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### UNCLE SAM AND COLOMBIA.

THE average American citizen is not losing any sleep over the Colombian treaty or the proposition to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 for the loss of the Panama canal zone and with it the organizing of the republic of Panama out of her soil. The United States government stood behind the revolutionists and really made the rebellion a success. Without our stand the republic of Panama would never have existed. We did our neighbor a grievous wrong, and it is the manly thing on our part, since we are so strong and she so weak that she cannot help herself, to make proper restitution, cutting out the apology, since she was blameless. We don't have to do it, but the obligations placed upon us of being decent and acting the part of a gentleman compels us to this course. Here are the plain facts as to the establishing of the republic of Panama and our connection therewith.

It is not a pretty story, and the part taken by the United States in it is not commendable. However, you can draw your own conclusions:

1. The great lobby at Washington which held up the Isthmian canal issue for many years was not a railroad lobby, as commonly charged. It was a Panama Canal company lobby, headed by William Nelson Cromwell.

2. The French canal company could not build the canal itself. The concessions granted by Colombia were about to expire and revert to Colombia. The company's only chance of getting anything out of the wreck of corruption lay in selling the concession to the United States.

3. Colombia did not attempt to "blackmail" the United States. The quarrel over money was between Colombia and the Panama Canal company, and Mr. Roosevelt permitted the United States to be dragged into it. Colombia was the heaviest single stockholder in the French company, as well as the grantor of the concession. The Colombian government wanted a larger share of the \$40,000,000 than the canal company officials were willing to pay.

4. The Hay-Herran treaty, which the Colombian senate unanimously rejected, was not drafted by Secretary Hay or by Senator Herran, the Colombian charge. In the main, it was the work of William Nelson Cromwell, the paid lobbyist of the French company, who took Senator Herran to Secretary Hay's home at night and induced him to sign the proposed treaty, although a cablegram was on its way from Bogota ordering Herran not to sign.

5. The Panama "revolution" was bought and paid for by the French canal interests. The money that bought it was sent to Panama from New York and was used to bribe Colombian soldiers. The plot was carefully laid, the "revolution" was handled by employees of the Panama railroad, and it was successful only because the Washington administration prevented Colombia from landing loyal troops to suppress it.

### SOCIETY AND SOCIETY.

MAX NORDAU, the French writer, recently took occasion to make a bitter attack on American women, our society women especially. He branded them as foolish, fatuous, shallow, and all the rest of it, holding up the French women as paragons of everything that the Americans are not but should be. In view of this, the following invitation issued by a young couple in Versailles, who, we are told, move in "the highest circles," seems worthy of noting:

"Monsieur and Madame request the pleasure of your company at a soiree with music and dancing, which they are giving on Saturday, the occasion being the baptism of Thanus, their Scotch collie."

M. Nordau likely moves in the high circles represented by this couple and the fifty persons who attended the fete. If so, we may pardon him for his expressed opinion of American women. We do very foolish things over here, just as they do everywhere else, but we have not yet

fallen, or perhaps we should say risen, to giving baptismal fetes for dogs. The Versailles couple, however, we know is not representative of the best French society. There is little to choose between the highest type of women in all civilized countries.

Frank Cooper, of Albany, has presented a bill to M. Sternberg & Co., of that city, for \$35 damages on account of the death of a calf. It seems a short time ago one of firm's advertising men placed a cloth sign on Cooper's barn, which soon after the horses in the lot tore loose. The innocent and adolescent bossy, not realizing the deadly character of that kind of advertising, ate the cloth, swallowing the statements printed thereon along with it. It is not stated that this caused its death, but as even a calf can chew the rag with impunity, it is fair to presume the statements taken on its stomach were what caused its premature demise. The moral to this is: "Put your advertisements in the newspapers, where folks instead of calves will be attracted by them."

Doctors and other specialists say the telephone has reduced insanity among famers' wives. This may be true, and it should be, to counterbalance the raving maniacs made by the hello girls in the city. Just imagine a newspaper man getting a story over the wire about a murder or a big fire, kindly sent in by some unknown person, and central cuts him off, while the sender gets mad and refuses to call up again. Such things happen and the hello girls never miss a stroke of their gum about it, either.

If American courts had the same system as Korea uses, there would be fewer appeals. There, recently, a man convicted of murder and sentenced for life appealed and the supreme court ordered him hanged. This is certainly discouraging to both criminals and lawyers. A friend, looking over the editor's shoulder as this last sentence was written, remarked that the words "and lawyers" were superfluous.

