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The dispatches state that the British lion is restless. He won't be after the American eagle twists his tail over this Behring sea question.

Wind observations at the Eiffel tower show that at low velocities of fifteen miles an hour or less the velocity of the wind at the top of the tower is from four to five times as great as at the top of an ordinary building sixty-nine feet high, but as the velocity increases this difference decreases until at high velocities the difference is only as two to one.

The dispatches from England have been very warlike in tone the past few weeks. The Behring sea matter is of vast importance and should be settled by arbitration if possible.

The allotment of the Indian's severalty lands have yet to be made, and the sale of the residue advertised, which will take several weeks; but we can now begin to see the beginning of the long-winded end.—East Oregonian.

In ten states the farm mortgages exceed \$320,000,000. In Massachusetts, from 1875 to 1885, farm lands decreased in value \$5,029,142. In Michigan 47 4-10 per cent of the farms are mortgaged.

The marriage of American heiresses to poor, but titled foreigners, has become so common that it is considered quite the thing to be expected.

IS IT A REAL THREAT?

The New York World's Washington correspondent says that he is able to state upon the highest authority that the negotiations between Secretary Blaine and the British government looking to a settlement of the Behring sea controversy have been abruptly terminated by the British minister, and that Sir Julian Pauncefote has transmitted to the secretary of state a communication received from the London foreign office to the effect that should any vessel sailing under the flag of Great Britain be seized in Alaskan waters by United States revenue cutters, the entire British squadron lying off Victoria will be instructed to recapture the prize at any cost, and without regard to possible consequences.

It is now known that the instructions sent to the British Admiral in command of the naval squadron in the Pacific are of the same tenor as those transmitted to Sir Julian Pauncefote by Lord Salisbury. While under the laws of nations, recapture of Canadian sealers by British men-of-war would not, of necessity, constitute an act of war, yet the gravest apprehensions are warranted by the situation.

It is now known that no such concession has been made. The British minister and Lord Salisbury expected, it is said, that, inasmuch as negotiations were still pending, looking to the settlement of the Behring sea dispute, the United States would refrain from making war on the poachers, until an understanding could be arrived at.

Now that the cost of the pension list has been run up to \$167,000,000, or almost one-half the total income of the government and more than the cost of any military establishment in Europe, the Tribune calls a halt.

It declares that the further bills "elaborately urged by pension agents" cannot safely be passed without "imperiling the continuance of all grants," because a voting population of 12,000,000 will not long consent to pay more than half the entire revenue of the government to a twentieth of their number.

This is a good deal like the proverbial "locking the door after the horse is stolen." The revenues of the government are already mortgaged for a generation to come.

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PERSONAL AND PERTINENT.

Lord Salisbury seems of the opinion that a fleet of war ships is a great incentive to peace.

Miss Corrine Blackburn, daughter of Senator Blackburn, is a brunette, while her sister, Miss Lucille, is a blonde of the pure English type.

Brooklyn, N. Y., boasts of one distinction. It employs 500 men and can turn out 70,000 loaves a day, besides cakes of many kinds.

Charles Stewart Parnell is a close reader of American newspapers and American literature generally.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Senator Frye disappointed some of the ardent friends of the river and harbor bill because he did not antagonize the McKinley tariff bill with that measure, which is he in charge of, when Senator Morrill, in charge of the tariff bill, called up that measure and opened the debate thereon.

He said today that the bill would certainly pass, but he declined to express an opinion as to whether it would be signed by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. A. Watres, the republican candidate for lieutenant-governor in Pennsylvania, began life as a coal-picker and had much more independence of character than he can possibly have now as a Quay candidate.

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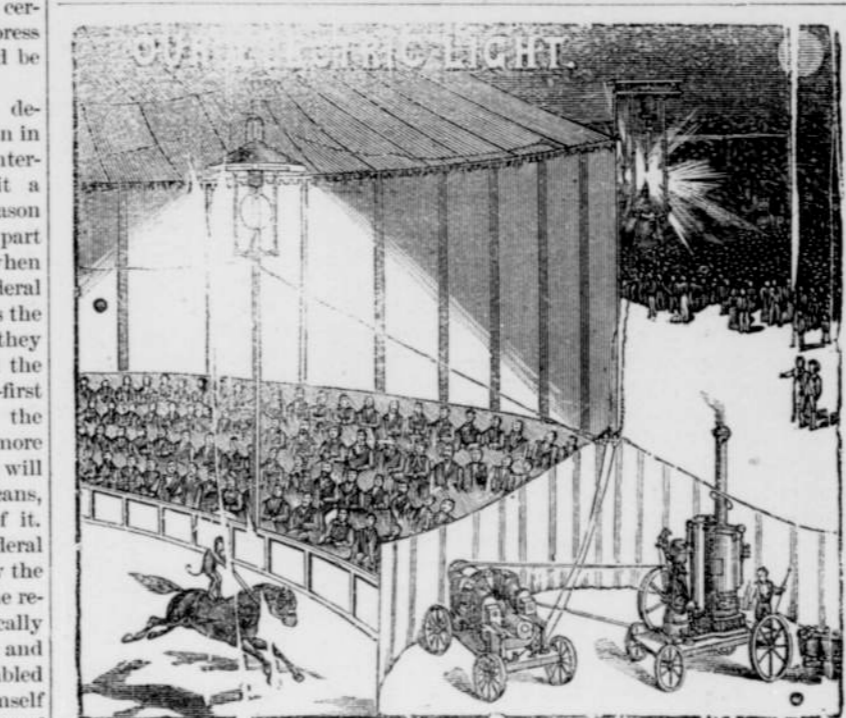
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