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Christian, Henry Kirk White. Of course a drunkard would be a poor risk whether he was a deist or believed in the trinity, and a total abstainer, other things being equal, would be a good risk; but if, as is often the case, other things were not equal, a man who was both a Christian and a total abstainer might be a very poor risk. William Wilberforce, the only total abstainer of his time among public men and a devout Christian, did not live to nearly as great an age as Lord Brougham, a hard-drinking, loose-living old bachelor, who was almost 90 when he died. Brother Sheldon, we fear, would make a good many excellent risks by turning down the all sinners, and would make a good many losses by accepting all the saints.

Another wheat crop has to come down the Columbia Valley without the benefit of water transportation between Celilo and The Dalles. The outlook for ultimate remedy is probably brighter than it has ever been, but relief seems to be far from speedy in its promise. The Pacific Northwest is believed to be in a hands available to Northern Pacific provinces, and its completion, therefore, doubtless waits upon that railroad's construction down the Columbia into Portland, which so far is only a threat. The adverse possession of this project further operates as an effective bar to any temporary makeshifts in the way of a portage railroad around the obstructions, for the Celilo portion of such a road would have to proceed in the Washington direction, owing to difficulties of high water and O. R. N. prior occupation of the narrow strip on the south side. The State of Oregon, of course, would be stopped from operating on the Washington side, in any event. On the other hand, the Federal Government is at length definitely pledged to the Hartle plan of canals, and its completion can now be regarded as only a question of time. The recent session of an advisory board was for the purpose of gaining information for the determination of details, and as soon as the construction of this session are formulated the Engineer Corps is authorized to begin the actual work, funds for the purpose being available. Probably the best thing that can happen to the dalles undertaking is for it to be let alone. Possibly it is lucky on the whole that the proposal for a state portage road there in the Legislature of 1895 was defeated, as it might have scared Congress off, either by afflicting it with the excuse that it was already doing the work or else by demonstrating that the portage itself did little business. The report on the Hartle canal will probably be made in two or three months.

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questioning admirers, but it will not for a moment pass muster as reason or argument with thinking men who know what the tariff is and why it needs amendment. Little short of cross representation is the assertion that "we so hate and fear large corporations that we will destroy property rather than not destroy them." Nobody proposes to destroy property, either as an end or an incident. Do the shoe and leather men seek to destroy property in asking for free hides, or the woolmen in asking for free wool, or the tea merchants in asking for free tea? Is property to be enhanced by a tariff on an attractive coal, which only enables the operators to produce such conditions as are now being depicted at the Scranton inquiry? Does prosperity consist simply in the amassing of great fortunes by a few, or does it involve some consideration for the burden laid upon the masses by high prices on salt, paper, iron and steel?

And at its best, and with its every claim conceded, the prosperity argument is sordid. What is injustice, say you, so we or some of us are making money? What is robbery, so we all receive a share of the swag? What is fair dealing between man and man, between producer and consumer, between Government and taxpayer, provided the balance of trade is big and bank clearings show a per cent of gain? Prosperity cannot live by bread alone. Society cannot with impunity sacrifice its conscience to its belly and its bank account. The election of 1892 stands as a perpetual reminder that "let well enough alone" cannot prevail when convictions of unfairness are aroused, and the election of 1896 shows us how lightly the profit of a dishonest dollar sits in the scale of American public opinion, compared with the National honor.

What shortsighted philosophy is this that finds expression in the words "we need not hunt for disaster." Can the tariff devotees be so blind as not to know that in the hour of prosperity is the time to prepare for adversity? The time to furl the swollen sail is when the wind begins to blow too fresh, and not after the craft is breaking on the rocks. Mr. Reed and men like him refused to "hunt for disaster" under the Bland-Allison and Sherman silver regimes; but that did not prevent the panic of 1893 from swooping down to the paralysis of the tariff and the annihilation of their theories. It will be so with the tariff, if it can be reformed and saved now by its friends, or it will be turned over to disruption and discredit by its enemies. He is a faithless pilot who counsels gayety and inaction till the storm has struck.

Mr. Reed is dead, but the cause of tariff reform lives on. He has gone to his grave amid the sorrow and the veneration of an admiring people. But he has left behind him a monument to a declaration which future generations will regard as unwise and mischievous as his strenuous labors for "bimetalism" at a time when every stout heart was needed in the battle for the gold standard. The demand for abolition of special privileges under the tariff and for strict accountability from the corporations he so faithfully and ably served, which he sedulously but vainly sought to ally will never cease until it has been satisfied. The differences between the McKinley law and the Dingley law demonstrated the need for changes in the tariff. Every modification of the McKinley schedules embodied in the tariff law which Mr. Reed helped to frame and by which he steadfastly stood only proves the necessity for modification of the Dingley schedules in their turn, when they are made inadequate by the rapid movements of commerce and production in these strenuous times. The tariff schedules of 1895 are no more equal to the needs of 1902 than assessment rolls or census returns or the membership of that great popular body where the late ex-Speaker presided with such pre-eminence, ability and power.