Kansas knows how to advertise, and it does not make any difference to her whether she excels in wheat or grasshoppers, freak legislation or superior Sunday observance; pests, politicians and preachers are all placed in the same category, that is, something to advertise.

The fact that Cuba owes the United States some two and a half millions may account for her sudden dislike of this country. When one gets in debt deeply, either financially or otherwise, to another, it generally results in hatred of the creditor by the fellow who owes the bill.

If Miss Castillo has another fiance, and he is wise, he will let her take care of the lions and do the kissing act himself after the lion has located her inside of himself.

### THE ROUND-UP.

Twenty gallons of alcohol shipped into Mapleton last week for the purpose of making whiskey for a Fourth of July celebration was seized and emptied into the Siwash.

L. D. Kinney, a bankrupt realty dealer of Marshfield, became violently insane Monday and was sent to the asylum by the county judge Tuesday. Kinney's property was about to be closed out by a receiver to satisfy debts and obligations amounting to \$500,000.

All Coos county logging camps will close down July 1 and will remain closed until the 6th and some until the 10th. The Smith-Powers company will run a special train a distance of 55 miles in order to bring their men in to the celebrations.

Morrison Campbell recently convicted of second degree murder at Roseburg, was sentenced for life to the state prison, Monday. A motion for a new trial was overruled.

A contract for erecting a new high school in Newport to cost about \$16,000 has been let to A. Reed, a Newport contractor.

The Dalles will have a parade more than a mile long on the Fourth and the biggest crowd ever gathered in that city will be there to see it.

A large new barn on the ranch of ex-Congressman Malcolm A. Moody, near the Deschutes River was completely destroyed by fire, Monday. The cause is unknown. The barn contained 40 tons of hay. The loss estimated at \$2000 is covered by insurance.

There is talk at Brownsville of a city park site purchase. The council is said to be ready to act on any definite proposition that may be put up. A site is in the market, at \$4,000.

Newberg Enterprise: O. P. Rippey of Dundee says that the iron work of the Dundee bridge which collapsed a few weeks ago was a part of the bridge across the Willamette which collapsed a number of years ago; that it floated down the river and lodged and was bought by the Yamhill county commissioners.

There is in progress at Tillamook a campaign to recruit the volunteer fire company to the point of fully manning the apparatus now in possession, or to about 60 members, to which end tempting inducements are held out. The Herald predicts "the very best volunteer organization in the state of Oregon."

Canyon City Eagle: Land filings have been on the increase this spring

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### Decline of Infant Mortality Offsets Birth Rate

By Dr. SHIRLEY W. WYNNE of New York Health Department

### Decline in the Birth Rate

THERE has undoubtedly been a decline in the birth rate in every civilized country of the world and especially in France, where the BIRTH RATE HAS FALLEN BELOW THE DEATH RATE, but this has been offset to some extent in most other countries by the DECLINE OF INFANT MORTALITY.

IN COMPARING THE BIRTH RATE OF THE SAME COMMUNITY FOR DIFFERENT YEARS THE CRUDE BIRTH RATE IS FOUND FAIRLY SATISFACTORY, FOR IT CAN BE ASSUMED WITH A REASONABLE CERTAINTY THAT THE AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION REMAINS CONSTANT. BUT WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO DRAW A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE BIRTH RATES OF DIFFERENT CITIES OR EVEN OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SAME CITY THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CRUDE BIRTH RATE AS THE STANDARD OF COMPARISON GIVES RISE TO SERIOUS ERRORS.

### ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS CHOOSE THEIR OFFICERS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., July 2.—The Associated Engineers, the engineering association at the Oregon Agricultural college, have elected their officers for the coming year, as follows:

President, H. L. Babbard, of Amity, Oregon; vice-president, F. O. Sufron, of Dent, Minn.; secretary, Tracy Wade, of Carson City, Wash.; treasurer, A. A. Clauson, of The Dalles; and press correspondent, Ben Culver, of Payette, Idaho.

The association is composed of members of the different engineering courses at the college. It has chosen its officers from the best material of all the groups, and will be ready to enter upon the most promising year's work in its history. The officers were selected from four different states—Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Minnesota.

### KINGLET MAY RESIGN.

Vienna, July 3.—William of Wied's resignation as king of Albania is imminent, it was stated in a dispatch received here from Durazzo, the Albanian capital, today. The rebels, it was stated, are everywhere gaining ground against him.

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