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In the current number of the Outlook as edited by Colonel Roosevelt, in part follows:

"There are certain elementary principles all of which should be kept in view if a nation wishes to act justly, both by itself and others. It must insist upon what is necessary for its own healthy life, this even at the cost of a possible clash, but this insistence upon what is due itself should always be accompanied by all possible courtesy to and fair dealing with others. These are the principles upon which the people of the United States should act with regards to the question of immigration of Japanese into this country. The Japanese are a highly civilized people, of extraordinary military, artistic and industrial development. They are proud, warlike and sensitive. I believe our people have what I personally certainly have a profound and hearty admiration for them. But this admiration and respect is accompanied by the firm conviction that it isn't to the advantage of either people that emigrants from either country should settle in a mass in the other country. Japan would certainly object to incoming masses of American farmers, laborers and small traders. Indeed, the Japanese would object to this at least as strongly as the men of the Pacific coast and Rocky mountains object to the incoming mass of Japanese workmen, agriculturists, laborers and men engaged in small trades. The Japanese certainly object to Americans acquiring land in Japan, at least as much as Americans in the far western states object to Japanese acquiring land on our soil. Americans who go to Japan, and Japanese who come to America should be of the same general class, that is, they should be travelers, students, teachers, scientific investigators, men engaged in international business, and men sojourning in the land for pleasure or study. It is against the interests of both nations that such unrestricted emigration or settlement in mass should be allowed as regards to either nation. This is the cardinal fact in the situation and it should be recognized by both countries. But in achieving this policy we should bear steadily in mind it is our duty to combine maximum efficiency with minimum offensiveness. Only a national government can carry out such a policy effectively and the surest way to do harm is for state, municipal or other local governments to pass laws which would be ineffective to obtain the real object, yet would produce intense irritation.

The best of all ways in which to achieve this object is that which the governments of the two countries have now by common agreement adopted; for the Japanese government has of its own initiative and own accord undertaken to prevent the coming hither of any appreciable number of Japanese of the classes to which I referred.

The success of the policy must be gauged by actual results, that is, by the extent to which it arrests the immigration of large bodies of Japanese. If the Japanese government proves unable to carry its policy through, then undoubtedly this government by treaty or legislation must protect itself and secure the desired result on its own initiative but in such case it should be doubly incumbent upon us to take action that would provoke the least possible friction and cause the least possible hard feeling.

The fact that all really patriotic, far sighted Americans insist that hand in hand with the policy of good will toward foreign nations should go the policy of upbuilding our navy, is often interpreted by well meaning but short sighted men as being a threat toward other nations or as being provocative of war. Of the two assumptions the first is utterly unwarranted, the second is the direct reverse of the truth. We have the right to say, for instance, what immigrants shall come to our shores but we are powerless to enforce this right against any nation that chooses to disregard our wishes unless we continue to build and maintain a first class fighting navy. We Americans are ourselves proud, and high spirited and we are not always by any means farsighted. If our honors or interests were menaced by a foreign power this nation would fight wholly without regard to whether or not its own was efficient. In the event of a crisis arising peace advocates object to our building up a navy would be absolutely powerless to prevent this country from going to war. A strong navy is the surest guarantee of peace that America can have and the cheapest insurance against war that Uncle Sam can possibly buy.

(Signed)
THEODORE ROOSEVELT

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Grant's Pass Project.
Nine miles of ditching for the Grant's Pass irrigation project is completed. This project will irrigate 20,000 acres of land.

Free Lunches in Saloons.
Tacoma is wrestling with the problem whether or not to abolish free lunches in saloons. The saloon men are divided on the question.

To Continue Western Normal.
Plans for continuing the Weston normal school are being considered. Farmers in some instances are pledged to subscribe \$500 for the purpose.

New For Nevada.
The better element won a decisive victory at the city election held this week at Reno, Nevada, which will result in a closed town. Something new for Nevada.

Enterprise Water Works Under Way.
Workmen are busy clearing the right of way for the new pipe line that will supply the city of Enterprise with water. Superintendent Uhlen, of the American Light and Water Company, which has the contract for the installation of the system, says that the pipe laying will begin within 10 days.

New Depot At Pendleton.
Plans and specifications for a new depot at Pendleton have been received by the agent of the company at that place, and he has instructions to submit them to local contractors who may wish to figure on a bid for the construction of the building.

The new structure is to be 116 feet long by 35 wide. The waiting room will be 50 by 35. There will be smaller waiting rooms for men and women.

Will Kill Trees.
City dads of Baker City have determined, according to the local papers, that trees growing along sewer lines must be killed to prevent the roots growing into the sewers and causing obstructions that will endanger health of the city or make extensive repairs on the sewers necessary. There is a lot of opposition to the proposal, for trees of the size and beauty of those in Baker City are hard to replace.

Snow in Eckhorn Mountains.
The warm weather has started a rise of water in Powder river and if the nights continue warm there is no telling how high the water will get for there is an abundance of snow in the mountains held back from melting by the cold weather that has prevailed all spring.—Baker City Democrat.

Norton Denies Charges.
In a long letter to the Baker City Herald, Attorney Norton, against whom disbarment charges have been preferred, denies any guilt in connection with the Strickland case, and promised in the near future to make a full explanation, which, he says, will fully exonerate him.

No Cheap Flour.
A prominent Walla Walla miller, says that there is no prospect for

cheaper flour before fall, and that the millers are only able to sell flour at the present price because they have been grinding it from cheap wheat, bought last year.
Want ads find things.

STORE FOR RENT.
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