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PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, MAR. 16, 1898. THE LOGIC OF REPRESSION.

The French Government seems to be drifting into the adoption of the Tory idea that the best way to silence inconvenient and annoying discussion is to prosecute their opponents and throw them into prison.

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offal of the animal and the cost of feeding it in transit. This economy, if competition enables it to reach the producer and consumer, is a direct benefit to both. It simply brings the two classes nearer together and diminishes the cost which must be divided between them of bringing the product from one to the other.

But having indicated this line of action the inventor turns around and recommends another measure which proposes to abolish the dressed beef business altogether.

In other words it first declares in favor of preserving free competition in an important line of business, and next tries to further the matter by abolishing it altogether.

And this unconsistency of the action is heightened by the fact that it is taken by representatives of the various States which are most interested in maintaining cheap transportation of meat from their distant ranches to the cities of the East!

The Western people are right in trying to abolish trusts. But to abolish the dressed beef business because a trust is suspected of controlling it, would be exactly like abolishing the refining of petroleum because a trust controls that business.

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policy in diplomatic appointments has been for a number of years the choice of incumbents for the mission at Rome. It seems to have become a superstition in the State Department that the Minister to Rome should be a man of unusual distinction in the fields of learning, a great scholar, or a book-worm at least.

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Acquiring a Tremor—Bardwell Slote Here—A Tooth as a Jewel—Odds and Ends.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

—Daniel Potter and his wife, of Salem, Mass., celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their marriage yesterday.

—Under the head of "Net Gains," a St. Louis paper contains the following: "Joy Paaz, of Cleveland, lost his wife the other day."

—A man at Walls, Walla, W. T., eats an egg for each year of his life on every birthday. He was recently 42 and ate that number of eggs on that day.

—The regulation step in European armies is longest in the German army and shortest in the Russian. The Belgian march is the slowest—110 steps to the minute.

—It is claimed that there are 5,000 tailors in and near Boston on the coast, because, as alleged, the local clothing manufacturers send their goods to New York City to be made up by the cheap labor of the toutsman house districts.

—Enterprise, even though it be of a funeral kind, is always appreciated in the West. And so there is not a little subdued rejoicing among the people of Walla, Walla, Wash., because that town can now support a funeral. The first funeral at which the vehicle was used occurred a few days ago.

—According to a financial contemporary the Russian Government has accepted the proposition made by a company, recently formed in St. Petersburg, for the construction of a canal to connect the Baltic Sea with the Sea of Azov. The canal will be 115 miles long, and will afford a passage to steamers drawing not more than 12 feet of water.

—A leading clergyman of Louisville was suddenly called away and a substitute preached to his congregation. The substitute had no sermon ready, and he used one of the regular minister's manuscripts. The congregation was much displeased, and the clergyman was much mortified.