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THE TELLER RESOLUTION.

Forty-seven United States senators, several of whom do not favor the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, in support of the Teller resolution voted for what Senator Hoar vigorously declared to be a policy "which counsels this people to dishonor and to a violation of public faith" and the Massachusetts senator added, referring to the free silver men, that "they are seeking to commend that policy to the prejudices, not to the reason, of the people, by seeking to excite class against class, section against section, occupation against occupation, the poor against the rich and the laborer against the employer."

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COMMERCIAL RETALIATION.

The convention of stockmen at Denver the past week adopted a resolution approving all retaliatory laws passed by congress, or measures used by the diplomatic bureau of the government, to force upon the markets of the now unfriendly governments of Europe our live stock or the food products coming therefrom, and recommending a national league of stock growers throughout the world, with which this country cannot consistently deal fairly, but the unfair discrimination that exists, not only in regard to our meats but also as to other products, is what gives ground for complaint.

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retaliation? Is it not the wiser policy to seek to overcome the discrimination by reciprocity agreements, as was formerly done? Certainly every effort should be made in this direction before resorting to retaliatory measures, the effect of which might and probably would be to bring about a commercial war in which the countries of continental Europe would unite against the United States.

MILITIA AND THE PEOPLE.

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paid in the same money." But the workingman is quite as much if not more concerned than the bondholder in the maintenance of payments in gold or its equivalent, for as the Philadelphia Record pointedly says, "the bondholder personally might pocket his loss with less inconvenience than the man who should find his means of living hank taken away from him by the abandonment of the gold for the silver standard of measurement." The wage earner who supports free silver is blind to his own interests and to the welfare of his class. Cheap money, a depreciated currency, always has been and always will be a detriment to labor, which cannot, as has been abundantly demonstrated by the experience of our own country, protect itself against the evils inseparable from such a currency.

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that if Chinese ports are to be opened at all they must be opened to all nations alike. The Italian government is forced by its position to be friendly with Germany and Austria, but the tie of the triple alliance binds lightly.

ROOM FOR MORE.

All praise to that good woman who gave up her pension of \$8 a month because she had come to the conclusion that she did not really need it, as she had \$200,000 beside. Now let some of the others speak up.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

It is declared as the tabulation of the figures goes on, that the gross earnings of the railroads of the country for the last six months are an increase of \$75,000,000 over the corresponding six months of 1896. But the farmers' earnings show a vastly larger increase, and between the two groups an enormous amount of money is being put into circulation.

GENEALOGICAL ENIGMAS.

It is no easy task for the American of 1898 to find his eminent ancestor of the other side of the water. Genealogical trees grow quickly in the Garden of Edens, but when you have traced your line and paid for it, and carried it home, what a job to climb it! What a weary shadow it must cast over him!

JAPAN'S CUSTOM.

The Japanese are not a Christian nation, though missionaries from Christians have been in the islands time out of mind. When the Japanese give a name to a war vessel they do not, like Christian nations, make a mockery of a sacrament. It is the profanation of a Christian rite when a bottle of whisky is broken over the bows of a war ship and it is christened as the christ is.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

Gault has a hard pillow. Paradoxical as it may seem, it is not well for him to be alone. In a case of this sort "innocents go."

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Kansas City Journal. Dr. Talmage has heeded the scriptural injunction that it is not well for man to be alone. In a case of this sort "innocents go."

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Who Minds the Wind the Wind. If warmly attired? There are several kinds of warm attire—we have them all. The first essential is well fitting woolen underwear—We have the unusual kind, that really fit, at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.