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The Astoria Budget has the following very good suggestions with reference to town patriotism: Next to a man's family, his personal friends and his business, nothing should arouse his energies in its behalf more thoroughly than the town in which he lives. It is his home. It is the place in which he earns his competence and educates his family. If he wants to make it as populous, as thrifty and as widely known as possible, he cannot afford to be indifferent to anything which will furnish these ends. It can be said a town that is not worthy of the devotion of its citizens in making it widely and generally prosperous is a town in which it is not worth while to live at all. If a town is worth anything, it is worthy of our greatest energy, whether we receive an immediate dividend in dollars and cents or whether we merely take our share of the common benefits according to the town and community we call home. Every one can be a boomer. Keep your money at home. Patronize those who patronize you. Spend your money among home institutions where you stand a chance to get it back. Every dollar you spend with a home man finds its way back to your pocket. A dollar spent in some other town goes to help build up that town. A dollar spent here goes to help build up your home town. Figure it down fine and you lose money by buying away from home, even if you do get the articles for less than what it costs you at home.

The belief is general that the congressional committee which is investigating Secretary of the Interior Ballinger will bring in a report exonerating him, but it is expected that shortly after the committee makes its report Secretary Ballinger will tender his resignation as a member of the Cabinet, and return to Seattle. In the East, where conservation is very strong, there is a very strong sentiment among the press against Ballinger, one weekly publication going so far as to make an attack on Mr. Ballinger's private business life, when he was still a resident of the East, prior to moving to Washington. Politics is recognized as a pretty cold blooded game; Mr. Taft wants to succeed himself as president. The Ballinger incident has developed into the one big scandal of the administration. While it is probably not worthy of the reputation it has been given, the fact can't be changed and according to advice received from Washington, it is up to Secretary Ballinger to resign in order to save the administration. Every administration has had its "goat" and the political supporters of Mr. Taft say that the unfriendly press

and other enemies of the administration have selected Mr. Ballinger for the role.

Large sums of Eastern capital have been invested in this state during the past week in the purchase of the Northwest Corporation, which controls numerous gas, water and electric light and power plants in Oregon and Washington. H. M. Byllesby & Co. of Chicago, a large promotion concern, are understood to have taken over the properties. The firm will establish an office in Portland by the first of next month and direct operations from there. The properties bought extend from Walla Walla to Southern Oregon. Ambitious projects yet to be completed are included in the company's holdings. Various electric lines in the two states are planned, and the development of big water powers has been outlined. This transaction which carries with it a very large sum of Eastern capital, shows the confidence outside investors have in the future development of this section of the United States.

Portland's big new packing plant, just completed by the Swift's interests, began killing livestock last week. From now on it will enlarge its operations until all the departments and allied industries are under way. It is expected to be two or three months before the big \$2,000,000 plant is in full operation. The completion of this great packing house is a big boost for the producers of livestock not only in this state but throughout the Northwest. The killing department is prepared to handle about 500 cattle a day as a starter and has a capacity of 1000 hogs and sheep. The interest shown in livestock production throughout the big territory tributary to that market will largely determine the magnitude of operations by the new plant.

An International Club has been formed at the Oregon Agricultural College. Only students who are foreign born are eligible to membership. At the first meeting fifteen students were present, representing Japan, Russia, England, Norway, India, China, Denmark and Germany. There are several more foreign students in the college, who have since signified their intention of joining the club. The purpose of the organization is to provide social privileges and offer greater opportunities for educational work to the students who have journeyed to this country and this college in order to gain an education.

The prevalence of high prices for food articles in worldwide. The restaurant keepers in Berlin, Germany, are meeting the exigency in effective fashion by cutting down the portions served to customers instead of raising the rates. But these and other facts go to show that complaints of increased cost of living are not confined to the United States. To solve the problem the facts in every civilized country will have to be taken into consideration.

Total deposits in Oregon banks, both national and state, at the close of business January 31, totaled \$91,314,138, an increase of \$1,365,883 since last November. Loans and discounts in the same period increased \$1,414,249.

On the last day in January there was due Oregon banks from approved reserve agents outside of the state, a total of \$10,239,853. These figures are given in a statement just issued by State Bank Examiner Steel.

One of the most remarkable, as well as the quickest retributions on record, is that of the man in New York who, in trying to tunnel his way from his own place to a jewelry store opposite, which he wished to loot, was buried alive in the grave of his own digging. Life would mean very much if such energy, originality, determination and readiness to take risks, were displayed in a better cause.

Following a conference between officials of Oregon and Washington held during the past week in Portland an agreement was reached as to the disputed state boundary at the mouth of the Columbia river. An arbitrary line was agreed upon which will be used in enforcing the fishing laws and in levying taxes until the vexed question is settled finally.

A few hundred acres of timber land in Tillamook county recently sold for one-tenth of the entire assessed value of the county. Timber land should be assessed as high as orchard land of the same value. Why not?

The weather bureau gives us exact figures on mean temperature; but its vocabulary is unable to convey the whole truth as to mean weather in its entirety.

### WONDERFUL RETRIBUTION.

An incident of the Workings of Canada's Government Protection. In September, 1904, two white men entered the Lesser Slave lake country, in the Canadian northwest, ostensibly prospecting for gold. Subsequently the Indians reported that one of the men seemed to be traveling alone, an observant Cree boy adding, "The white man's dog won't follow that fellow any more." The answers given by Charles King of Mount Pleasant, Utah, regarding his lost companion, Hayward, were not satisfactory. King was arrested, and there began one of the most splendid bits of detective work of which Canada has record.

Sergeant Anderson turned over the ashes of a campfire and found three hard lumps of flesh and a small piece of skull bone. In front stretched a little slough, or lake, which seemed a likely place in which to look for evidence. Setting Indian women to fish up with their toes any hard substance they might feel in the ooze, Anderson secured a stickpin of unusual make and a sovereign case. He systematically drained the lake and found a shoe with a broken eye needle sticking in it. The campfire ashes examined with the microscope yielded the missing part of a needle's broken eye and established unmistakable connection between lake and camp.

The maker of the stickpin in London, England, was communicated with by cable, and the Canadian government summoned a Mr. Hayward to come from England to identify the trinkets of his murdered brother. Link by link the chain grew. It took eleven months for Sergeant Anderson to get his complete case in shape. The mounted police brought from Lesser Slave lake to Edmonton forty Indian and half breed witnesses. The evidence was placed before the jury, and the Indians returned to their homes. A legal technicality cropping up, the trial had to be repeated in its entirety, and once more those forty men, women and children left their traps and fishing nets and came into Edmonton to tell their story.

The result was that Charles King was found guilty of the murder of Edward Hayward and paid the death penalty. The trial cost the government of Canada over \$30,000—all to avenge the death of one of the wandering units to be found in every corner of the silent places, an unknown prospector.—Agnes Dean Cameron in Century.

Something From Nothing. "It is impossible to take something from nothing," quoted the wise guy. "Well, you come pretty close to it when you take the conceit out of some people," added the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record. Examiner—What is an alibi? Candidate For the Bar—An alibi is committing a crime in one place when you are in another place. If you can be in two other places, the alibi is all the stronger in law.—Puck.

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