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FOR COAST DEFENSES. The speech made by Senator Squire, of Washington, on Wednesday last, in which he portrayed the defenseless condition of the American seacoast cities against naval bombardment of high-power guns and the necessity for taking immediate steps to protect them by batteries armed by similar artillery, is an admirable presentation of the case.

The senator was especially in earnest because he represents a state whose cities on the Pacific and on Puget sound—Seattle as one—would be utterly at the mercy of any hostile fleet armed with modern guns.

The senator stated—and he kept within bounds in his figures—that a large amount of destructible property, estimated at not less than \$100,000,000 in value, is exposed to attack, or at least to heavy assessment for the purpose of securing immunity from destruction.

This estimate does not include combustible property in Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Duluth, Buffalo and other lake cities which would be menaced in a case of war with Great Britain.

In New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City alone property worth \$4,000,000,000 is subject to ransom or to destruction for lack of coast defenses.

Senator Squire says correctly that the coast cities are not to be defended by warships. The navy is mainly for aggression, not for defense of ports.

merce Commission has been in Chicago for some time quietly collecting evidence against big cattle shippers and others who have been enjoying the illegal advantage of cut rates.

When the officials of the ten big Eastern roads are brought before the grand jury, and are compelled to produce their books and tell what they know, the district attorney will become possessed of some exceedingly interesting information, on which he can base indictments which will stick.

There must be some convicted before the law is respected by the agents of the roads and the shippers that have been guilty of violating it.

The communication published yesterday from Mr. D. K. Warren on the subject of wharves along the waterfront, and the interviews given in this issue upon the same question, are worthy of the most careful consideration at the hands of every business man in Astoria.

It must be apparent to every thinking person that, not only because of the pledges made by the railroad right of way committee, but because of the most vital business interests of the city, the docks along the water front should be at once extended to the harbor line.

It is most probable that the United States engineers knew what they were doing when they established those lines; and the full development of the business portion of the city, demands the usage of every foot of space within those lines.

All other considerations are secondary matters, and can be easily adjusted, as has been done in similar instances in other cities, when the time comes for considering them.

After a full understanding of the situation, which at the present seems to have been only partially known either to the council or the citizens generally, it is not to be doubted that the good business judgment and common sense of the councilmen, supported by the views and requirements of the business men, will effect the needed legislation.

We have the new woman, and now we are going to have the new watch, according to scientific reports. The new woman talks fluently, or, as Mrs. Partington used to say, "fluently," and the new watch will do the same.

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THE RAILWAY CAT. Stories of dogs and their journeys by train have been related. The District railway, London, has a cat, however, which visits the various stations up and down the line by the same means.

CHILDREN WHO SUFFER. From scrofulous, skin or scalp diseases, ought to be given Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, for purifying the blood. For children who are puny, pale, or weak, the "Discovery" is a tonic which builds up both flesh and strength.

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