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St. Louis reported five suicides in one day last week.

At the oratorical contest held at Albany last week the medal was won by Albany College. The next state contest will be held at McMinnville.

A boy with two heads was born in Cincinnati the other day. Won't the boy's mother have a time of it keeping him away from the swimming hole during dog days.

The fact that the customs receipts for last month were larger than for any February under the Cleveland administration is what makes the cold chills play up and down the backs of the old man Dingley's political enemies.

An exchange suggests that since Germany is fighting shy of our horses and apples, perhaps we could persuade them to take a few Kentucky hams and a little apple "sauce," as a gentle hint of the proneness of Americans to indulge in kicking and back talk.

Those who have wondered at the unusually friendly attitude of the English newspapers towards the United States when speaking of our trouble with Spain, will no doubt be interested in reading an article which will be found in this issue of the Graphic entitled, "Russia or England—or Neither?" taken from last Sunday's Oregonian.

J. H. Ackerman, of Portland, is a candidate for the republican nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Prof. Ackerman belongs to what is termed the Portland clique of educators and as there is not the most harmonious feeling between the Portlanders and the outside teachers of the state it is exceedingly doubtful about his being able to get the support of the latter.

The Milton Eagle says: County Commissioner J. F. Adams now resides in McMinnville—at least his family does, and a man is presumed to reside with his family, especially when he actually does live with them. The query is, can Mr. Adams live in McMinnville, Yamhill county, and hold his job as commissioner of Umatilla county. The plea that Mr. Adams has large property interests here has no bearing in the case.

The Statesman says: From a letter received yesterday from Watt Shipp, it seems that R. W. Holman ("White") is at present in the sunny end of the Golden state, at Newhall, but on the eve of departure for San Francisco and Oakland. Mr. Holman says the drought there is something startling to an Oregonian and that the natives themselves are gravely worried. Cattle and sheep are dying on the ranges in such numbers that it is unhealthy even to go after the hides.

One of our esteemed contemporaries thus remarks: The man who won't take a paper because he can borrow one has invented a machine by which he can cook his dinner by the smoke from his neighbor's chimney. This same fellow sits in the back pew in church in order to save interest on his contributions, and is always borrowing a ride to save wear and tear of his own horse flesh. Yes, we know him. He is first cousin to the man who never winks his watch for fear of breaking the spring. He is undoubtedly a relative to the man who went into the yard last winter to soak his hair in water, let it freeze and then broke it off in order to cheat the barber out of a hair cut.

RUSIA OR ENGLAND—OR NEITHER?

The concert of British expression favorable to the United States in this hour of threatened crisis with Spain is too general in its scope and harmonious in its tones to be altogether spontaneous. Some influence is at work upon the steps of British opinion, prompting these eloquent utterances from discordant factions, and arranging them deftly for an end to be attained. Momentous, we may be sure, is that end, when for its sake liberal and Irish nationalists are induced to forbear embarrassing questions in parliament, and to regard American interference, monstrous in Venezuela, laudable in Cuba. It is likely that we shall have to turn to the Pacific for the explanation of these Atlantic phenomena. The prize of European politics today is Asia. In its direction are turned the eyes and bent the energies of England, Russia and Germany. There are the beginnings of a vast trade which these Old World powers court and are determined to control.

It is unnecessary to pursue farther the subject of England's palpable overtures to us in the past few days. Germany ignores us. But the real conflict is between England and Russia. What is Russia doing? More than a month ago the New York Herald's Washington correspondent reported the following utterances made by an unnamed member of the diplomatic corps:

The head and center of the fight is just at present right here in Washington, and it will become even more exciting upon the arrival of the Russian ambassador. Until his arrival you need not look for any new move by Russia in the East. The action of Russia in raising a legation in this city to an embassy and transferring to this post Count Cassini direct from China is, in my mind, very significant. He will come here prepared to explain in detail the exact state of affairs in China.

and with instructions not only to sound the United States on its position in the matter, but to make advances looking to an understanding which will give this country almost anything that may be desired in a commercial way in return for its moral support in favor of the schemes of those countries which have arrayed themselves against England and Japan in the Orient.

