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The most delicate and the most sensible of all pleasures consists in promoting the pleasures of others.—La Bruyere.

DUTY OF DEPOSITORS.
THIS COMMUNITY is profoundly interested in the successful issue of the efforts to rehabilitate the Merchants National Bank and the Oregon Trust and Savings.

Through the action of W. M. Ladd, in assuming the obligations of the Title Guarantee and Trust company, the debts of that concern will be paid in full.

As in the case of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank there is good reason to expect that the plan of absorption by the German-American Bank will be carried to a successful consummation, thereby insuring full payment of the debts of the former institution.

As the Merchants National, the question whether the bank shall resume business rests wholly with its depositors. Why any of them should desire to throw the bank into the hands of a receiver passes comprehension.

ALDRICH'S CURRENCY BILL.
THE CUNNING of Senator Aldrich has solved another opportunity. The panic disclosed the national need for a more elastic currency.

They are the especial assets of the stock gamblers, and it would be these illustrious gentlemen that would press the button and turn on the elasticity. If they lacked bonds, they would print more and find a way to infuse artificial value into them for elastic purposes.

It is all a reminder that if every state had and would apply a State-ment No. 1 the Aldriches and their elastic schemes would not long survive in the senate.

PARTY AND LEGISLATION.
A YEAR from now the Oregon legislature will be in session. It may be a very important session. The men who will compose it are soon to come forward, along with others, asking the people's suffrages.

PORTLAND'S MARITIME SUPREMACY is on trial. It can be maintained or it can be lost. The chance for saving it is very favorable. Nature has been generous with Portland in the bestowal of natural advantages.

craft. That aggregate, when the Panama canal is completed and when the region east of the Cascades has come into its full development will, if saved to Portland, make her the commanding maritime city of the coast.

STOP SQUABBLING; GET BUSY.
OREGON'S DELEGATION at Washington is split asunder by a quarrel over patronage. The responsibility seems to lie chiefly at the door of Senator Bourne whose insistence upon the man of his choice for United States district attorney is the cause of the trouble.

There are many unemployed men in and about Portland who are idle against their will. They are neither criminals nor hoboes. They want work and are seeking it. When they apply for employment do not turn them away with contempt.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Improvements entirely of Manitoba in exempting them on farms of 200 acres or more. The state is exempting manufacturing plants in German cities in assessing improvements at a value of 25 per cent.

Want the Motto Restored.
Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal.—As many people have expressed their views as to the removal of our motto, 'In God We Trust.'

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The Clubs.
By C. E. Quincy. (A Fairbanks club, composed of men over six feet tall, has been organized.) Have you seen the club they've started out in Indiana? Every man is six foot tall and shaped like a banana.

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Concerning Us.
IT IS NOT a little curious, if you consider it, that most of us are as well as we are, physically. Consider how much we shut ourselves away from the free fresh air, how little we exercise, how we neglect our teeth and how ridiculously inadequate is our concern for our poor stomachs.

A Sure Anchor.
THERE are two things we should never let go of—faith and hope. It is because these are lost that the suicide goes to an unhonored grave.

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The Kaiser and the Fox.
From the Westminister Gazette. The Kaiser's courtesy in always raising his hat when he saw a fox was not inspired, as some cynics suggest, by the fact that he now imports foxes from Germany to replace the victims of the secret vulpicide to which game preservers are addicted.

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