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down by two-thirds, so that it consisted of 832 officers and 9438 men. In 1855 it was increased to 1047 officers and 17,378 men. During the Civil War, 1861-65, the Army reached a total of 209,000 officers and 37,364 men. At the close of the war the Army was increased to 3036 officers and 54,641 men. In 1869 twenty regiments of infantry were disbanded, and the authorized strength was fixed at 277 officers and 35,038 men.

SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS. Hobe Habet. Dallas Chronicle. With but few exceptions the state press is unanimous in the sentiment that the Oregon delegation has been treated shabbily by the turning down of their candidate for the leadership of the La Grande office. Moody Can Stand It. Salem Journal. Knowles, the choice of the Oregon delegation for the position of Register of the land office, at La Grande, who was turned down by Secretary Hitchcock, lays all the blame thereon on ex-Congressman Moody.

THE SAD CASE OF ROBE. New York Commercial Advertiser. We hope that the magistrates who arrange courses of instruction in our secondary schools and colleges can be induced to have more attention paid to the subject of Roman history. There is evidently a great need for a better understanding of Roman life as it actually was. This understanding is conspicuously lacking in many educators and other public speakers, and also in more educated office holders who care to mention Rome, imperial, decadent Rome, has a fatal fascination for a certain type of ministerial and editorial mind, and this fascination is quite apart from any actual knowledge of Roman history.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Ed Hamilton evidently believes in the Roosevelt way. When knighthood was in flower it wasn't nearly such a bloom'n' show as it will be today. Bulgaria says she will be real mad if it's true that 6000 of her subjects have been massacred by Turks. Griffith, the Los Angeles millionaire in jail for shooting his wife, has found a good team of lawyers. Their names are Silent and Works.

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It is with vessels of this type that the Maine shippers are busy, and they have had a fairly prosperous year. Though the cost of materials is high and the wages of shipbuilders are higher than for many years past, orders for new wooden vessels are coming in, and contracts that afford a fair margin of profit to the builders are readily placed. As stated by a Bangor Journal, "No one down East seems to have any apprehension that the shipyards will go out of business until the ocean dries up, even if they don't build square-riggers any more."

It will talk; give it time. Eugene Register. If the Interior Department remains silent after its arraignment by Knowles the public will draw the conclusion that Mr. Knowles has been greatly wronged. Even if the charges filed against him are true, he has been wronged in the charges were never made known to him that he might offer his defense. It is plain that the incident is not closed by the Interior Department's silence.

Woodpile Full of Negroes. Tillamook Headlight. Another version for the failure of the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railroad Company to construct its line is that W. Reid and J. McCracken are only playing a national bluff for the railroad companies to bluff off any other railroad company from building into Tillamook. Gracious, if this is true, how easy it is to humbug the people when there is a little money and a lot of blarney.

Not Complimentary to Stockmen. Moro Observer. We can see no excuse for the "blatant" Oregonians are giving the President and Secretary Hitchcock concerning raising the Mormon land. The system of reserves is all right. It protects the area and forests from the greatest aggregation of sublime timber thieving ever before developed. It protects the pasture from devastation from an army of human hogs known as sheepmen, cattlemen, etc., and it saves the State millions of dollars annually in growing crops destroyed by the hooves of these men.

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AN ANNIVERSARY. Two years ago today there passed away at Buffalo, a martyr at the assassin's hand, William McKinley, twenty-fifth President of the United States, and one of the best-beloved rulers in the history of mankind. In some respects he was not a strong personality; but he was strong in all the qualities that win affection and loyal regard. Intellectually, he came slowly to truth, but he came steadfastly to the truth he believed until new light has given him. He was long a believer in silver, but when that error was plain to him he did valiant work for gold. He began his career with an implicit faith in the saying grace of high tariffs, but time and the development of our industries showed him his mistake. His last public utterance, the Buffalo address, is a far cry from the William McKinley of the '90s, preaching protection, free trade and commerce in all the very ark of economic safety. At Buffalo, President McKinley said:

OVERTAKING DIVERTS TRAFFIC. "All that the traffic will bear" has long been known as the limit fixed by the late C. P. Huntington for the mammoth freight rate, and in spite of their protestations of philanthropy, there are but few railroad men who would not gladly adopt the Huntington policy were they in a position to make it work. The remarkable increase in grain exports from New Orleans and Galveston has at last had the effect of reducing freight rates between Chicago and New York. The transportation lines, in making this tardy effort to stay the tide of trade that has begun setting away from them, have not made this reduction for the purpose of helping Chicago or New York, both of which have suffered by the diversion of grain to a new outlet to the high seas, but simply because they have been obliged to the fact that the traffic is now being diverted to the West.

