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A PUNK BODY.

The Chamber of Commerce of Portland is still in existence, though nearly everybody supposed long ago that it was defunct. It gave evidence of vitality Monday afternoon by a meeting, at which it had strength enough to whereas eight times and resolve twice, the second resolution being that the other be "furnished the press and forwarded to the Oregon congressmen."

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has been in existence for many years, and has made a failure of everything it touched, big or little, from the time of its inception. It butchered the Hunt railroad proposition, and kept it out of Portland; it put up the big building that it damned with its name, and which, while never meeting its interest charges, ruined First street, and vacated all the office buildings in Portland. It has been a society of the mutual admiration variety only, and should have expired from inanition years ago. Indeed, it would have done so, were it not for the fact that it is composed of a lot of moribund old webfeet who imagine they are progressive, and who remain organized for the purpose of assisting in developing the resources of the country. They are a deadlock on the wheels. They have imagined Portland was all Oregon, and many of them think so yet.

Their meeting the other day was called by the sugar trust for the purpose of getting an indorsement of the attempt to shut out Hawaiian sugar, and we print one of these wheresases, wheresased by this Portland witenagemote, which shows their keen insight and heroic determination to do something for Oregon. It is as follows: "Whereas, It is within the range of possibility that the state of Oregon will have located somewhere within its border a large refinery for the manufacture of best sugar." This was one of their most cogent reasons for demanding, at the behest of the sugar trust, that the reciprocity treaty with Hawaii be not renewed.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is, and always has been, an injury to the state of Oregon, and the only thing about it that is not a delusion and a fraud is its name.

The course of this government towards Spain in the latter's trouble with Cuba has been a despicable and cowardly one. Unarmed and peaceable citizens of unhappy Cuba have been shot down like wild beasts by the ruthless Spanish soldiers under the direction, or at least with the sanction of that butcher of babes, Weyer. Women and children have been outraged, tortured, and then murdered in cold blood; yet we have made no protest. And what has been our excuse? "Spain is a friendly nation, and we cannot interfere." The reason is not reason, it is subterfuge, and that of so lying and despicable a class as to be unworthy of the contempt of decent people. We are as one who permits the murder of a lot of innocent children in his dooryard, and explains his non-interference with the excuse that "the assassin is a friend of mine."

It is only a question of time until this government has to annex Hawaii. It will never permit any other nation to absorb it, and hence will be compelled to take it in. We have virtually assumed a protectorate over the islands now, and Uncle Sam ought to know better than to let any "slick-ears" of his be running on the range. When Japan undertakes to

brand it, and she is figuring on it now, there will be serious trouble. By annexing the islands now we can prevent all this, and at the same time stop the increase of undesirable inhabitants by shutting out the Japs and Chinese. We do not care what effect this has on the sugar trust or anyone else, the islands must belong to this government or no other, and the quicker we give the world to understand this, the better.

We would respectfully suggest to our poetical friend, Sam L. Simpson, that the newspaper that is to be started in Portland would furnish a subject for a companion piece to the "Bridge Across the Willamette." It has started so many times, has been "is going to be started" so many more, that the oldest inhabitant has ceased to ever think about it, other than to sometimes mumble "They're going to start," etc.

The outlook for a wheat crop in this section was never better, and the outlook for prices is steadily improving. Besides the shortage in foreign countries, it seems now to be well assured that Illinois and other of the Mississippi valley states are to have a very heavily decreased acreage on account of the floods. The Oregon wheat-grower seems to have this year struck it about right.



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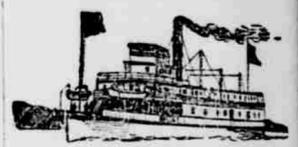
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