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PORTLAND, SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1905.

A TRIUMPH OF SCIENCE. New Orleans checks the yellow fever because of the cause of it, or the agencies and instrumentalities of its propagation are now known.

It has been ascertained that yellow fever is an acute infectious disease transmitted from the sick to susceptible individuals through the agency of a mosquito.

The germ of yellow fever is a parasite developed within the mosquito. The study of this development is one of the most interesting of all things in the history of microbiology.

The human race, then, is very largely at the mercy of a parasitic organism, discoverable to the eye only through the microscope—a parasite that develops through an annoying insect; and the result is wholesale destruction of the human race.

Prior to the Civil War yellow fever prevailed almost annually, in the region of the Lower Mississippi, and was generally believed to be a disease of the climate, beyond the control of any preventive measures.

mine. There never has been in New Orleans so great mortality from yellow fever as in Philadelphia, in the year 1793, when ten per cent of the population died in the course of a few weeks.

It is not doubted now that the disease by vigorous measures may be controlled and epidemics prevented. The work at New Orleans is proceeding on the basis of the new knowledge, with entire confidence of success.

THEY AND PRACTICE. The war between Japan and Russia is probably ended. Both belligerents are maneuvering for advantages looking to an armistice and the negotiation of a treaty.

On the other hand, whatever Japan gains by fighting must now obey the law of diminishing returns. Each new advantage, because of greater distance from her center of population and supplies, must be won at a cost advancing in geometric ratio.

DOCTORS AND BIG FEES. Senator Clark of Montana, is on the high road to receiving a compensation to operation to which he submitted a short time ago, and his surgeons are anticipating a fee that will enable them to retire from the worries of professional life.

REASONS FOR GERMAN INTERFERENCE. Under the diligent coaching of Germany, France and a few other countries are vying in the race of industrial progress.

What is true in theory is right in practice. If there is a variance here, it proves either that the theory is false or the practice out of accord with it.

Germany is blamed for the greater part of the mischief-making, and will undoubtedly profit by the trouble she has caused. When we read that German commercial agents are doing everything in their power to create a sentiment hostile to all American trade or policy, our first thought is naturally one of resentment.

The enduring quality of Japanese civilization is manifest in her discrimination among theories. She is equally wise in accepting and rejecting. The word theory is made to include "speculation" as well as "truth."

political practice to our political theory, as in adopting the referendum, strengthens our civic body.

A VICTIM OF PERVERTED ETHICS. Widespread interest will attach to the resignation of Dr. George T. Moore, physiologist of the Department of Agriculture. Reading between the lines of the telegraphic report, one cannot escape the feeling that he was dismissed for misconduct, though Secretary Wilson sugarcoats acceptance of the resignation.

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to understand the cause that has produced the effect. Our foreign trade is growing rapidly. It is breaking all previous records, and for the year ending June 30 last reached a grand total of \$2,585,970,333, a gain of nearly \$600,000 over the previous twelve months.

Every American who cultivates the soil will regret that Dr. Moore departed from the path of strict rectitude. He set out a few years ago to do a work which would have almost immortalized him.

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ity imparted by the union. But Norway is a proud nation, and justly so. She desires complete independence, and deserves it.

Our treatment of Germany has not only aroused her wrath at home, but she is stirring up trouble for us in the Orient. If the present anti-American crusade in China should assume proportions that would cause us trouble, we should remember that no small part of the blame must be credited to our own foolish, restrictive and insulting trade policy.

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OREGON OZONE.

A Few Lines to a Flirt.

O woman, bewitchingly beautiful, fairly made. By the hand of God, from a heaven-perfected plan; Trusting and true, and simple and pure, and steady and staid;

O woman, how canst thou wear thy heavenly angel-face, Thy human form that is sculptured with high divinity's art— Thy angel-face, thy human form, with its subtle womanly grace—

When I run up to Portland and see a woman old enough to be somebody's mother packing a fluffy poodle pup along the street, I just make a note of the fact that I agree with Mr. Roosevelt on the race suicide question.

Hints for Cub Reporters. A negro is always burly. In most cases great excitement prevails. The victim is invariably found in a pool of blood.

Carlo Feels Safe. First Tramp Dog—Which way you hikin', Carlo? Second Tramp Dog—Hittin' the trail for Portland; big dogs there.

A Lesson. High up upon the mountain a tiny blossom grew. With soft, sweet, velvet petals and little blossoms blue.

Canoeing. Gently gliding down the stream, Youth and maiden fair; Life is but a rosy dream, Joy beyond compare.

Storm in Summer. See, herald of departing drought, Flashing and loudly phantasm form White flash alone the sultry south The pyrotechnics of the storm!

England's Curse. Betting has become the curse of England. The Neapolitan passion for the lottery is nothing compared with the English horse-racing fever, which sweeps lords, members of Parliament, workmen, ladies, old men and children succumb. It is a criminal frenzy.

VERSES OF THE DAY.

Thy Will Be Done. (The following poem by the late John Hay does not appear in the edition of Mr. Hay's poems that was originally published in the Independent.)

The Foolish Folk. Between life's gates of mystery Through solemn shades and dim, With scales to weigh the things that be, To sift, reject, and prize;

The Man Who Works and Gives. There is brood for the man on the long, steep hill. There is toiling to find success; There is hope for the man who uses his will.

A Japanese Song. Lovelier are the flowers That drop down to the earth, Snatched and whirled by the wind, Than they that sit where on the trees.

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