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Great scheme that of the Oregonian news Bureau at Washington to create the impression that the trusts are going to down President Roosevelt and nominate Mark Hanna for the presidency in 1904. If there is anything in it, it must be the bad trusts that Teddy says in his message may possibly exist.

The best thing President Roosevelt said in his message to "The" Congress was "the only shots that count are the shots that hit" and then he coolly proceeded to discharge, apparently at random, a literary blunderbuss loaded with "innocuous" rhetorical wads at the trusts and tariff questions. Is it possible that the man of action at San Juan has forgot his training or does he think the battle is over and that the ambiguous utterances of his message will be as oil upon the troubled waters of trust and tariff agitation.

When one looks over the city now and sees the numerous ponds of water standing practically stagnant within the city limits and indeed right along by the side of Main street it is enough to give any one possessed of a progressive spirit the jim-jams. It is not only an unsightly scene but visions of disease and pestilence most assuredly float before his eyes. The city must have a sewerage system if it expects to attract strangers and induce them to locate in a veritable mill pond. It cannot afford to do without it.

The settlement of the coal strike trouble by the presidential commission is more than likely to be drawn out for months. In this the operators have the upper hand and they will not overlook anything that will result in a delayed decision. The miners are at work and the longer the commission is in acting the more time they will have to adjust their various differences with their employes as individuals. If it can be prolonged until after the next presidential election. The Operators will surely win.

Great Britain and Germany have issued an ultimatum to the little republic of Venezuela. Of course the little South American republic will have to give in.

We sell the greatest of blood purifiers, Acker's Blood Elixir, under a positive guarantee. It will cure all chronic and other blood poisons. If you have eruptions or sores on your body, or are pale, weak or run down, it is just what you need. We refund money if you are not satisfied. 50cts and \$1.00. Beason Drug Co.

The completion of the great Nile dam was celebrated at Assouan with great ceremonious pageantry, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who appeared on behalf of King Edward VII, the Khedive and delegates from cities throughout Egypt. The ceremony of inauguration, which was performed by the Duke of Connaught, consisted in laying the last coping stone, and opening a number of sluices to get the water flow down the Nile. Following the ceremonies

President Roosevelt's message on the tariff question is as clear as mud and a little thinner. This is what he says:

1st, "The tariff should not be changed."

2nd, "The way to change the tariff is by reciprocity treaties."

3rd, "If reciprocity won't work try a reduction of duties on some products."

4th, "The duty ought to be a little more than enough ballance the difference in the cost of home and foreign labor."

5th "The tariff on anthracite coal should be removed."

There is fearless statesmanship for you with a vengeance. There is a policy if carried out would be a dandy. If there is a hide bound, high tariff, republican, or a fool free trade democrat in the country who can't agree with the president on this policy or a part of it at least we would like to see what he looks like.

Three hundred men are out at the Spreckles sugar refinery. The boats which carry the sugar are tied up, and \$40,000 worth of sugar, in the boilers, will be ruined if the men do not return within 10 hours. Recently 80 men were discharged, just after forming a union, but the management denies this as the cause of the walkout.

LOST.

A yearling heifer, red and white marked smooth crop off left ear and was dehorned. May or may not be branded J R on left hip. Strayed about Oct 1st. Any information will be suitably rewarded by notifying E P REDEORD, Saginaw, Ore.

LONDON, Dec 10.—The State Department is in receipt of a cablegram this afternoon from Minister Bowen at Caracas, Venezuela, to the effect that the British and German naval forces had made a demonstration, landed Marines and siezed the custom house La Guayra. Great excitement prevails at Caracas over the seizure of the Venezuelan warships, General Crespo, Tolima, Ossum and Margarita, yesterday by the combined British and German naval force.

President Castra has placed all German and British subjects in Caracas under arrest.

If you desire a good complexion use Moki tea, a pure herb drink. It acts on the liver and makes the skin smooth and clear. Cures sick headaches. 25cts and 50cts. Money refunded if it does not satisfy you. Write to W H HOOKER & Co Buffalo, N Y, for free sample. Benson Drug Co.

Japanese Minister Kogoro Takahira, diplomatically but firmly intimates that the appointment of John Barrett as minister to Japan would not be as pleasing as that of some other man. No formal protest was filed against Barrett's appointment but statements of the Japanese minister were such as to leave no room for doubt as to the desires of his home government.

"I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bee, of Welfare, Tex., "biliousness and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50c at J P Currin's drug store.

American's Famous Beauties.
Look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blisters, Sores, Pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or Salt Rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains. Infallible for Piles. 25c at Currin's drug store.

The Oregon territorial Legislature at the session of 1855-6, passed a measure promising to pay soldiers who served in the Indian campaigns of those days \$2 a day for their services. This promise has never been fulfilled. The few remaining veterans will ask the Legislature convening next month to make good the promise. It is figured that two-thirds of the soldiers who served the state in Indian wars have died, and that \$300,000 would be a proper sum to vote for relief of the survivors. It is to be hoped this request will be promptly and cheerfully granted. The faithfulness and heroism of these frontier soldiers made possible the present conditions in Oregon, and they are richly deserving of their promised pay, even if a half century has elapsed since it was earned.—Hood River Glacier.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E W Grove's signature is on each box. 25.

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At LURCH'S. Why?

Because they make prices right. Because you are treated with Courtesy. Because you can find anything you wish.

All that is necessary to convince you of this assertion is to step in to our store and see for yourself.

So get in Line Early as the best presents go first. Come and See our goods.

Lurch's Lurch's

CITY MARKET

Bartels & Veatch, Props.



Choicest Meats, Hams, Bacon and Lard always on hand. And in fact everything usually kept in a first-class market.

FISH IN SEASON

We have no stand-in with the dentists on tough meats. Give a trial and we will treat you right.



Piper & VanDenburg

Shelf and Heavy
HARDWARE

Stoves and Tinware

Fish Bros Wasons and all kinds of Farm Implements and Mining Supplies.

"WE SUIT THE HARD TO SUIT"

Our aim is to please our customers. Call and be convinced of this fact. We handle a complete line of high grade Groceries, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and guarantee everything purchased of us to be first class.

See Our Teas and Coffees they are Fine

The Cash Grocery Company

J E Wheeler, Prop.

Steps The Cough Works off the Cold Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no Pay. Price 25 cents.

LONDON, Dec 10.—The Admiralty is in receipt of advices this afternoon that a British warship seized the Venezuelan warship Bolivar this morning.

The seizure took place at Port of Spain, Trinidad Island, and was made without bloodshed or any overt act of hostility further than the necessary demonstrations of force required to enforce the demand for surrender.

The Best Prescription for Malaria, Chills and Fevers, is Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 50c.

That pathetic story of the man evicted from his humble cottage with a sick wife and her 100-year-old mother by a coal company, the wife dying from consequent exposure, should have more weight with the coal strike commission than the fixed-up figures of the coal mine. The only rent he owed was for the strike period. And the company gave no reason for evicting him—just turned the water out on a rainy day.—Guard.

You Know What You Are Taking When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every box showing that it is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. 50c.