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A tinplate mill for Astoria, if practicable, would be a boon for the cannerymen, and the question is well worth careful consideration.

Shall there be a bridge, or two bridges, over Young's bay for wagons and team, or would either or both be paying investments, are the questions now to be considered.

The new impetus given to real estate by the placing of Weston on the market is only a fore-runner of other large deals to be made in Astoria and vicinity in the immediate future.

Yesterday's statement of the New York banks is an encouraging sign of the times. The decrease in the surplus and large increase in loans and extensions is indicative of a healthier tone in general business and promises much for the immediate future.

Yes, we know that the times are bad; but did you expect the country after three years and a half of desperate sickness, with such a financial convulsion as we have had this fall, to convalesce and grow strong in a week? Give it time. Rest and nourishing diet, in the way of confidence and investing capital, will soon do their work.

Pneumatic tubes will in a few weeks perform the service of carrying letters from the postoffice in Philadelphia to the two great railway stations in that city, experiments between the main postoffice and a sub-station having proved a success. Who knows but the time will come when passengers as well as freight will be shot through great underground tubes as smoothly and rapidly as the piston slides in the cylinder of an engine?

The marine editor of the San Francisco Chronicle is having a hard time writing "first lines" for his display head. One day he heads his stuff, "Day's Doings Along the Waterfront," and the next, "The Doings of a Day Along the Waterfront." Again, "The Waterfront During One Day," and still again, "Waterfront News of one Day." Then he picks up items on the waterfront, and on succeeding days finds items along the docks and wharves. His versatility is only exceeded by his ability.

The late experiments with hydraulic power in sluicing down the hills at the head of Tenth and Twelfth streets have demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that grading can be done in Astoria cheaper and more effectively by this than by any other means. It has also been demonstrated that a seawall is very much needed in order to prevent the filling in of the river channel as well as to retain the earth for the purposes of filling in lots and building streets on the lower levels. In certain sections of the city it may not be necessary to do much sluicing in order to level down the hills, but to get any benefit from such a landslide a seawall is an absolute necessity.

The report of the death of the negro insurgent Maceo is confirmed by the dispatch in this morning's paper, this time from Cuban sources. The charge has been frequently made that the Spanish are exercising a censorship over all press dispatches sent out from Havana, and that they are all more or less colored in the interest of the national forces. From the numerous felicitations as to Maceo's death sent out by the rebels or their sympathizers for days past, and this final culmination in the reluctant admission of his death, coupled with details charging treachery on the part of the Spanish, which the world knows from circumstances already told and authentically proven cannot be true, go to show that reports from the other side are not entirely destitute of a certain degree of color. It is ridiculous to say that Maceo was trapped and deliberately butchered in cold blood by the Spanish forces, since the meagre means of identification brought forward by the Spanish prove exactly the contrary. If they had killed Maceo in the manner described by the rebel dispatch there could never have been any doubt about his identification. His body would have been carried to Havana, where it would have been exhibited and identified to the satisfaction of every newspaper correspondent in the city.

A WELCOME SIGN OF THE TIMES.

The convention of business men, representing all sections of the country, which has been called to meet at Indianapolis January 3, ought to contribute something of material value toward solving the monetary problem. It is directly in line with the labors of the business men during the presidential campaign, and in fact is a sort of obligation growing out of that activity. They were most potent in the election of McKinley and a Republican house of representatives on a platform declaring for sound money and protection, and hence they very properly feel themselves entitled for further service. Their suggestions thus formally tendered should be and doubtless will be welcomed by congress.

This manifestation of deep interest in public affairs on the part of those necessarily so much occupied with their own private affairs is a healthy sign of the times. The country must benefit when those who carry on great enterprises and study great questions at first hand organize to assist in the devising of sound public policies and in the furtherance of their adoption and execution. Congress could draw upon no better reservoir for good advice. In fact it is the very self-same reservoir upon which the people frequently draw for some of their wisest and most useful public servants. The successful business man of today is often the successful senator or representative of tomorrow, merely transferring to the public account talents which he has been employing for his own individual account. It is altogether likely, indeed, that of the men who will meet at Indianapolis next month simply to suggest to the president or to the next congress, some may themselves be in congressional commission before the century closes, and passing officially upon phases of the very questions they are now as private citizens considering.

The complaint, from high sources, has more than once been made that business men as a rule take too little interest in politics. Some of the embarrassments of the country, and much of the power and offensiveness of party bosses, have been ascribed to the failure of business men to make themselves sufficiently felt in the primaries and at the polls. They have been accused of making, by their own activity, the activity of the rounders and plutocrats count too much. If there has been any authority for this charge in the past, the reproach will be wiped out if what is now being attempted by the business organizations of the country is pressed to its proper and legitimate conclusion.