These words were singularly prophetic. Part of them are yet unfulfilled, and of them the force is found in the greatness of the man Russia is sending to us. Count Cassini is one of the astute men on Russia's diplomatic staff. He made himself conspicuous as the negotiator of the famous treaty of 1895, by which Russia extorted from China extraordinary concessions in Manchuria, looking to the ultimate occupation of that province, and giving Russia direct rail road access to the Chinese capital. His achievements were characterized by remarkable adroitness, craft, daring and persistency. His deft use of Li Hung Chang, his capture of the empress dowager, his handling of the taung li yamen, and his final compulsion of the despairing emperor to capitulate to the czar's terms, rank among the most remarkable feats of forcible diplomacy. This is not the man to be spared from Russia just now except upon an important work. And what the nature of that work is can scarcely be doubted. He will urge and advance in every possible way co-operation on the part of this country with Russian policy in the far east against that of England. We shall have considerations offered us in return for this expected co-operation. To a great extent the question of China's trade has been transferred from Peking to Washington.

In such a dilemma, where do our highest interests lie—with England or with Russia? Much may be said on either side, so much that the question is not easily answered. England is traditionally our enemy—Russia historically our friend. England buys our foodstuffs and petroleum, Russia is about to increase her competition with us in these very lines. Whatever concessions our trade is granted in Russianized China, they will be less than the privileges Russia keeps for herself; while England, when demanding fair trade in every port, is fighting our battles for us.

Perhaps we can do no better than to fall back on the words of Washington. There is no more solemn or earnest plea in his farewell address than the warning against entangling alliances with foreign nations. It is idle to protest that with our expanding commerce and manufactures we have outgrown the danger of foreign dominance in our affairs. The question Washington presented to us was not a business, but a moral problem. It concerned not so much commerce as the fair flower of patriotism in the heart of the people. Just and amiable we should be to all, avoiding at once habitual hatred or habitual fondness for any. And then he goes on to enumerate the dangers of entangling alliances with the foreign powers, the seductions they carry to individuals, the damaging errors into which they bring governments.

These are counsels that must not be disregarded at this time. The art of Russian diplomacy, which is both shrewd and powerful; the wishes of British handshakes, however pleasing to the sense or flattering to our pride—should not cause us to swerve from the straight path of independence. We have remedies of our own for our disadvantages with England and her colonies; if congress will but apply them. We have resources in manufacture and trade against which Russia cannot close to us the ports of Asia. And, even should these fail us for a time, our advance would only be delayed, not cut off. We should have saved the priceless pearl of honorable, consistent independence, without which no commercial or financial empires could be of great worth or long endure.—Oregonian.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Tillamook Headlight.
Between the people who insist on a country editor publishing everything that occurs in the community in full detail and the people who come and beseech him to withhold the same things from publication, the editor has the devil's own time. No matter which way he decides, he is sure to offend one party or the other. About a week ago a citizen of this town, informed us that if the Headlight had done its duty and written up the boys, who have for some time violated the laws with impunity, "the gang would have been broken up," and a few days later several estimable people got hot under the collar because we hinted that some of those self same boys were not angels of light with little wings sprouting out of the armpits of their vests. Truly, even the Lord's anointed have their sorrows and tribulations.

Toledo Blade.
Improvement in general conditions continues to be shown in spite of the prevailing excitement over the Cuban situation. Indeed, the influence of that spirit of unrest seems to have been scarcely felt in commercial and industrial circles. The character of trade statistics is the most favorable description. February bank clearances point to an immense volume of business done in the country during the last month, the average daily exchanges being not only larger than for January, but larger than for most months of normal years. The total for 79 cities was 51 per cent larger than for the same month last year, 73 per cent in excess of the low-water mark in 1894, and 8.4 greater than in 1892, the heaviest February on record. For the country at large the gain for the two months over the corresponding period in 1897 was equal to 42 per cent.

