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meat entirely for the benefit of the home producer argues a lack of patriotism or inadequate appreciation of logic. The accepted theory in Germany, Russia and the United States is that the consumption of articles imported from abroad is a mischievous error and the limitation of the market to the home supply is the summum bonum of government.

It is clear that the bottom has been knocked out of Democratic opposition to the Panama policy of the President. Shortly after the opening of the regular session of Congress an effort was made by Senator Gorman to unite the Democrats of the Senate in opposition.

It is reported, and probably correctly, that the Revenue bill will probably respond to the widely-expressed desire of the people of the Far Northwest with a considerable appropriation toward the undertaking. Every guarantee, therefore, which the good faith of an intelligent and enterprising people, and the possession of a large fund to carry with them, assures the success of the undertaking.

There is good reason why the whole country should respond to the call of the State of Oregon and unite in making this commemorative exposition on the shores of the Pacific a great national success. It will be the first of the kind ever held in that important portion of our distant territory, and upon its extreme Western confines.

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TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain; cooler in the morning; southerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 53 deg.; minimum, 41. Precipitation, 0.49 inch.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1904.

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SILENT NOON.

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SLAY OR SAVOR?

A war between Russia and Japan is regarded by many as the prelude to a great world-struggle between Saxon or Teuton, on the one hand, and Slav or Cosack on the other.

THE SERVICE PENSION BILL.

A service pension law of some sort is likely to be enacted by Congress, and legislation of this sort is to be commended.

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THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION.

Louisville Courier-Journal. The people of Oregon, with commendable pride, propose to hold in Portland, the principal city, an exposition May 1 to November 1, 1905, an exposition commemorative of the centennial of the arrival of the expedition of Lewis and Clark at the western terminus of their expedition in 1805.

DISRAELI AND SALISBURY.

New York Evening Post. The editor of the Quarterly has disclosed the identity of one of his anonymous writers. His name is Lord Salisbury.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

"Hokku." Yone Noguchi, in the current number of the Reader, makes a "proposal to American poets." The proposal is that they should take up "Hokku," which are 17-syllable poems.

OCTOSYLLABIC EPICS.

Lo, light and shadow The clouds of heaven are rent; Thou art I-to-Love.

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OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.

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APROPPOS OF MARIE CORELLI'S DEFEAT OF THE CARNegie LIBRARY PROPOSAL AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Andrew Lang whimsically remarks that the Capitol has since more been saved by a bird not usually esteemed by strategists.

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