

## (Just Folks



## NOT IF BRITISH AND JAPANESE COMBINE

LIMITATION of armament agreed to by the United States
and an alliance contrated by Great Britain and Japanese
are incompatible, The limitstion would prevent the are incompatible. The limitation would prevent the
United States from developing its natural strength The alli-
fuce would combine Great Britain and Japan and the only ap-
parent object of such an alliance is against the United States. Russia was the object of the alliance in the beginning. It
as to protect the Japanese and the British in Asia from the Tvas to protect the Japanese and the British int
Russian danger. That danger may recur, but the probabilities. Japan is not concerning herself about Russia now. She is concerning herself about the United States. We are for a limitation of armament, but we are against
renewal of the British-Japanase alliance and the adoption of the one ought to imply the abandonment of the other. Both are
recognized as involving principally Asiatic questions and it is a dangerous settlement of such questions which stops Americanpreparations and leaves Japan and Great Britain combined. If vance the peace of the world.

The interests of Canada, Australia and New Zealand in this cannot tie up with Japan without joining nerself to a potential enemy of the British dominions. At present they do not like the prospects any beit $r$ than we do and tiey possioiy can prevent
the accomplishment of the tory English policy which seeks to the accomplishment of the tory English policy which seeks to
combine British navalism with Japanese militarism. Alliances generally seek one of two or three objects. They
eek to preserve a balance against another alliance. They seek to balance the greater power of an aggressive nation. They seek to act aggressively and to obtain spoils for division.
The Japanese-British alliance is not needed for defense. There
is no alliance against either nation and there is no nation seekin in to attack either or to take away the territory of either. There sion that the
one or both.

The tory element in the British aristocracy might be glad British revival might be based on war sales to both sides. W do not believe Japan would considier war without such moral
sanction as would be afforded by the alliance. twould set Great Britain in a position of neutrality and the doable to do much against the people whom they regard as their natural enemies.

The United States is justified in regarding a renewal of this alliance is a necessity to the making of agreements for the limialliance is a necessit
tation of armament.
The alliance is a step toward war. Limitation is a step to ward peace. The United States ought not to step in one direc
tion while Japan steps in the other, and Great Britain should not expect it. We cannot prevent the renewat of the alliance. Possibly the dominions can do so, but the United States cannot.
it can decline to enter into general agreements unless Great Britain and Japan refrain from entering into specific ones. The general agreement to limit armaments is sufficient for
all the purposes of peace. An additional agreement between the British and the Japanese, along the line of the alliance Yould be inconsistent and
States.-Chicago Tribune.

The trip into Grant county is in many respects the most in
ortant junket ever taken by Umatilla county people. Fe know the real extent of the region in this county that may b developed by a highway southward and the Grant county situa-
tion makes the subject vastly more interesting nearly all parts of our county are represented in the Men from at Canyon City and they will have something worth telling
and when they get home.

Ton is now carrying on seapet negotiations with Berlin for a ne reaty with Germany. What about that talk last fall about the h.ecessity of dealing always in the open?

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