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THE PROBLEM OF TARIFF.

It is said that the problem of tariff revision is giving the Administration at Washington much concern. Well it should.

Speaker Cannon and the Republican leaders in the House also are much disturbed by the problem.

The object of protection is not to produce revenue for the treasury, but to check or prohibit importations and support high prices at home.

The chief profits of this system go to those who are enabled to control the domestic market.

It is not a few cases to increase them. This is what is meant by the clamor of each district for either its representative or for still higher tariff schedules.

The difficulty is aggravated by the opposition and clamor against articles of universal consumption not produced in this country.

It should not be impossible to secure legislation which would admit of the people enjoying these economies.

The stockholders of a non-paying road making a life or death struggle for existence in a territory where a better-managed and better-operated road is being built.

Articles of luxury, imported into this country, rare or costly goods and wares of all descriptions, should be taxed to the utmost they will bear.

Articles of common use should be charged with duties also, but the duties should be very moderate.

likely to that end under the stress of the demand for revenue. All possible taxes should be collected from liquors and tobacco.

The one fact that is apparent is that the names of the so-called protective restrictions have not been reached.

The indictment of three or four members of the famous moral squad by the grand jury is not a very brilliant triumph for justice.

March statistics tell a pleasing story of Portland's progress. We must go back many months to the height of the movement just preceding.

The managers of the Crittenton Home did not wait for the grand jury to suggest that the vacant ground belonging to that institution and surrounding the building be utilized for the benefit of the Home.

The primary law of California—that portion of it which relates to election of Senators of the United States—is "distant by some distance" from the primary law of Oregon.

One by one the articles that we may eat with impunity or immunity are banished by sanitary disclosures.

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