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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER - Maximum temperature 72 deg., minimum, 47. Precipitation, none.

TODAY'S WEATHER - Increasing cloudiness and cooler; winds becoming southerly.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1904.

THE BUGABOO OF "IMPERIALISM."

"Militarism," "executive usurpation," "imperialism" are terms that for more than one hundred years, have been used by the Democratic party as a chief part of its stock in trade.

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Sea squadron sailed more than once at Jibouti, and the torpedo-boats of the Baltic fleet are finding convenient shelter in Cherbourg. So long as France affords Japan equal facilities there is no legitimate ground for protest.

JUDGE PARKER'S LOOSE STATEMENTS. It was altogether a proper thing to take notice of the Administration has done, of the statements which Judge Parker has repeated, from irresponsible sources, about affairs in the Philippines, and to have refutation of them by Hon. Luke E. Wright, Civil Governor of the islands.

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merits of the forty-cent rate. We are unable to determine how much of the depression in the lumber business is due to the rates demanded by the railroads and how much is due to the fact that the woods in Washington and Oregon are full of men for whom the railroads built sidetracks free of charge, and who borrowed money to build mills, bought their machinery on time, and contracted for stumps at nominal rates payable after the lumber was sold.

The Albany (Oregon) Democrat says: "The Republican press and politicians have already counted their chickens, and with the Associated Press back of them, the outside indications may be that way, but during the Cleveland campaigns just as strong claims were made just before election, and you can't most always sometimes tell."

It is inconceivable that members of a profession so honored in the world of science, so closely allied to the human mind, and in terms almost sacred, touch with the direct human need, should be guilty of entering the commission business for the extortion of double fees from the suffering, to the end that doctors unknown to science and of scant experience may find opportunity to profit at the expense of human misery and even of life itself.

The surgeon's knife was never before in the history of surgery used so freely as now. In the hands of the skillful, conscientious surgeon it is, or may be, certainly it often has been, a blessing to mankind. On the contrary, if it is given by means of a commercial transaction into the hands of unskilled, unscrupulous men, it may really be an instrument of untold torture, unpeopled outrage and criminal waste of life.

But a few days ago a dispatch from Chicago told of the death in great agony of a woman who had been operated upon for some ordinary ill some months before. A post-mortem examination revealed the presence in her body of an instrument like that of the surgeon who had performed the operation and closed the wound.

It is interesting to know whether either or both of the surgeons (?) who were guilty of this inexcusable offense against suffering human creatures were "surgeon-farmers," in league with needy practitioners who took this means of increasing an income which they could not legitimately earn.

Be this as it may, surgeon-farming is practiced in this city to a greater or less extent, and it is with this fact that we have to deal. Needless to say, our reputable, skillful and prominent surgeons condemn it in unqualified terms.

It represents a transaction so unscrupulous and so suggestive of the gravest abuses of confidence that it may be properly termed monstrous. According to the estimate of a physician and surgeon of high standing both in the ethics and practice of his profession, 25 per cent of all surgical cases sent to this city from outside districts are under the ban.

The State Medical Society—an honored and honorable body—exists, or is supposed to exist, for a dual purpose. Its prime object is to uphold the dignity and honor of a profession that stands for science, for the alleviation of human suffering, for saving and prolonging human life, and for the broadest humanity. It is not to be supposed that this society, which has so many worthy members, can be so easily swayed by the interests of a few unscrupulous men.

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WHY JAPAN IS VICTORIOUS. The report of the American medical officer who has observed and studied the Japanese medical and sanitary measures in the military hospitals of Japan and in the field in Manchuria goes farther in accounting for the Japanese victories over the Russians than has been reached in any comparison of the tactical skill of the two combatants.

The great, the consummate superiority of the Japanese Major Seaman shows to be in their employment of measures for the prevention of disease among their troops. Never in the history of war has a nation waged a campaign with such methodical and effective use of science as an ally in war. The wars waged by the largest and most civilized states of the West have been bungling and wasteful in their barbarous attempts as compared with that Japan is now carrying on.

The great loss in war, as everybody knows, has always been by disease. Japan, according to Major Seaman, has eliminated disease almost wholly. This war is in a country of which she speaks as "notoriously unhealthy," yet so perfect have been the sanitary precautions of the Japanese that "loss from preventable disease in the first six months of the conflict will be but a fraction of 1 per cent."

Under such circumstances it is possible the Japanese can be defeated by an enemy which suffers losses from preventable disease equal to those which have been the rule in wars, or at a low average, of four by disease to one by bullets.

