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THE ASTORIAN PUBLISHING CO. PURITY AND EXPANSION.

If the partisans and the yellow reporters at St. Louis expected a mess of political doctrines, baby talk and other expressions which would admit of sensational distortion in the speech of President Roosevelt at the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase exposition yesterday they were disappointed.

Expansion, however, is so obviously linked with the Louisiana purchase idea that the subject could not have been avoided, and, since the celebration of the centennial of that event implies the profoundest approval on the part of the nation, he could not have done otherwise than to give it a deserving prominence, which he accomplished in a masterly manner though with conservatism and as a preface to a peroration exhorting to civic and personal virtue rather than as a national goal.

Millions of people will heartily appreciate these words of Mr. Roosevelt. The work of expansion was by far the greatest work of our people during the years that intervened between the adoption of the constitution and the outbreak of the Civil war. There were other questions of real manifest importance, and there were many which at the time seemed such to those engaged in answering them; but the greatest feat of our forefathers of those generations was the deed of the men, who, with pack train, or wagon train, on horseback, on foot, or by boat upon the waters, pushed the frontier westward across the continent.

While the speaker avoided any reference to our foreign acquisitions, it is easy and permissible to draw the inference that the present day reaching out for that which is necessary and useful to us as a world power is equally as justifiable as were the acts of our forefathers, who pushed the borders of our nation as far as it was possible for them to reach.

But, obvious as is the right of expansion when it is both expedient and just, it is, like all other problems of public and private life subservient to the development of the high and noble in civil and individual life. If the present lauds the strenuous endeavors which have built and preserved our nation, he not the less pleads for the observance of those principles and the encouragement of those virtues which develop the intellect and the soul and make for peace harmony and good will. This will appease those who have seen in his recent utterances what they thought an undue tendency to enlarge upon vigor of body and perseverance in

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action to the neglect of the finer attributes. Possibly other public speakers would leave a more lasting monument to their unselfishness and genuine patriotism if they unfolded more of their wisdom in efforts to teach a real interest in the welfare of the people than they will attain by heating atmosphere with bombastic oratory or political doctrinal expositions on such occasions.

CORSETTIS.

An interesting physiological study is presented in the death of a prominent French woman and the illness of a number of others from wearing the latest fashion in corsets, says the Everett Record.

The physicians state that the cramping device at the lower end of the corset presses upon the abdomen and renders perfect digestion impossible. And no wonder!

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But neither death nor newspaper preachments will prevent most women from following the mode. If the fashionable woman of Paris dies from corsetitis, the fashionable women of this country will die also, for they must live up to the style.

ONE WORD IN TIME.

Is "Better Than Two Afterwards—A Chance to Profit by an Astoria Man's Experience."

It is a strange thing how people will put away an opportunity until too late; it is only little things that go to make up our every day existence; the trouble is we don't pay sufficient attention to them. Backache is a little thing sometimes it comes after a hard day's work or a slight cold. It will pass off you say; it is only the result of overtaxing my back; it isn't the fault of your back but your kidneys. The exertion or straining has interfered with their delicate mechanism. You call it backache, but it really is kidneyache. If the kidneys are not relieved chronic disorders set in and that is where the "little thing" should not be passed over. An Astoria man has learned to appreciate what delay means.

W. R. McIntosh whose place of residence is at 552 Harrison avenue, says: "For years I suffered very much from lameness and soreness across the small of my back. To turn in bed gave me painful twinges and when I was not working but simply standing around there was a constant aching over my hips. The kidney secretions gave me no end of trouble. I often thought I had gravel, so painful were the secretions in passing. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box at Charles Rogers' drug store on Commercial St. On taking them I soon noticed an improvement in my condition and the pain across my back was soon wonderfully relieved. Though I did not take Doan's kidney pills as regularly as I should have done, they did me a great deal of good."

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