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Now, the question arises, Will this inevitable railroad connection be with Portland...

OLD AND NEW DISCREPANCY. The number of persons stricken fatally with heart disease, acute indigestion...

Smallpox, for example, is fast losing its terrors. Few well-regulated communities are now without some rare isolated cases at all times...

AGAIN "THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK." The quarrels that are convulsing Macedonia and the sympathetic unrest that pervades Greece and Bulgaria at bottom are racial and religious...

But Bulgaria and Greece, under protection of the great powers, feel that they can go very far in their hostility to the Turk...

On the other hand, disease multiply. Some of them have existed before under more general terms. Appendicitis, for example, has doubtless been often treated for peritonitis...

Advancing foreign commerce has brought us overseas more than one alien disorder. The Black Death under the name of bubonic plague, has found its way across the Pacific from Asia...

Approval of the reclamation contract for the Butte Development Company in the Deschutes Valley, rather sharpens the question of transportation for that country...

Meanwhile home manufacture has not been idle. It is doubtful whether we should lay stress upon the reported disease or upon the weakened vitality which lays the system open to their attacks...

By chance or by design it comes about that only a fraction of the human race survives at any given point in its advance to old age. Civilized races have long passed the point where doubtless in any considerable numbers fall before plague or famine...

Nature grimly raises up new forces of declination as fast as the old are incapacitated. The truth appears to be that man, like any other animal, insists on fighting his environment...

An article in a recent number of the Medical Record giving figures on the decrease in size of American families has called forth the usual arraignment of American women for selfishness and flagrant dereliction of duty on this point...

There is, without doubt, much truth in this estimate. Still the enrollment in the public schools is large. It does not support the statement that the decrease in the number of children born in this country is alarming...

Dr. A. A. Ames, ex-Mayor of Minneapolis, after an official career that is without parallel in the annals of municipal corruption outside of New York City...

Germany's Protections. Several distinguished Germans have expressed surprise and regret at the recent manifestations of American distrust of their government...

Kennan's Addicks Exposure. Mr. George Kennan, the noted traveler, has turned his attention from dark Russia, as regards which he once furnished the most reliable information to the public...

An Apparent Absurdity. We are getting weary of these repeated explanations touching our military affairs. Every announcement of the completion of a new man-of-war or the manufacture of a few millions of smokeless powder cartridges or the contract for a new gun is promptly followed by a chorus of assurances that there is no significance in it...

Army Reform. Secretary Root will have his general staff idea incorporated in legislation. A hard fight has been made against that bill but it has the support of all military men of the country...

Dr. A. A. Ames, the fugitive Mayor of Minneapolis, who has been arrested in New Hampshire, was the first city editor of Ben Holladay's Portland Bulletin...

PROSPERITY ON A SOUND BASIS. The Financial and Commercial Chronicle takes a very cheerful view of the general business outlook which seems to be fully borne out by reports from all sources...

There is, moreover, nothing in the general business situation to cause alarm. Bank clearings, railway earnings and the output of iron are steadily increasing, and failures are the lowest on record...

The situation in the iron market is typical of the country. The iron record in turning out 3,600,000 tons, or about as much as England's highest output to that time...

If it were shown that jobbers or dealers were piling up goods in unreasonable quantities or were extending or demanding credit, it would be a serious reason to fear...

Humor of the Vermont Situation. It is to be remembered that aside from Maine and New Hampshire only Kansas and Vermont are admitted to the electoral college...

Power of the Trusts. A striking illustration of one power acquired by the trusts is that they can deprive dependent families of support. The closing of the cooper shops, an incidental consequence, will almost double the number of the unemployed...

The Finding is Absurd. The House committee on naval affairs finds that Doblin tried to corrupt Congressman Lessor "with the idea of making money for himself" but fails to explain how Doblin could have bribed Lessor or made any money for himself if the company to be benefited by Lessor's vote was not behind him and willing to supply him with funds...

It's His Own Measure. Quite likely Senator Hoar will not approve of the published description of his anti-trust bill as an administration measure. Senator Hoar is on record as opposing the interference of the executive with the Legislative branch of the Government...

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