Globe Democrat.
The United States does not want the Philippine Islands. It would not accept them as a gift. The threatened demon-

stration of American war-ships in that quarter in the event of war would be for the purpose of keeping Spain occupied in that region, and to force her to hold some war-ships there, and thus weaken her fleet in Cuban waters. If the United States should capture the Philippines it would give them up after the war was over, though perhaps not to Spain. There was a rebellion in the islands recently, and if the ex-rebels still want independence this country might give it to them. Only a small fragment remains to Spain of that mighty empire of two or three centuries ago on which the sun never set, and this would shrink to still smaller dimensions if she should go to war with the United States.

The Boston Transcript pays its respect to New York journalism: How humiliating it must be to a citizen of the great metropolis of the country, at such a grave crisis as this, to take up the morning papers of the largest circulation there and see that they have become degraded to mere catch-penny ventures in money-making publishing and that no trust can be felt in either facts or opinions. Typographically they have degraded to the appearance of a country handbill. The screaming headlines have become so large and so common that the largest possible use in a page no longer attracts special attention, and the coarsely executed cuts must take their place. The general effect on opening such a sheet is like a babel of hurdy gurdies, calliopes and shouting fakets that greets the visitor at Nantasket Beach or a county fair.

Lincoln (Neb.) Journal.

Is the "Iniquitous Tariff" robbing us of our substance? The tariff revenues now amount to \$2.43 per capita. Twenty years ago, in 1877, we paid \$4.05. Do our tariff laws build a Chinese wall around the country and kill our export trade? Twenty years ago we sold our products abroad \$7.83 per capita and \$14.17 worth in 1897. In 1892, under the Harrison administration and the McKinley bill, we sold more goods abroad per capita than in 1897, but that was the only time the record of 1897 has been exceeded for fourteen years. We now buy from abroad goods worth \$10.84 and sell them products to the amount of \$14.17.

Chicago Tribune.

Another evidence of the absolute safety of this government is the fact that in case of the sudden death of President McKinley any one of the dozen Washington newspaper correspondents could take his place without the slightest hesitation. As it is, the president is convinced that he is a very inconsequential figure compared with the average correspondent.

Globe Democrat.

The most productive Klondike mines yet discovered are in Seattle and Tacoma. But their richness will decline unless the supply of gold dust from Alaska is very greatly enlarged before the end of the year.

The April number of the Delineator is at hand. The latest developments in dress, the seasonable fabrics, preferred garnitures and accessories are depicted and described in the useful faultless manner. In the article on toys, the fourth of the series of papers on children and their ways, Mrs. Alice Maynell presents a wonderful analysis of children's rapturous emotion and delicate susceptibilities. The return of the prodigal, by Jennie Drake, is a pretty Southern story of the strange home-coming of a wandering minstrel. Emma Churchman Hewitt's article on domestic subjects, treats the subject of relations-in-law in a practical, common-sense manner. Transforming an old farm house, by Margaret Nourse, contains many useful directions for beautifying the old home. Send ten cents to 17th West 13th street N. Y. for a copy of this excellent magazine.

Petrified Forest Protection.

Land Commissioner Hermann is at work on a special report to the secretary of the interior, recommending that a forest reserve be made out of the petrified forest of Arizona.

Recent reports received by the interior department about the condition of this forest indicate that it is rapidly being used up for commercial purposes, and, unless the government steps in to stop the despoliation, the whole forest, which is one of the greatest natural curiosities in the world, will disappear. There is now building in Denver a hotel, all the walls of which are to be faced with the petrified wood taken from the forest, and all the tables for the hotel are to be made of it. At this rate of consumption it would not be long before all the petrified wood would be used up. Commissioner Hermann thinks that there is immediate necessity for action on the part of the department. In his opinion, the best way in which the forest might be preserved is to make it a forest reserve.

The forest is located near Hebron, Apache county, Ariz. The largest and finest specimens of petrified wood in the world are taken from it. Whole trunks of trees and stumps with portions of the roots is found there, converted into stone as dense and hard as the finest granite. Ever coal and every fiber of the former wood is preserved in stone. A forest of trees appears to have been entombed in the rocks and to have been preserved by a slow process of replacement by silica from solutions permeating the bed. Subsequently the surrounding sediments were washed away, but the enduring fossils of the trees remained.