A Japanese officer quoted by Major Seaman made no vain boast when he asserted that by this practical elimination of disease from his army a Japanese force of 50,000 men is made equal to 200,000 Russians.

Read Major Seaman's description of the methods first introduced into war by the Japanese.

The medical officer is emphatic. You will find him in countless places where in an American or British army he has no place. He is with the front as in the rear. He is with the great masses of troops with his microscope and chemicals, testing and labeling wells so the army to follow shall drink no contaminated water.

Japan is showing to the world of civilization for the first time how to wage war with the least possible loss of life. It has destroyed the great enemy in war, which is not the hostile army, but with its engines of slaughter, but the lurking disease which crowds hospitals, embarrasses movements and demoralizes forces.

Looking After Convalescents. Brooklyn Eagle. In looking out for the healing of patients authorities have been too apt to spend money upon the most scientific appliances on the buildings without consulting the needs of convalescents.

Where the Victory Perched. Chicago Tribune. A dispute had arisen in the Ferguson family.

No Change Wanted. New York Globe, Oct. 15. Speaking yesterday of the political situation, Judge Herrick, the Democratic candidate for Governor, said that he was not a Republican.

Even Bets on Higgins. Special to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—For the first time in the campaign, even money was offered on the election of Roosevelt to the Presidency.

Betting in New York. New York Sun, Oct. 25. Four years ago today the betting on the Presidential election was to I on McKinley, and more money was offered in Wall street than on those odds than there were voters.

He Talked at Random. St. Paul Pioneer Press. Judge Parker picked up a hot penny when he was induced to take hold of the Philippines issue.

Just Punishment. New York Tribune. A violin player witnessed a lively street-fight in Paris not long ago, and began to play in order to soothe the two combatants.

No Ambition That Way. Washington Star. "Haven't you any ambition to work as your father did at your age?" "Certainly not," answered the gilded youth.

Telegrams of Tomorrow. ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 24.—Twenty-three fishing-boats were sunk today by the Baltic fleet, which put in here this afternoon, mistaking the port for Sitka.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Oct. 24.—As the first mate of the drydock was taking a rest in the binacle during the first dog watch today he heard a shell whistle past his head.

MORRISON-STREET BRIDGE, Oct. 26.—The captain of the bridge reports that the Baltic fleet shelled his conning tower for 20 minutes today. It is believed the Russians took the bridge for a Japanese warship undergoing repairs.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 25.—Tillamook lighthouse is a thing of the past. It was blown to pieces by the Baltic fleet today.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 25.—Half of this city lies in ruins as the result of a bombardment by the Baltic fleet, which appeared in the Columbia this morning.

The Russian ice-breaker Ermak has left the Baltic fleet and put back to Copenhagen. She won't out much ice there.

"We hope the Russian Admiralty didn't fail to supply Admiral Joffe with a bunch of lithographed apology blanks."

Accuracy is a terrible handicap to a man that wants to "view with alarm," as Judge Parker shows by his speech on the Philippines.

In a brief proclamation the Ione Proclaimer proclaims that it is proud of its name. Maybe it's a finer name than the Ione Iota would have been, but it is not up to Irrigon Oregon Irrigator form.

Claude Huston's house is ready for the coming of Spring birds. He may catch one—Liberty Buns in Ione Proclaimer.

"We've read somewhere that in vain is the net spread in the sight of an ordinary bird, but Spring birds may be different."

In the Kobe Herald we notice a letter written by a Japanese soldier to an English woman in Japan. The writer concludes by saying:

Please remember, that though I will die, Nippon Tokoku (Great Japan) should have glory and honor. Youth who unfear death.

Yamamoto appears to have added a good word to the language by coining the verb "unfear."

Now and then it is the observer's delightful duty to chronicle something new in the way of wedding notices, something different from the stereotyped announcements. Seldom does one come across anything so original to this burst of passionate eloquence from the Tracy City (Tenn.) Times:

Prof. Lewis Rollings and Miss Pearl Cox, after several months of heart-to-heart conversation on the perturbed waves of love, passed their nuptial vows in the presence of their friends and relatives at the residence of the bride's parents.

A correspondent writes: In your list of rhymeless words, window was overlooked. You mention month as rhymeless. On a wager some years ago a friend of mine made this rhyme—

I saw a soldier on a horse; November was the month; The striped plaid, sinking through the gloom, At gas and gas again— The Bride of Death that wait the groom— The Choosers of the State.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR. "I could support Parker with a good deal more enthusiasm," said the northern Illinois editor, "if his front name was Joliet instead of Aiton."—Chicago Tribune.