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PORTLAND, FRIDAY, MARCH 1.

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Do not imagine, because the opposition in the Senate is allowed to discuss the Spooner amendment without reply, that there is no reply to make.

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DRINKING IN EUROPE. The popular notion that the "saloon" is peculiarly an American institution is a mistake. The drinking-places in England and Scotland are called "public houses," "boozing dens," "ale-houses," "beer-houses," "beer-halls" and "beer-shops," and Paris is full of drinking shops of all sorts...

The Dundee Advertiser says: "In the matter of sheer, besotted, overmastering drunkenness we stand without rivals in shameful isolation." There is little or no intemperance in Spain, Italy or Southern Europe generally.

Northern Germany, where the drink is cheap alcohol made from potatoes, there is much drunkenness. There is much intemperance in Norway and Sweden and Northern Russia.

Regulation of the liquor traffic in New York State under the Raines law shows some excellent results. Since the law went into operation in the Spring of 1896, there has been collected under it for the privilege of selling liquor in the Empire State more than \$61,250,000.

CHINA'S OMINOUS OUTLOOK. The heads of two Chinese dignitaries, who were conspicuous abettors of the Boxer assault upon the Legations, have fallen by the hand of the public executioner at Peking; two others are soon to be executed at Sian Fu.

We enforce today against Great Britain and the Boers the same policy we did against France and Great Britain in the Napoleonic wars. In our Civil War the subjects of Great Britain sold contraband of war without restraint to the Confederates.

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THE TARIFF TO THE FRONT. Louisville Courier-Journal. The suggestion made in the financial columns of the New York Sun that if the great steel combination expects to survive its members ought to go before Congress and announce their willingness to accept a fair tariff law has much more in it than casual readers may think.

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PLEASANTHIES OF PARAGRAPHS. Uncle—Well, Johnny, are you at the head of your class? Johnny—No; but I can lick the fellow that is—Tim-Dick.