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Portland, Friday, Dec. 23, 1904. RATE PROBLEM COMPLEX. Railroadings fifty years ago lacked much of the importance it now enjoys...

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RUSSIA'S WEAKNESS AT SEA. Just for what purpose the Russian fleet from the Baltic is making its way towards the Orient is not apparent, for there is no probability that it desires to encounter the fleet of Japan...

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means the toughs of the sophomore class in an American college are given to understand that they are a smart set whose conduct upon these occasions is not measured by the rules that govern orderly, decent society for the protection of the person from assault and indignity and property from wanton destruction...

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twelve months the increase in spindles has been 22,000; in looms, 30,000. This explains why ten thousand workpeople have left the mill centers in New England since last July for the Province of Quebec, for the Azores and for Lancashire; why there are hundreds of empty tenements and stores in Fall River and other cities of the old cotton manufacturing district...

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

An Austrian officer of the balloon section wishes to marry a lady who will have the courage to make her honeymoon voyage with him in a balloon. Adv. in Gazette de Zurich.

Nature's marvelous power of adapting things is shown by the way an arm fits round a waist that is clad in Summer silks or Winter furs.

A trust in cut flowers is the latest to afflict New York, and it shows no sign of withering like its stock-in-trade.

Chefoo's conversion appears to be lasting. Yesterday was the second occasion on which that home for inebriate Annapoles informed the world that it had no news.

Miss Marguerite Letier is to marry the Earl of Suffolk. Lucky thing for English girls that the Letier family is now out of unmarried daughters.

Panama has been disturbed by a volcanic shock. If the railroad enemies of the canal had any savvy they would dig a tunnel from the channel into the nearest volcano, admit the water, and the whole generation of steam would leave the whole isthmus in ruins.

Attorney Levy—all the same Judge O'Day—has been quoting the Bible to the Nor Patterson jury. Do lawyers really spend their time out of court in reading the Bible until its phrases flow naturally from their lips?

Christmas trees—the woods are full of them. And beauty draws us with a single stare. Philadelphia must almost enjoy having a blizzard, as the Press that "Gentle Fall of Fleecy Flakes Remnants Quaker City in White."

An Irishman in his will made a limitation in favor of his "next eldest brother," and it's up to the Court of Appeals to decide which brother he meant.

Have you been mentioned yet in one of Lawson's ads? Is the minister's wife a failure? Ask several Eastern exchanges. Not half so often as the minister.

Moreno is chasing all foreigners out of her territory. This is hard luck on the foreigners, as it will compel them to come back with a lot of guns and soldiers and shoot a little civilization into the Moroccan.

Mrs. Chadwick's jaller probably leaves his money at home when he has occasion to visit her cell. Lawson tells Denis Donohue that his first name will be description enough.

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From a cabied report of the London cat show: One small white Persian had a maid in constant attendance. We hope she pulled the brute's tail every time its owner looked the other way.

You may have lost track of your grandfather and yet have a family tree at this time of year. Girls attending the Chicago public schools are hereafter to be uniformly clad, if Superintendent Cooley's plans are carried into execution.

Just think of the result should this movement spread beyond the limits of Chicago! Let the world grieve uniformly enough now without making it duller yet? Shall there no longer be a glory of the moon and another of the stars and another of the school girls? Must every flower be white, and the rose cease to blush? Not by a darned sight, and the American girl, at school or in any other place, will continue to be as much like a golden pheasant as she pleases.

The Last Recourse. Philadelphia Public Ledger. "No work," said the man, gloomily, "and not a thing in the house to eat. What shall we do?" "But is nothing for us to do," replied his wife, "but to take in boarders."

Ballade of Buckwheat Cakes. Chicago Chronicle. Let winds blow high, blow low, blow white. And snow descend and wrap in white. The upland, inland, meadow, hill, and all the birds take sudden flight. And yet the world will seem as bright.

It matters not how loud and shrill The winds may howl by day or night, So let them break their futile will. They can't fill our souls with fright. No matter how they flap and bite, While we can sit and sip and light— Those precious disks so crisp and light— The buckwheat cakes are on the plate.

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ENGLISH ATTACKS ON THE KAISER

Periodicals Hold Him Responsible for Grave English Misunderstandings With Russia. Berlin dispatches published in The Oregonian yesterday state that the Kaiser's government has prosecuted against the attack on German policy led by the National Review and the Army and Navy Gazette.

W cannot resist offering our most humble but none the less hearty and sincere congratulations to His Imperial Majesty, the German Emperor, on the amazing events of the past month. The Bismarckian record has been completely eclipsed. Twice within one week Russia and England were on the verge of war.

As we are almost weary of pointing out German diplomacy is engaged in a world-wide war against the British Empire in every capital of the world from Peking to Washington, with one notable exception—London. It is, we believe, no longer necessary to adduce evidence of Teutonic ill-will elsewhere.

There is another form of "Anglo-German amity" which the German Emperor is dreadfully anxious to see more important than to the honeyed words of his representatives in London. A recent number of the Scotsman contains a good-will article of "Shetland Notes," a detailed and authentic account of the visit of the German fleet to Scotland last Summer.

As to whether there is any truth in the positive allegation appearing in responsible newspapers that the German Emperor took an active hand in the game of scaring Russia by addressing a personal warning to the Emperor Nicholas on the eve of the outbreak of the Baltic fleet, with the result of His Majesty's sending stringent instructions for redoubled vigilance to his Admiral-in-Chief, we cannot say.

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on "stand no nonsense from England," we on our side were being exorted to take advantage of the golden opportunity to "crush the hereditary enemy." The German press certainly did its utmost to fan British resentment when excitement was running highest against the "unpardonable outrage" upon our Hull fishermen, which was represented as an offence which could only be wiped out in blood, while the same organs were deaf and dumb regarding the kindred outrage to Germany, viz., the shooting at the Sonning by the Baltic fleet.

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