NO MILITARISM IN AMERICA. The standing army of Germany, now engaged in its Autumn maneuvers, and the standing Army of our Republic afford a powerful contrast in history, both past and present. The standing army of Germany has slowly but steadily increased until today it is over 600,000 strong on a peace footing, and the Emperor is now making, for a further increase of 25,000 men. The history of the Army of the United States is the history of the Republic. The fear of the necessities of the country by the way in which it has been expanded or contracted by Congress to meet existing conditions. In 1791 our Army was about 2200 strong, but the war with the Indians of the Northwest territory forced its expansion to a total of 258 officers and 5136 men. The fear of war with France expanded our Army in 1799 to a total of 2447 officers and 49,944 men. Major-General Alexander Hamilton was the senior officer. By 1801 this large force had been reduced to 241 officers and 3046 men. In 1808 the Army was increased to nearly 10,000 officers and men, and in the War of 1812-14 the Army was expanded to 3950 officers and 59,179 men. At the close of this war it was reduced to 574 officers and 11,170 men, and after another six years was reduced to a total of about 6000 officers and men. The pressure of the Florida War compelled a further expansion of the Army, which in 1823 had a total strength of 736 officers and 11,890 men. The Mexican War was fought very largely by volunteers, but the regular Army was increased until it consisted of 1353 officers and 29,512 men. After the Mexican War the Army was cut

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PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. The File—What makes you screech so? The saw you set my teeth on edge—Chicago Transcript. "Did you have a good time fishing?" "Oh, fair, fair," replied the candid man, "but we had a better time lying about it when we got home." "Chicago Transcript." "She—They don't seem happy together. He once told me that his wife was the light of his life. He—Ah—but the light was always going out. She—Chicago Transcript." "Embryo Artist—What do you think of that for a painting? You wouldn't believe that it's the first thing I ever completed, would you? Careful Critic—I might think so, but I wouldn't say so for anything.—Boston Transcript.

But how about "the period of exclusiveness"? How about "tariffs that are no longer needed"? The answer is that not in a single line of history or treaty law has the "period of exclusiveness" been infringed upon, not to the fraction of a cent in any tariff "no longer needed" has the counsel of William McKinley been heeded. Cuba, nominally freed five years ago, and constantly since that time given promise of tariff concession, stands unredeemed at the behest of Oxnard and Havemeyer, rich and powerful and arrogant with unjust trusts and Carnegie scoundrels over Europe the millions piled up through the tariff on steel and the wages that were denied to Homestead and Pittsburgh have been filtered through Schwab's hands into the vaults of Monte Carlo and along the Riviera. The affection of Mr. Hanna followed the dead President's memory and counseled up to the brink of a tariff reform, and there it stopped. There its loyalty faltered and its courage failed. The period of exclusiveness is still there. The infant industries, to giants grown, must not be weaned from their beloved bottle. The tariffs that are no longer needed must not be given up until such time as the protected corporations themselves come into court and ask to be deprived of their rights. The trusts themselves, who Congress and pray to be deprived of some portion of their swollen revenues. What does any one suppose will history have to say about that parting message of the martyred President? Does any one suppose that history, when it looks back upon the influence of corporations in the public life of today, will say that Mr. McKinley was wrong and the trusts were right? Will it not rather say the simple and self-evident truth, that McKinley was right, but that the power of the protected interests was too great for the wisdom and conscience of the people to prevail over them? As long as this reign of might over right continues, the 14th of September is a day for National reproach; and its commemoration in any other

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