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Now that the sugar schedule is out of the way, it seems probable that the tariff bill will soon reach a vote. This cannot happen too soon. Changing from one tariff rate to another always unsettles business and nearly always results, temporarily at least, in the loss of revenues by the government. When the Dingley bill goes into effect the first thing to expect is a decrease of revenues, and a consequent jubilation of the Democratic press; and yet it is only the natural sequence. The reason is evident. Wool, woolen goods, and all other products on which the Dingley bill will raise the duties, have been shipped into the country in immense quantities by speculators who desire to take advantage of increased prices. The result is that they reap the profit instead of the government for a little while. The market being supplied with certain classes of goods, no more are imported until these are sold, hence there will be a falling off in revenues.

The trial of the ghouls who dragged the body of Wm. Ladd from its grave, is going on in Portland. Rector, one of them, sets up the defense that he was simply going to rob a grave for the purpose of furnishing the body for dissecting purposes; that he did not know it was Ladd's grave that was to be robbed, and that when he did learn that fact he backed out, but was compelled by threats and fear of his life to proceed. The defense will not avail him, since he went to rob a grave, though not Ladd's, for the offense would have been the same. It is highly probable, and highly proper that the whole gang will soon be doing service for the state.

The secretary of the navy has ordered the warships Modadnock and Monterey to proceed to Portland as soon as ready for sea, and to arrive in time to participate in the Fourth of July celebration. The adjunct to Portland's celebration comes high, but the government can at least show the people what their money has been spent for. Both these ships are of the monitor pattern, and both formidable war machines in which the patriotic citizen on the glorious Fourth can take honest pride. The Oregon will not be sent to Portland, as she draws so much water her officers are afraid to bring her up.

The rate war between the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific goes merrily on. Commencing today the special trains to San Francisco will be withdrawn and the special rates will be given on the regular trains. In other words, the fare to San Francisco will be \$10 and \$5 on the daily trains, which will leave Portland at 6 o'clock p. m. The companies may not be making much money, but the traveling public are getting the benefit, if it is a benefit. Those who must travel save money by the change, while others who do not need to travel are induced to blow in their money.

In the readjustment of classifications and salaries of presidential postoffices made recently, Carson City, Nevada, was advanced from third to second class. As Nevada has in population steadily decreased, the remarkable growth of the post office patronage at first seems unaccountable. The explanation, however, is simple. The increase was

owing to the literary tastes of Corbett, Fitzsimmons, and all that gang of followers and admirers. Their correspondence swelled the receipts sufficiently to raise the postoffice to the second class.

Hawaii is going to be annexed to the United States in some shape. Circumstances compel it, the destiny of the country commands it. This being true, it is with much satisfaction that most good citizens will read the president's plan of preventing the Coolies already there coming to this country. That was the one serious objection to annexation, and that removed, the balance of the program becomes easy. The other territories being admitted, the state of Hawaii will round out the half hundred.

The little tug Dauntless has been released, and in less than six hours she put to sea, presumably to take on a cargo of arms and ammunition for the Cuban insurgents. She is properly named, and if Cuba should obtain her freedom, she should be purchased and kept as being, during the struggle for freedom, the Cuban's entire navy.

Weather Observer Pague has sent out circulars asking that the recipient thereof write him how much money or property had been saved him by receiving the river reports. We don't know how it was with others, but none of our vast wealth was exposed to the ravages of flood or fire, hence the reports did not save us anything.

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