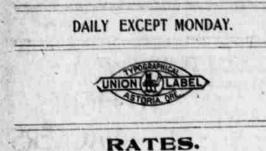
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A FILTHY PRACTICE AND OTHER MATTERS The movement to enforce the law against expecto ration on sidewalks, which has been entered upon by the Woman's Club of the city, from the standpoint of health and eleanliness, is of the utmost importance. It is not, however, the duty alone of the women of the city to demand the enforcement of this law; the men, among whose ranks are found the violators of the ordinance, should be most interested-at least, they should be equally alert to de tect the violators and inform against them. This is not a matter of anything less than vital interest.

One enforcement of the law would carry more weight and do more to prevent the offense being repeated than hours of argument regarding the dis gusting habit. The pavements of the city, owing to the rainfall, are necessarily wet, sloppy and unsightly. They can at least be kept elean and free from the dangers that menace the populace when this law is disregarded. By all means, the women of the eity should be assisted in this crusade for health and cleanliness.

As showing the pressing need for rigid enforce ment of the anti-expectoration law we reproduce the following Associated Press dispatch which appeared in The Astorian on Tuesday:

last week aggregating 364 are causing the department of health to adopt energetic measures to check his hotel a few hours after he landed. the progress of the disease. 'In my opinion,' said Commissioner Darlington, of that department, 'the dignity and command respect for it. He proposes habit of expectorating in public places has much to what he thinks a better plan. He would "make our! do with bringing on the disease.' "

where there is a startling diversity of opinion as to the conditions which have brought about the strained relations in the far east.

Our friend says that one bunch of agitators is con vinced that the Associated Press and the "knetiscope view men" have precipitated the war, so far as it has been precipitated, and quotes to bear out his meaning: "Are all the photografers ready? Charge!" He adds that this view of the situation makes him "tiard."

"Then there is another lot of us" who seem to be of the opinion that the unions are making the trouble Labor, according to this version, sees a crisis ahead. due to overproduction, and desires to start a rough house so that half of the laboring men will be killed off, thus enabling the other half to demand increased wages.

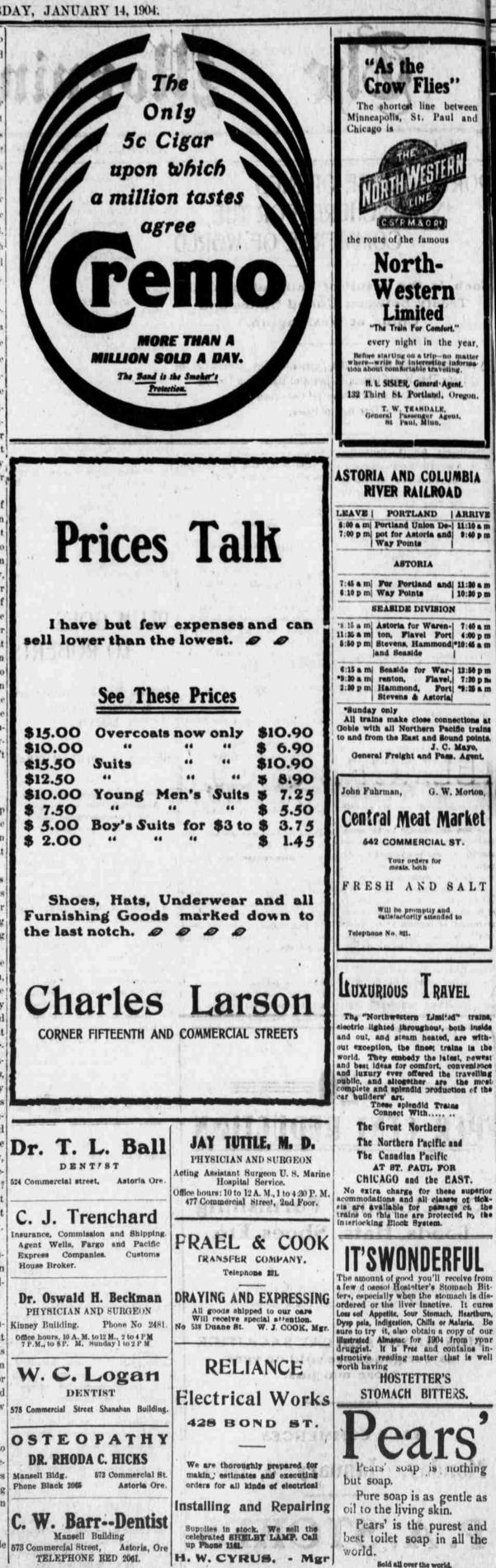
The other contending faction in "X's" neighbor hood has a sneaking idea that Corea and Manchuria are the cause of the trouble-Russia wants a slice of China and Japan wants the same slice; therefore war, to employ the language of our friend, who concludes: "Mr. Editor, will you tell us which of the three factions is right, or most nearly right, and also give us an idea why the United States and England do not ask these harberians to try out their cause for action before the international court ! It is a grave insult to all fair-minded people for any nation or individual to appeal to brutality rather than to reason."

