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STORM DOES ONE GOOD THING. If the Galveston storm should result in an abandonment of the Army post at Texas City, some good will come out of the great evil it has done. The post is badly located, far from the Mexican border, and has always caused dissatisfaction among troops that were there.

Texas City is one of 176 posts among which our Army of 80,000 men is distributed. The German Army, which in peace times is nearly ten times as strong, had sixteen big camps before the war, with a few more than a score of other places where troops were regularly quartered.

There are many other Army posts as useless as that at Texas City. All these posts are distributed over a few large posts retained where entire brigades could be concentrated. Only tremendous pressure from public opinion can induce Congress to make this change, for the posts have been distributed by the Army.

VACCINATION FOR TYPHOID. One of the most valuable triumphs of modern scientific methods is the production of the anti-typhoid vaccine. The use of this wonderful preventive has almost exterminated typhoid fever from the United States Army.

How to get rid of bosses. Ex-Senator Root's denunciation of bossism is simply a repetition in choicer and more vigorous language of that which has been said again and again for several decades until such outbreaks as this are no longer a sensation.

NAVAL STRATEGY IN THE BALTIC. It has been generally assumed that the main German fleet is retained in the Baltic for the purpose of avoiding a decisive engagement with the British grand fleet. There is another motive, second only in importance.

NEVER FEAR THAT EUROPE WILL CEASE BUYING. The time is near for stocking up on winter equipment. Resumption of work in the big Wendling mill means a lot to the section of Lane County.

PROTECTION FOR NOTED GUESTS. Mrs. Hidden Thinks Visitors Should Be Spared Militant Interviews. PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—The self-respecting woman fragments of Oregon will be thankful for your timely editorial remarks on the recent Taft-compelling-reception incident.

ROSE BUSHES NEED CARE NOW. Plant Pathologist Says Fall Is Time to Thwart Mildew Inroads. PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—During this time of the year growers of the beautiful Caroline Test-out and other roses are rather negligent in their plants and gardens.

SHADE TREES ON PARKING STRIPS. PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a dispute with you kindly state who owns shade trees that are planted in the parking strips along the streets of Portland and who is responsible for their care?

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Of the two the Marmora—the Propontis, as the Greeks called it—is by far the smaller. Not much more than 100 miles long and some 40 miles across at its broadest part, it is about the size of Lake Champlain. The Black Sea has much of the softness of air, vividness of color, and beauty of water which we associate with the Aegean and Ionian seas.

While the two historic gateways are strategic of the most important features of Marmora, that picturesque little sea has a character all its own. In any other part of the world it would have become a place where the yachtsmen and summerers, so happily it is treated by sun and wind, and provided with the usual conveniences of nature that make glad the heart of the amateur explorer.

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United States English differs in many particulars from England's. There is a suggestion about since the war began to husband our singularities of speech, increase their number and finally form a separate language here. This would not be wise. Differences of speech are great promoters of hostility among nations. We should try to eliminate, not increase them.

Now it is the Germans who are holding regular but quiet drills in this country. Oregon boy and girl who would learn the Japanese who indulged in this kind of warlike activity. Some people delight in scare, while others revel in humbug.

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armies, the Russian purpose was to keep those armies "in being" by evading envelopment. The Germans have captured large numbers of prisoners and guns, but have so far failed of their main purpose. The Russians have gained their main purpose, for though greatly reduced in size, their armies still exist and have inflicted serious losses on the enemy.

The distance to which the Germans will continue the pursuit into the heart of Russia in baffled hope of a decision is contingent upon the extent to which they can safely lengthen their communications and divide their troops.

MURDERER HANGED PROMPTLY. By the hanging of George Joseph Smith, the murderer of his brides, English justice has once more proved its superiority to that of the United States. Smith married three women, one after another, and a few days after each wedding killed his bride in bed.

Had this case been tried in the United States, a week or more would probably have been consumed in selecting a jury. The taking of testimony would have been interlarded with objections, exceptions and arguments on points of law.

If every child had been ideally educated for the last century, there would have been no European war. As the twig is bent the tree's inclined. We have war because the twigs are bent to war.

What will Germany do next? The questions now being asked about the war are: How far will the Germans advance? How long will they settle down to an entrenched line, or before the Russians establish such a line in sufficient strength to stop the advance?

As to the first question, the answer must be influenced to some degree by the purpose of beginning the drive against Russia. It will depend on our earnest last fall, when the advance to Calais had failed and when Austria was breaking under Russian blows.

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THE "EXCLUSIVE SET" OF SOCIETY

T. T. Geer at Loss to Know Why Term Is Used in Social News Columns. PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—To those who have a deep admiration for the "underlying principles" so forcibly set forth in the Declaration of Independence and included in the Constitution of the United States—"Free and equal" anti-aristocracy, the brotherhood of man, etc., the phrase so often found in news columns referring to a social function, for instance, a wedding, in which it is announced that the bride, sweet thing though everybody admit she is, belongs to the "exclusive set," has a jarring sound.

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