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AMERICAN SHIPPING.
 In speaking on this important subject, the Wool Record says:
 It is to be hoped that the United States senate will not fail to act favorably upon the bill introduced by [redacted], providing for the [redacted] of the differential duty of [redacted] on all imports carried in foreign ships. This is a measure which should appeal to the patriotism of every member of both houses of congress.

It cannot be objected that this is a new policy. The bill in question simply proposes a return to the original policy of this government. The first act of the first congress under the present constitution provided for a differential tax, in addition to ordinary duties. The second act, approved only sixteen days after the first was passed, provided further protection for our merchant marine by discriminating tonnage dues ranging from 6 cents per pound to 50 per cent per pound. In 1794 the law was so amended as to provide for another increase of duty of 10 per cent, on all imports in foreign ships. The protective effects of that measure were almost magical.

In 1804 the general tariff duties were increased 2.5 per cent, and accompanying this change there was a proviso that "an addition of 10 per cent, shall be made to the said additional duty in respect to all goods imported in ships or vessels not of the United States." This was substantially a continuation of the policy of 1794.

The removal of that protection has lost to American ships not less than an annual average of \$150,000,000, or a grand total of \$10,350,000,000 for the last sixty-nine years. This humiliation should cease.

It is a strange situation in which the Dalles finds itself regarding the matter of a woolen mill. There is every facility possible to be found here for the establishment of such an industry. Pendleton has one which is doing a prosperous business, and Pendleton has not one-half the advantages in such a line as has the Dalles. Dallas, a little town in the Willamette valley, possesses a woolen mill employing quite a number of men, and which has all the orders it can fill. And yet the Dalles, which ships wool to other places, has to buy blankets from Salem, Pendleton and these other towns, which are more progressive in some respects than we are. The woolen mill at Salem has not only furnished employment to many operatives, and thus aided in creating a demand for goods of all kinds, but it has actually made money for its owners. The Dalles is on a good business foundation, but it is a pity to see opportunities wasted which would be productive of so much good.

There seems to be wide diversity of opinion among the leaders of the silver party as to whether their cause is a growing or a dying one. Ex-Governor Horace Boies of Iowa has declared that the proposed free coinage of silver was a dead issue, and that the politicians themselves had better so consider it. On the other hand, Bryan is headed for Walla Walla, Washington, to tell the people that those who don't vote for free silver have no understanding of what's good for them. As talking is now his sole business, no one will object to Mr. Bryan getting all the jobs at it he can, but there is no prospect that the next few years will see the overwhelming change he predicts. The country is getting ready to be prosperous, and though

it will take time to undo past mischief, prosperity will come. But it never will come if coupled with the free coinage of silver.

Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office at Washington, has been engaged for several weeks in the preparation of rules and regulations governing the forest reserves of the United States, and has about completed that work. These rules and regulations are submitted to the secretary of the interior for his approval. These regulations will involve the care of the 41,000,000 acres of the land reserved. They will cover all lands available for mining, grazing and forestry and for the purposes of settlement. The execution of the commissioner's plan will involve an elaborate survey, which has recently been commenced under the supervision of the geological survey.

NEW QUARRYING METHOD.

An Albany Man Now Cuts Stone with Wire Rope.
 Those who have indulged in deep sea fishing know how the fish line cuts deeply into the hard wood of the gunwale as it is hauled in while taut. Even an iron protection, after a time, shows the wear of the rope, which is comparatively soft. This gives a clue to the invention of an Albany quarryman for cutting stone. Instead, however, says the Detroit Free Press, of hemp, he proposes to use wire rope, and with this he will carve the marble and stone right out of its native bed. The wire is wound in strands, and has a very rough surface, powerful machinery gives a strong and steady strain, and the stone, yielding to the constant wear, parts, with smooth edge. It would be easy enough to cut the blocks after they are removed from the quarry, but where the cleverness of the inventor comes in is devising mechanism that can be applied to the stone while in the quarry. This is effected by sinking two parallel channels in the quarry to a depth of little greater than that of the lowest level of the stone to be cut. The channels may be from 20 to 100 feet, or more, apart. At the bottom of each is made a small hole to receive the foot ends of the shafts of the machine. This is the only preparation of the quarry that is necessary. The ropes, which are coiled on huge drums, are then passed around the channels, and as the drums revolve the cutting proceeds. Suitable brakes are provided for the regulation of the speed and pressure. The ordinary speed of the strand is 800 feet a minute, so that a mile length of it passes in six minutes. While the strand is moving, crushed stone or chilled shot and water can be introduced to increase the attrition. Far better, however, than either of these is a composition obtained from the tailings of a magnetic iron separator, which costs about one-tenth as much as the chilled shot. It does not leave the lines caused by the shot, and it can be used over and over again.

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Two Merits of the Competitive Educational System.
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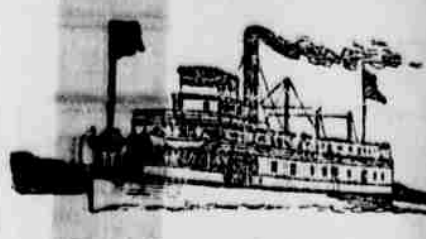
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