We beg to assure our solicitous friend that all of the factions in his neck of the woods are wrong in their views of the causes leading up to the present critical situation in the orient. If "X" will stop to think for a moment, he will remember that the nation is today in control of the republicans. Necessarily, all of the faithful ones have been recognized as far as the plums would go, and in the distribution of this reward many have been given fat places in the army. The wily democrats, realizing that the flower of the republican party is on war footing, have sent emissaries to the far east to kick up all the fuss, in the hope that the United States will be drawn into the war, her soldiers killed off and the republican majority reduced. They can figure no other scheme to elect the St. Louis nominee. It is believed the republicans are on, and for this reason the government has not suggested The Hague court. It's a lowlifed scheme, but polities is polities-and we mustn't be too hard on the democrats.

MR. BRYAN AND THE FLAG.

Mr. Bryan has returned from a two months' trip abroad with some new views about our flag, says the "New York, Jan. 11 .- Deaths from pneumonia Ledger. There views he imparted to a delegation of fellow democrats who paid him a formal call at

He would not build war ships to maintain its



There are many things that should be done in 1904 which would add materially to the beauty and attractiveness of Astoria that it may not be possible to accomplish. Some new ordinances would have to be formulated and much money expended before the city would become the queen city she should be but laws already made can be enforced to the very letter. The officers whose duty it is to enforce them st also keep their eyes open for law breakers and do their duty thereby. How can the officers of the law allow the condition of some of the sidewalks to remain and see the law violated without an effort to prevent its repetition ?

It is a disgrace to the city government the way piles of refuse and rubbish on the corners of streets (cleanings from gutters) are permitted to lie day after day. The Congregational church corner and the corner opposite are fair samples. The wagons from the stables fill up the streets, so that there is barely room for a wagon to pass between, after the day's work of the transfer companies is finished. Is there any other city of the size and pretensions of Astoria that would allow such conditions to exist month after month? Piles of wood are to be seen everywhere, even out into the middle of the street; old cans and mattresses within a stone's throw of Commercial and Exchange streets, in the very heart of the business section, on the direct line of travel to and from our only railroad depot, and on the street car line as well. Every stranger who comes to Astoria in these signs reads the character of Astoria's meeting that a reasonable knowledge of cocktails is citizens and the great reason of her past slow growth, now almost a requisite in a technical education in Astorians must be public spirited; must be broad. engineering and architecture. A skillful concoctor minded; must be up-to-date and progressive, if of these seductive compounds has long bee regarded. the city would attain to any prominence. In other words, Astorians must get a move on along all avenues of improvement.

THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

A correspondent signing himself "X"-"X' you know, is an unknown quantity, sends a letter to The Astorian in which he requests that the cause leading up to the Russo-Japanese difficulty be ven tilated. The correspondent says the matter has provoked considerable discussion in his community, time at St. Louis.

government the best on earth, and instead of having our flag float everywhere, let it stand for something wherever it floats."

This sounds well. Nearly everybody will agree that our government shall be made the best on earth, if it is not that already. But how shall the flag be made to stand for something unless sustained by something more than sentiment? What did it stand for in Mr. Jefferson's time when pirates insulted it on every sea, and even within sight of New York harbor ? What did it stand for when the frigate Chesapeake carried out past Capes Henry and Charles, in 1807, and was shot to pieces a few hours later by the Leopard ? What did it stand for a few months later when the Jason and Columbine insolently entered New York harbor and boarded and searched the revenue cutter sent down by the collector of the port to order them away? Did it not then, as now, stand for every assertion of the declaration of independence and for every article of our constitution ? 524 Commercial street. Astoria Ore. Why was it not then respected as it is now? It most certainly "stands for something now wherever it floats," and nobody disputes that fact, unless Mr. Bryan does.

Mr. Bryan seems to think that a flag or a government may maintain itself in this age and generation of the world by its goodness alone. But he will hardly be able to found a party on that idea. .

A Cincinnati architect is said to have seriously informed the Ohio Mechanic's institute, at a recent as a master mechanic, but his skill has not until now 578 Commercial Street Shanahan Building been dignified as a scientific requirement.

Every time a man spits on the street he ought to be thrown into jail, where he belongs. It is somewhat remarkable that the police commission does not attend to the enforcement of the law covering this matter. Certainly, if the police commission doesn't no one else will.

Anyway, the democrats will have a nice sociable