It is to be supposed, says the New York Tribune, that in ordering the reposition of tonnage dues upon German shipping in American ports the president and his official advisers are sure of their ground. Mr. Cleveland is not given to precipitous action in such matters. This case, moreover, is one of which he should have especially complete knowledge, by virtue both of his own past experience and of his present means of securing information. The last preceding controversy with Germany on this subject arose during his former administration, and was brought to a close by Mr. Cleveland himself in a proclamation granting the contention of the German government. He now takes up the case at the point where he had laid it down, and by a new proclamation revokes that former proclamation. When it is further borne in mind that the present American ambassador at Berlin is Mr. Uhl, formerly one of Mr. Cleveland's assistant secretaries of state, and that Mr. Chamberlain, the United States commissioner of navigation, has personally spent much time in Germany this year investigating this very subject, assurance is confirmed that the president has ample information for his guidance in the action he has taken.

THE REAPER. With blithesome song the jocund reaper Davy, Through dewy fields of blue comes trudging; And with his silver sickle keen and wan He reaps the twinkling harvest of the sky. Franklin Ham.

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Days when you feel most the need of an active brain your head feels as though it were filled with hot mud. The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little nurse life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. Chas. Rogers.

The servant's day out gives the mistress a chance to find out how the kitchen closets are kept. DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleansing the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitutions impaired by disease. Chas. Rogers.

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The old man who looks out at the world with clear and healthy eyes cannot help feeling great gratification at the thought that his children have inherited from him no weakness or tendency to disease. The healthy old man is the man who has throughout his life kept his digestion good and his blood pure. Not one in a thousand does so.

Again the cross of the Legion of Honor is won by a French woman. Hosa Bonheur was the first to win it, and for many years has been the only woman to wear the decoration. Now Virginia Demme Jules Breton has received it. She has been called "a painter of motherhood."

THE IDEAL PANACEA. James I. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Whistler's latest portrait is now on view in the Grafton galleries, London, under the title of "Rose and Silver." It shows a lady in a rose and silver gown and hat, with a long black bow. The background reveals a soft, silvery tone, and the picture is full of life and grace.

IT MAY DO AS MUCH FOR YOU. Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures but without any good result.

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The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Rogers.

A black velvet waist is one of the most serviceable articles of attire that a woman can own. Overcoats and winter wraps will be in fashion. They can be discarded, temporarily while traveling in the steam-heated trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. For soft comfort, for speed and for safety, no other line can compare with this great railway of the West.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The healthiest and most effective medicine for children. It is a natural product of the earth, and is perfectly safe and reliable.

The highest paid choir singers in the world are two American ladies, Miss Clementina Dover, of the Paxton church, New York, who receives \$4500 a year, and Miss Dutton, at a Baptist church, also in New York, who receives \$3000 for her services.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" clogs compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Rogers.

Mrs. M. S. Wade, of Chicago, manufactures the peculiar yellow tissue paper used by the telegraphic companies and the press associations, and she has grown wealthy from it. The process of manufacture is a secret, which she will not divulge.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and you that live where the liver is," "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his left ear, your liver would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gingham!" Chas. Rogers.

Mixed assemblages of men and women are forbidden by the social code of China, and under no circumstances must a Chinese husband and wife appear together in public. It would ruin a man's reputation to be seen riding in the same carriage with his wife.

A dose that is always reasonable is a dose of Simmens Liver Regulator, the "King of Liver Medicines." It keeps the liver active; the bowels regular; prevents biliousness; and promotes digestion. In fact, helps keep you well. "I have watched its effects in families where I have practiced, and find it admirable; both alternative and tonic in its action."—Dr. T. W. Mason, Macon, Ga.

Miss Louise Bonaparte, who is to be married on December 20 to Count de Moltke-Huntfeldt, is the great-granddaughter of Jerome Bonaparte, the younger brother of Napoleon I. She is also the great granddaughter of Daniel Webster.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. Chas. Rogers.

Jameson's term of imprisonment is over, and as soon as he gets well he will leave jail, and it is safe to say he will not tackle old man Kruger again, no matter what inducements are offered.

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According to Marquis di Rudini, Italy has not yet decided what to do with her African possessions, but she will not undertake to carry war into them again in a hurry.

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Mr. Richard Croker, of New York, has declared the Democratic party of that city does not need harmonizing, but he probably meant it is not worth it.

It is a fixed and immutable law that to have good sound health, one must have pure, rich and abundant blood. There is no shorter nor surer route than by a course of DeWitt's Sarsaparilla. Chas. Rogers.

Bryan is to get one electoral vote in California, but as the chances are McKimley will get one in Virginia, the game stands as it was.

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OUTWARD BOUND OREGON GRAIN FLEET—1896-7.

Table with columns: SAILED, FLAG, NAME, T. RICHARD FOR, ARRIVED, ORIGIN, VALUE, SHIPPERS, RATE. Lists various grain ships and their destinations.

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Table with columns: PORT SAILED FROM AND NAME, CAPTAIN, TONNAGE, COMPANY, DATE. Lists various vessels and their routes.

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