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Portland, Wednesday, March 22. Northern Pacific Enterprise.

Presence of numerous surveying parties, frequent visits of high officials, purchase of a great tract of waterfront at Portland and acquisition of right of way for almost the entire distance down the north bank of the Columbia.

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log northward. It is already draining away to California traffic which rightfully should have sought an outlet farther north. Unless a road from the north is speedily constructed, it will be a question of locking the stable door after the horse is stolen.

A fact that may have no small bearing on the present desires of the Northern to get into this territory is that Messrs. Campbell and Woodworth, two high-class traffic men, who have recently moved up very close to the Russian line, will not sooner break through and over artificial boundaries.

For generations the United States has dreamed in a fool's paradise. American folk fondly dreamed themselves secure from armed invaders, shielded by the inviolate sea and terrible in latent military power.

Perhaps 20,000 Venezuelans, says Lamedo, in a burst of magnificent eloquence, "bearing the glorious national banner, that very banner whose float- ing iris illuminated the waters of La Plata with the splendor of the Ven- ezuelan American flag."

Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, in re- sponse to the lively interest manifested in this subject throughout the country, has made some statements in this connection that, while they are calculated to allay the fears of those who hesitate to partake of manufactured foods, test their health be undermined, or per- haps their lives suddenly endangered.

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Such equal and obvious rights have

never better, the business pulse never so strong, as now. This surely cannot be due to the Fair, the opening day of which is still more than three months off.

And where, it may be asked, is the local pride, the decent loyalty, of the citizen who hangs upon the skirts of civic enterprise and growth, croaking of coming disaster? Out upon such dis- loyalty, and may intending investors

It is the belief of well-informed persons in European countries that Russia's finances are in severer straits than those of Japan, for a prolonged struggle.

We hear a great deal one time and another about fraud in food manufacture. From the wooden nutmegs of old Connecticut to the oleomargarine that has been turned out literally by the ton from Western factories; from honey that never knew the busy bee and man- ufactured in a factory, to the connection with the maple groves of Vermont or Canada; from coffee that merely lends a slight flavor to chicory, and pepper and all spices which are used merely to give pungency to prepared sawdust and pulverized bark—all along the line of our common food products, we find, or our friends, the food inspectors, have found for us, pretenses and shams in the place of the things for which the labels stand.

Fortunately the substances used in adulteration of most foods are innocuous, apparently, as far as health is concerned, resembling in this way the great colonies of microbes that we find about us, and which suddenly endanger us.

Turkey makes haste slowly in the march of improvements, and makes good distinction between different branches of the National Bank, for example, there is the Sultan's ban against electricity in his dominions. There are no electric lights, yet there are gas lamps; there are no telephones, yet the Turks utilize the telegraph, and the first electric railway is yet to be built.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Song by the whimsical sourette, Spring Weather: "Teasing, teasing; I was only teasing you."

Tacoma is trying to establish a "temperance saloon." That's about as good a way as any to lose money.

Santo Domingo means Holy Sunday, says an exchange. We should have guessed it to mean Holy Moses' or Holy Smoke! or some other explicit.

Yesterday was the first day of Spring by the calendar.

Italy and Great Britain are now trying to take the Mad Mullah with kindness.

Interview With Thompson Seton. "I cannot talk to interviewers," said Mr. Ernest Seton-Thompson-Seton.

Some people in Los Angeles want to prohibit treating in saloons. That would be the quickest way of all to put the saloons out of business.

Americans will soon begin to think that, after all, they are not so far ahead of the French at canal-making.

Julius Verne has the distinction of having made more children eyes round with wonder than any other writer ever known.

The King of Siam is about to ask the United States to help him in putting down gambling. No use, dear boy; he can't spare Tom Wood at present.

Japanese soldiers smoke cigarettes; but don't tell the small boy.

The contract for the superstructure of the C. P. R. Hotel here was let yesterday. The man shakes his head, and says "St. Louis-It is not certain which. His price was \$500,000.—Victoria Colonist.

Most writers have received at one time or another a printed slip saying that the enclosed M. S. is not suitable for the columns of the Weekly Bazaar. Rejection does not imply lack of merit. Any one of a number of causes may render an article unsuitable for the Bazaar.

"NO TIME FOR CHILDREN" Grim Remark of Bereaved Finnish Father Shows Dour Spirit of Men That Cling to a Country Without a Flag.

The desperate attempt by a crippled boy of 15 to assassinate the Emperor of Russia is the latest in a series of measures which Russia exercises to de- stroy it. The whole activity of the gov- ernment is directed to disintegrating or- ganizations which it suspects to have been formed. The wolves run at their ease in the woods of Raviola. This winter, for the men of the district, was poured prodigious quantities of Russian military force. No province of all Russia has been sanded so dry in the matter of men as Finland.

The Black River runs into the Gulf of Finland at Raivola, and all around it are the mournful pine forests and little stony hills of the north. From the beach one may barely see, with the binoculars, the blue film of another coast beyond, but in the night the bold white lights of Kronstadt blink darkly across the water, peering at the darkness over the horizon.

The Analogy does not end here. In Finland today affairs have a complexion which recalls vividly the middle of the 18th century in the Highlands of Scotland. I cannot say if they have an Alan Brock to show the way to the country, but at times commonly bring forth men equal to the strain, and Alan would be a grand scope for his peculiar abilities in a struggle with the Whigs reproduced with added violence in the Russian administration and its supporters, the Campbell in the Moderate party, the hospitable French in the neighbors the Swedes, and his own people in all the loyal nationalities of Finland.

But be sure it is there. In the rich intelligences it has such a hold, such a tenacity, that evidence of its exist- ence is not to be denied. It is hidden, but it grows, silent but purposeful, slow but deadly.

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