# THE OLD'HOME TOWN 



## ENEMIES OF THE NORTHWEST

 d electrify the railroads. Why should railroads use up th coal supply of the country when free water power is going to
waste? Why should the roads devote one-third their energy to hauling coal, mainly for their own use,
power can be secured right at hand?
ation. Then how could they do better than avail themselves of a source of power under which one electric locomotive will do if there should be some expense incidental to the change.
if there should be some expense incidental to the
is not the first cost that counts, it is the follow up."
hydro electric power may be had is a great national cause. It is a change that must come about because our coal resourcese, concerned, including the railroads, the shipper, and the coal consumer. Operate the western railroads by electricity and the public will get relief from the burden of $\$ 15$ coal.
There is a need right now for the power that may be de-
veloped at Umatilla rapids. That power can be utilized any
time it is developed and sold ime it is developed and sold at low cost. There is no occasion
for anyone to say we must await,the coming of some mythical new industry in order to provide a market for the power that may be developed. It is not necessary to wait until Oreggon has
20 millions of people before developing the Columbia basin water power. We did not defer irrigation until the population the people came as a natural consequence. The same policy should be followed with reference to hydro electric develop-
ment. If government aid is a good thing in the field of irriga tion it is a good thing in the fietd of power development. Why
should we smile when the government finances competition with alfalfa growers and sob at the thought of federal money being used to develop power projects that are too unwieldly for private capital?
Those, who oppose federal help in developing Columbia ba veloped. They champion a policy of waste that costs the people millions of dollars every year. They are enemies of the northwest.

## SINGULAR AND SUGGESTIVE TRAIN OF EVENTS"

ORTLAND people "werlt in the air" recently when W.
Burns, head of the bureau of investigation, demanded the
resignation of W . resignation of W. R. Bryon, head of that bureau in the northwest with headquarters in Portland. Mr. Bryon had been active in securing the evidence in the Albers and Woerndle
cases and his removal did not set right with those who favored vigorous check on dislosal behavior during the war Accored ingly warm protests were forwarded to Washington.
Since then the Washington bereau of the Portiand Telegram quotes Mr. Burns as saying that the removal of Mr. Bryon was
no reflection on the latter's work and was for reasons of no reflection on the latter's work and was for reasons of econ-
omy only. But the Washington correspondent learned something more. It is that during the period from 1914 to 1917 the Burns detective agency, of which W. J. Burns was the head, did detective work for German steamship and other interests.
ffensive was some of that work that protests were made offensive was some of that work that protests were made by
"powerful interests" in New York against the appointment of furns as chief of the U. S. investigation bureau because of alleged unethical work during the period referred to. The Washington correspondent also learned that Mr. Burns, since becom-ing head of the U. S. bureau, has been eliminating other officials of the Bryon type in other cities and that protests are be-
ing received from those cities as well as from Portland. It is indeed a "singular and suggestive train of events" detective who served German interests when that country Was at war is given authority to thus "economize" by ousting ry agiunst secret foes while our soldiers were on the western ront. The Telegram correspondent states that Attorney Genaral Daugherty has given Mr. Burns a free hand to reorganize It is about time to ask who
The Baker Herald refers Morrow" and the fact Morrow county farmers are much pleased
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