The world, it is claimed, can send to the lapidary such magnificent raw material of this nature as the petrified forest of Arizona afford. Not even the imperial works at Ekaterinburg, in Russia, with their wealth of kalkanato Jasper, massive malachite, and other superb ornamental stones, can rival the beauty of the agatized wood of Arizona. Commissioner Hermann is confident that Secretary Bliss will agree with him, when the facts are brought to his attention, of the wisdom of making some provision to protect this wonderful curiosity from despoliation.—Scientific American.

Blood Will Tell.
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FROM THE COUNTY PRESS.

J. D. Nairn of Ballston will leave in a couple of weeks for a visit to his old home in Perthshire county, Scotland. He expects to return next fall.

McMinnville has all kinds of agents. A lady was around the other day selling a hair restorer, and close on her heels followed another asking the women if they had any hair they wanted "worked up." The people are pestered so much with agents that they don't recognize our home citizens sometimes. One lady closed the door in the face of so good looking a man as assessor E. J. Wood, the other day, when she saw that he had a book in his hand. A citizen who supposed himself proof against the wily schemes of agents, has met his fate, and says: "If there's water in the river, let me go and soak my head; I am full of prunes and sorrow, and I wish that I were dead. I had wildly, madly fancied, that no man my leg could pull, but an agent came and worked me, and my eyes are full of wool. I have dared the green goods dealer, in his far off eastern lair; I have met the gold brick expert, given him the Klondike stare; I have downed the bunco stealer, with the old-time sneaking thud, but an agent came and worked me, and my name is Mr. Mud. I have dodged the cinnamon boomers, with their Colonel Sellers dream; I have scorned the touring fakir, with his smooth, transparent scheme; I have met the beggar church women and dismissed them with a smile; but an agent came and worked me, came and touched me for my pile. It is hard to live and triumph, over forty thousand tricks, hard to dodge the snares and pitfalls of our modern politics; (postoffice included) hard to spend our lifetime, beating those who pilfer, cheat and beg, and then have an agent work you, pull your adamantine leg!"

Transcript.
J. E. Hubbard, of LaFayette, was in town on business Thursday. By the way, John is talked of in some quarters for county judge.

Asa McKern and Jos. Herkowsky will occupy the Frank Redmond room in Union block—the former with stock of boots and shoes and furnishing goods the latter with his tailoring establishment.

Councilman Perry, who went to Portland to get a chief engineer for the water and light plant, secured the services of J. C. Mayer, of Portland, who has good credentials as an expert in this line.

Brother-in-law of Dr. Young, began a work Wednesday evening. Felter is a young man, but comes well recommended from San Francisco, where he handled machinery two or three years.

Last Thursday Mrs. Margaret Ellis was adjudged insane and was taken over to the asylum by sheriff Henry.

A Lie Nailed.
Consumption and bronchitis are not by any means the same, although it is hard to distinguish one from the other. Bronchitis is an inflammation of the lining of the wind tubes or air vessels of the lungs, causing soreness of the same, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, difficulty of breathing, spitting of matter and sometimes blood. Thousands die annually with this dread disease. Wilbur's Cough Cure will cure. Price 50 cents. For sale by all Druggists.

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Summons.

In the County Court for the State of Oregon for Yamhill County.

E. D. Swoon, Plaintiff, vs. Wm. Hunter, Defendant. Summons. To Wm. Hunter the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you on the 10th day of May by the first day of the May A. D. 1898, and if you fail to so answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$100.00 together with interest thereon from the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1898, at the rate of six percent per annum, together with the costs and disbursements of this action. This summons is served by publication. Return, for six consecutive weeks by order of Hon. J. E. Rogers, Judge of said Court, made at Chambers in the City of McMinnville, Yamhill County, State of Oregon, February 18th, A. D. 1898.

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