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Senator Wilson should receive every encouragement from the people in the effort he is making to procure the abrogation of the immense forestry reserves created by ex-President Cleveland. The Pacific coast is the principal sufferer from this iniquitous measure, because more of its territory is embraced within the areas of the reserves than that of any other commonwealth. A glance at the outline map prepared and published by the Tacoma Ledger gives a more definite idea of the evil than can be gathered from mere statements of the extent of these reserves, showing as it does the skeletons of large counties left open to settlement and development, after the government has removed from the open public domain the lands with which it proposes to experimentally hold in their primeval condition.

The special edition of the Pendleton Tribune is before us. As to matter and substance, it fully covers Umatilla county and Eastern Oregon. The articles descriptive of the wonderful resources of Umatilla county and the Inland Empire are complete, and accurate in a statistical sense. While the typographical appearance of the edition would have been better had it been published from the home office instead of in Portland, the reading matter it contains, and the valuable information it gives, more than makes up for the typographical faults, and no one can afford to be without a copy. Athena is given a conspicuous place in the pages of the edition, and the article from the versatile pen of Attorney J. B. Huntington, reflects credit on the gentleman as a writer.

While it is not to be supposed that Great Britain is going to offer to spend of its substance in helping the United States in fighting its war there is no doubt that Great Britain more and more appreciates the fact as the years roll by that it is well for it to be on good terms with the United States, and that it can place more dependence upon the friendship of the latter than upon the friendship of any other nation, But just so long as England is the center of the money power this country will look upon its overtures with suspicion. In other words, England is not England at all. It is controlled, owned and operated by the great octopus which seeks empire over all the world. To talk of an alliance with such a power is worse than treason.

With butchers and packers scouring the country for live stock to meet current demands and paying remarkably good figures, and with large shipments coming in from California and elsewhere, the foolishness of selling off cattle and hogs to the low price reached is becoming apparent. Whether profitable or not to put grain at present prices into live stock, there is coming a time when it certainly will pay again, and when the expense and loss incident to restocking Oregon's depleted ranges and hog supply is counted the lack of wisdom and good judgment used will be very apparent.

England isn't the only nation that would be glad to make an alliance with the United States, but we have never had any occasion to make an alliance with a foreign nation, and we can conceive of nothing that would justify our doing so.

It is to be observed in reading the earthquake accounts of the San Francisco papers that the Spreckels building shakes much more in the Examiner than it does in the Call—a phenomenon which may not be altogether inexplicable. According to the Call the tall building swayed so little that a party of gentlemen of the San Francisco Club, who were playing billiards, never stopped, while by the accounts in the other paper the billiard balls engaged in a mad game of tag, chasing one another around the table and rattling like a dice box.—Ex.

The passing away of Sir Henry Bessemer has recalled the history of his great invention and its effect upon industries of the world. The production of steel in Great Britain increased many fold and there was a great reduction in the cost of manufacture. In cheapening steel the Bessemer invention has cheapened steel rails, engines, locomotives, bridges and all the factors of transportation. It has also created a new influence in civilization, and inaugurated changes of importance that have added greatly to the comforts and luxuries of life.

Foreign dispatches state that the referendum vote in Switzerland has resulted in popular approval of the proposed state purchase of the railroads of Switzerland at a cost of about a billion francs ($200,000,000). The vote was 384,146 in favor to 177,130 against. The bill thus indorsed was passed by the National Council by a vote of 98 to 29. According to recent official returns there are 2304 miles of railroad open for traffic in Switzerland on the five different lines. The government is projecting a loan for the purchase.

Editor W. C. Brann, of the Waco, Tex., Iconoclast, has paid the penalty for the vitriollic style of journalism which made him famous. It is only a question of time when somebody will call the turn on a man who converts his pen into a double edged knife and loses the governor off his balance wheel. A mobbing for Brann and the sad Gerald Harris tragedy in November failed to tone down the style of the Iconoclast, and last Friday, in a street duel, he was killed by Capt. M. T. Davies, who was in turn fatally injured, while stray bullets hit three bystanders.

Mr. T. T. Geer carried the primaries in Marion county. The question now is, will he carry the convention at Portland? And then if he carries the convention will he carry the state? That's where the shoe pinches.

J. W. Maloney, candidate for county recorder on the union ticket, will make a thorough canvass of the county during the campaign. "Jim" will make friends wherever he goes. He merits them and their votes, too.

The recent deadly fire in Chicago, when two elevator men kept the elevators carrying living freight to safety while the flames crackled all about, is another illustration of the bravery that is so ingrained in American humanity that it only needs the occasion to be manifested.

The Spanish editors who are demanding war with the United States would be employing their time more usefully in trying to alleviate the condition of the bread rioters in Spanish towns.

Oregon has lost an able man in the death of State Senator Samuel R. Hughes, of Forest Grove. He was a thorough business man, and was a progressive thorough-going citizen.

An English exchange observes: "Lord Salisbury lugged the conservatives into a contest which resulted in defeat." Salisbury should check such baggage.

General Weyler is quoted as denying that he had any mine laid in Havana harbor. But the people will believe the report of the torpedo in this case.

The Harney county republicans endorsed W. R. Ellis for congress. Harney county is a sort of an out-of-the-way place anyhow.

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April 15, 1898,

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