TROUBLE WITH THE CHINESE. The opposition to the Burton amendment to the immigration bill in the Senate shows how strong is the anti-Chinese feeling in Congress. This amendment provided that where the number of laborers is insufficient for the development of a territory, Chinese laborers may be admitted. Hawaii is badly in need of labor, and so is Luzon. Great Britain has had to accept Chinese labor in her East Indian possessions, and our military authorities in the Philippines admit that Chinese labor is invaluable, because the native Filipino, like the Hindoo, will not do hard work. All the stevedores in Singapore and other great seaports of the East Indies are stalwart Chinese. Yet, in spite of the industrial value of Chinese labor, it is excluded in Australia, and in the United States, and the people of British Columbia are exceedingly hostile to it. The explanation of this hostility is found by European travelers who have visited the interior provinces of China to be largely in the fact that wherever the Chinese go they refuse to be denationalized.

Francis H. Nichols, author of "Through Hidden Shensi," says that the intense dislike of the Chinese for Christianity is because a Chinaman cannot become a Christian without becoming denationalized. The Confucian does not eat any ham, nor does he eat any Buddhistic food for the sake of his Christianity. Mr. Nichols says that while China needs Christianity so badly that without it she never can hope to take the place among the nations of the earth to which her vast population, the age and civilization of her people entitle her, nevertheless Christianity is repulsive because as it is expounded to China it means the denationalization of the people. The chart of Confucius relates more to material things and worldly duties to the known, not to the unknown. It makes no provision for a change in conditions either in the state or the individual; it recognizes no soul, no ideals, and as a result Chinese civilization has never changed. China does not lack ability to construct railroads and well-appointed hotels, to acquire knowledge of geography, to build postoffices and factories; but China does not appreciate the need of them. The chart of Confucius does not refer to them; China has grown very old without them; therefore they are useless.

The Chinese do not build railroads because they do not want them. They do not want anything that would necessitate a change in their methods or customs, and for this reason they do not want Christianity, whose spiritual element is just what their matter-of-fact religion needs and so entirely lacks. Even the enlightened statesmen of China, like Tuan Fang, the former Governor of Shensi, who saved the lives of all the missionaries in his province, do not like Christianity, for he recently said: "I am glad I did not permit murder, but I am convinced that the less heed we pay to the teachings of the missionaries the better it will be for our Confucius is better for us than Christ." It is so more a discredit for a man to be a Mohammedan in China than it would be for a British subject to be a dissenter from the Church of England. Mohammedans have schools and mosques, engage in business with Confucians, and their lives and property are always secure, but Christianity is dreaded and disliked because a Chinaman to become a Christian must not only experience a change of heart but he can no longer worship his ancestors. He must believe that they are damned for not having espoused a gospel that was never preached to them. He must undergo a complete revolution of opinions and sentiments; in order to become a Christian a Chinaman must be denationalized and in sentiment become a foreigner. Mr. Nichols thinks that there is hope for Christianity in China so long as the missionary is regarded as the man who turns Chinese into Americans and Englishmen and induces them to despise their country.

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SPRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS. Too Big to Be President. In the death of William B. Reed the country loses a man, who, like Webster, Clay and Blaine, was too big to be President. Could Have Found No Better Man. Eugene Register. The President will appoint John Barrett Minister to Japan to succeed Minister Buck, deceased. Thus Oregon is again honored, and a better man could not have been found for the place. Well-Merited Tribute to Efficiency. Seattle Times. The retirement of Warden Catron from the management of the State Penitentiary is another instance of the old doctrine of "to the victors belong the spoils." To this doctrine all parties are committed, and Mr. Catron is one of its victims. During his administration the management of the penitentiary affairs have been conducted along purely "business lines" and with credit alike to Mr. Catron and to the administration. But What's His Name? Baker City Democrat. The Democratic members of the Legislature are pledged to support Mr. Wood for the Senate. They will do so, but it will certainly have no effect on him. This fact is patent when the complexion of the present Legislature is considered. But there is a remedy. If Eastern Oregon will for once drop politics altogether and unite in electing a Senator from this part of the state, east of the Cascade Range, of course, he will be a Republican, and there will be no webs between his toes. Disown Their Children. Dallas Times-Mountaineer. So the blame (if there is any blame) must lie at the door of McBride and Moody, or perhaps Ellis, who was in Congress about the time some of the present incumbents were appointed. However, the statement of Mitchell and Simon, especially the former, will be taken with a grain of salt, especially by those who have seen the two Oregon politicians the past 10 or 15 years, for it would be difficult indeed for any one to pick out half a dozen Republicans who have been appointed to Federal positions in the state who had not been nominated by Mitchell. We regard that the two Senators who have disowned their own children. We do not accept the statement as true that there has been collusion between the land office clerks and the land-grabbers. And we would certainly have more respect for the Senators, especially Mitchell, if he would stand up boldly for the men under fire, and proclaim their innocence, and at the same time say he was responsible for their appointment. It Makes a Difference. Tacoma News. Seattle does not want San Francisco to succeed at the game Seattle herself tried to play at two years ago. There was then a competition for warehouse and wharf facilities at Tacoma or Seattle, and Tacoma offered the best facilities for the money. Whereupon the Seattle made a desperate effort to secure, secretly and by underhand means, an amendment to the best Seattle bid, and a committee of Seattle citizens had the nerve to tell President Mitchell to withdraw the Tacoma bid. But Seattle failed to carry her point. The Government secured facilities at Tacoma for handling supplies for the Army in the Philippines and Alaska which would and are superior to anything Seattle had or has to offer. If San Francisco fails in her efforts to secure the retention of the transport service, and in many respects, it may be regarded as a foregone conclusion that Tacoma—not Seattle—will handle the principal share of the traffic. 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