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PORTLAND, SUNDAY, DEC. 13, 1908.

BIG STICK IN TARIFF REVISION.

Mr. Taft gave unmistakable signals last week that he will be a controlling force, like his predecessor, and that the foes of tariff revision and of Roosevelt policies, who hoped the Big Stick would be laid on the shelf, will be sorely disappointed.

SCENERY AS AN ASSET.

The Boston Transcript in a recent issue criticized sharply the action of the Secretary of the Interior in granting to San Francisco the Yosemite National Park.

SHIPPING TRADE CENTERS.

Annals of commerce from the days of the Phoenicians are replete with instances showing the rise and fall of great cities.

WHERE REFORM IS OVERDUE.

The numerous Secretaries of the Navy who have adorned that important cabinet position since Mr. Roosevelt became President, whether regarded individually or collectively, have failed to give results that are at all satisfactory to the people.

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through its columns? Or the names of J. Parrish and H. K. Hines without recalling the genial presence of the patriarchs who bore them at many successive reunions of the Oregon Pioneer Association?

TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS.

The war cloud in the Balkans is still threatening, according to the latest dispatches from Turkey, Serbia and Austria.

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SILHOUETTES

By ARTHUR A. GREENE. The Panama Canal should at least yield one good scandal.

HEROISM'S TEST.

The press dispatches announce that a young man in Kansas escaped from a foot pad by biting him on the cheek!

MEMORIAM.

A cheer and a tear and a glass of wine For the days that will come no more. A boast and a toast to the scattered host Of the days of Auld Lang Syne.

MAZIE WAS A PALMIST.

Who might have been a palmer! If she hadn't met a literary fellow Who in the calmest kind of manner And the very best of grammar Sang a love song that was very, very meiler.

A LITTLE REMEMBRANCE.

A gentle and a good man died the other day; died as a gentleman should, standing up. They had warned him that he couldn't live long and that he should lie down and rest for a little while before he went away to take the longer rest that is in store for them who are weary and heavy laden.

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