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It looks as though "health" was to figure extensively in republican politics next year. It is said that the condition of Mr. Hobart's health will prevent his running again, and that Boss Hanna's health is too precarious to permit him to manage Mr. McKinley's campaign. Perhaps Mr. McKinley realizes that neither Hobart nor Hanna would help him any in a campaign in which trusts will be one of the big issues.

That efforts are being made, through the big newspaper, to lessen public prejudice against trusts is one of the signs of what the democratic party will have to fight against next year. It is evidently to be the policy of the trusts to try to lull the people of the country into a feeling of security by this method.

Boss Hanna should cultivate President Diaz, of Mexico, during his coming visit to the U. S. Diaz can, if so disposed, give him valuable pointers on how to be the whole thing and still keep the people under the impression that they live under a republic.

If it took four U. S. warships three hours bombarding to destroy one Filipino cannon, on Subig Bay, how long will it take to put down the Filipino uprising? This question is intended especially for Mr. McKinley's class.

It is not complimentary to the senate to say, as many are saying, that Quay will be seated on the governor's certificate regardless of the principle involved, because of his personal relations with senators.

Maryland democrats are in a position to say, "go it Wellington" go it Lowndes" with the certainty the harder the republican factions fight, the greater the democratic majority in the state will be.

If Mr. McKinley makes political speeches in Ohio, from the rear-platform of a parlor car, or from any other old place, he will make more votes for McLean than for Hanna's candidate.

Admiral Dewey might do the country a great service by telling all he knows of the real situation, in the Philippines, but to do so would "queer" him with the administration.

The solitude of the pension attorney, who writes pathetically for publications, for the veterans and widows of veterans is calculated to make new cycles, and probably does.

It seems to pay to be the president's brother. Abern McKinley who was certainly a poor man three years ago, is traveling out on the Pacific coast like a nabob.

Now that Fred Grant's daughter has become a Russian princess, the island of Luzon will hardly be big enough to hold Fred and his enlarged head.

Ohio republicans seem to think they need a lot of outside help, in the talking line, but outsiders cannot vote, unless they escape the vigilance of the democrats.

The yellow fever situation in Key West is such that the people of that section would consider Jack Frost a very welcome visitor.

It is no off week when some accident doesn't happen to one of the U. S. transports in the Pacific.

A great many small men are seeking notoriety by the Dewey welcome route.

Signs point strongly to Pin-gree's joining Alger in private life, and for the same reason—necessity.

Senator Wellington is again making an exhibit of a variegated collection of sore spots on himself.

Secretary Root is credited with having designs upon the republican vice presidential nomination; also with having the active assistance of Boss Platt.

We fail to see the right of "Teddy" Roosevelt to take other men to task for "their greed for office—their thirst for power." Ted has been on the public pay roll almost ever since he was old enough to vote, and he has given no intimation of an intention to retire.

Want To Use The Reserve

Z. M. Brown, a Crook county gentleman, in an interview with a reporter of the Oregonian, reports excellent grass all over the Eastern Oregon country as a result of the August rains, and says cattle and sheep are in splendid condition. Sheep are beginning to come out of the mountains or their way to their winter ranges on the prairies. Cattle will not leave the Cascade reserve until fall snows in the higher mountains drive them down. Then they will come out to the open country of their own accord.

Mr. Brown, like many Oregon stockmen, predicts a great scarcity of beef cattle in Oregon, and he expects to see considerable dressed beef imported from Omaha this winter, which means a still further advance in the retail price of roasts and steaks. Stock cattle are fat he says, but there are no beefsteers on the range, and cattlemen cannot afford to sell their dry cows to the butchers, as these will have to be kept for breeding purposes.

Mr. Brown's stock summer on the Cascade reserve, and he is opposed to the proposed exclusion of sheep and cattle from that region, as this move will drive nearly all the Crook, Wasco and Klamath stockmen out of the business, as sheep and cattle cannot be maintained on the prairies the year round.

Mr. Brown believes the government should permit stock to range on the reserve during the summer and fall months under such restrictions as the department of the interior might consider expedient in regard to setting out fires and the destruction of timber, but the government will go too far if it excludes stock altogether. He brought down a band of beef cattle over the Santiam trail for the local butchers of Linn county.

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Forest Reserves

The following letter, written from Hillsboro to the Oregonian may be of interest to those who are following the forest reserve discussion:

The question of the preservation of our forests, until they can be turned into a merchantable product, is one of vast importance to our state, therefore the following suggestions may be of interest, if not valuable, to those who have an interest in the matter:

This season offers an opportunity to employ what I deem the best means of preventing the ravages of forest fires. Much of the debris on the ground in our forests would now burn, if properly fired, and there is no danger of devastating fires getting started this fall. It is very seldom, if at all, that valuable timber is injured by fire, except where there is a large amount of dry, dead material on the ground. This debris consists of the tops and broken trunks of fallen trees, limbs broken off by snow and wind, the fallen leaves, etc. These when very dry, burn with great heat, and thus the fire is carried to the tree tops, where the real damage is done. In fir timber forests fires do little or no damage so long as the leaves are not burned off the trees. Therefore, if systematic work be done by firing extensively over tracts where there is much offal, not only the danger of fires can be averted, but much useless material be put out of the way.

I believe that the interests of the forests of this state would be better protected if the officers now in the field, instead of being provided with handcuffs and weapons, were well supplied with matches, to use and give away. Of course, this is the other extreme, and between the two extremes lies the true means. It may be argued that it is impracticable to burn out this debris as above indicated, but every one knows that to prevent forest fires entirely is simply impossible. Therefore it is in the interest of all concerned to look for some better means of protecting this very important resource of Western Oregon.

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