if you keep the filters right you will have no trouble with your kidneys.

Mrs. E. Nettleblade, 133 Astor street, Astoria, Oregon, says: "For a long time I felt weak, tired and depressed, suffering severely from kidney complaint and would rise in the morning feeling so

lame and stiff that it was only with great effort that I was able to perform my household duties. There was an awful bearing down feeling through my hips and loins and many times I suffered so intensely that I was forced to lie down in the midst of my work. The secretions from my kidneys were unnatural in appearance, frequently causing me much annoyance. I finally learned of Doan's Kidney Pills and deciding to give them a trial, procured a box at Chas. Rogers' drug store. The results that followed their use were very satisfactory. I feel that I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills with great confidence to other sufferers."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Probably it is your stomach and not your heart that causes pain in neighborhood of the heart. If it is, Lane's Medicine will give relief.

A much-abused wife in Portland took her troubles to the police court and received this advice: "Get a ballbat or a thick hickory club and whale your husband over the head with it when he needs to say that it was an Irishman comes home tonight madam!" "The giving the advice.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
 Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

The Commonwealth Trust Co. is another Portland concern which bit the dust last week. When attachment was executed against the concern the constable was able to find only 25c in the string box—the other assets consisted of wildcat securities of no commercial value. "Common-wealth" is certainly a good name for such institutions.

COFFEE
 Why Schilling's Best?
 Because it is best and your money is yours if you think you don't find it so.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it; we pay him

WEATHER.
 Western Oregon—Partly cloudy with probable occasional light rain along coast and in Northern portion.

THE YEAR IS LAUNCHED.

The good ship "1908" is afloat on the sea of time. Astoria has launched her craft, happily and successfully, with fun and merriment to mark the event, and a thorough realization of what is before her.

We are all cherishing the hope that it will not be as other years; that it holds the germ of greater and solid things, and that it will mark the departure from old and trite conditions to newer and bolder elements of commerce and business and that fruition is closer and surer than ever in our history.

This hope is justifiable. There are promises in evidence we have never enjoyed before, with an assurance, and we feel they are to be realized on if we shall but muster our gumption and energies and forethought in their gathering.

We have relied for years (far too many, to stand for frank enumeration), upon what we are pleased to style our "natural advantages," on the baseless assumption that they were to be recognized by the outsider and wrought into commercial benefits by his money and pluck. This theory has stood until time has withered it and it has tottered by the wayside and lies prone in the field of futility and hopelessness.

We are out for another plan and a new slogan; we have all we ever possessed, and more; we must find some cleverer incentive and a less inert program; we must turn to our own initiative, use our own brains, employ our own money, seek our own line of development and follow it religiously to the end, and that end must write success, even if it be but meagre and inconsequential. We are in urgent need of a morsel of proof that the game lies in our own hands; once that is gained, it will lend savor and color and life to a hurtling hundred of other efforts in kind; and by this process alone shall we find our way out.

Keep the local clearing-house, the Chamber of Commerce, in active operation and exhaust our faculty for devising and negotiating new plans and schemes that shall mean something, if it shall only be a minor success. It is the little successes that lead to development and the large realities.

Astoria, at the sea-end of the down-grade, water-level traffic haul of the whole Northwest, is surely in line for some of the good things to unfold this year; but we have simply got to go after them, and quit waiting for them to arrive. We have got to stir ourselves to make the city and port what it is naturally, and commercially, intended to be, **ASTORIA, THE BEST IN THE WEST!**

PUTER.

S. A. D. Puter has been pardoned for cause.

We do not approve of the man nor the cause.

We deprecate the principle involved; that of "setting a thief to catch a (supposed) thief." For every man "is pre-

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SECOND ANNUAL

RED TAG CLEARANCE SALE

EVERYTHING REDUCED!

This Morning Every Department in Our Entire Stock Reduced--a Sensational January Clearance Sale of Every article in this store at 25 to 50 per cent. less than regular value. Your unrestricted choice from the cleanest and best selected stock of its size to be found anywhere. The shrewd buyers have been eagerly awaiting this annual event and recognize at a glance the superiority of our assortment and standard qualities in every department. Whatever your needs may be they can be purchased here at the very lowest price that will be quoted anywhere. We have planned for the greatest selling event this store has ever attempted. Arrange to be here early this morning,

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd

and Supply Your Wants for Months to Come. Contract Goods Only Excepted Mail Orders Filled Same Day as Received

Dress Goods, Trimmings, Silks, Linings, Muslin Underwear, Laces, Embroideries, Knit Goods, Notions, Table Linens,	Napkins, Towels, Bed Spreads, Carpet Wraps, Hosiery, Knit Underwear, Muslin, Sheets, Pillow Cases,	Outing Flannel, Flannelettes, Women's Coats, Woman's Suits, Misses' Coats, Women's Furs,	Lace Curtains, Comforters, Pillows, Women's Waists, Silk and Sateen Petticoats, Heatherloom Petticoats, Neckwear, Corsets.	Ribbons, Gloves, Umbrellas Leather Goods, Children's Bear Skin Coats, Silk Raincoats, Walking Skirts, Children's White Dresses.
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