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THE DUTY OF DEMOCRATS.

If the Senate bill should reach the House, they should strike out the parts increasing duties and let the rest go through. The people will not get much relief during the next four years, but it is not the part of the Democracy to obstruct the little the trusts may be inclined to give them.—San Francisco Examiner.

We don't quite think so. The issue between the Democratic and Republican policies of taxation, as expressed in the two platforms last summer, was sharply drawn and well-defined, and should be adhered to. The Democrats ought to stand squarely by their colors, and not yield an iota to the idea of lessening taxation on luxuries, in order that it may be maintained on the necessaries. The victory was with the Republicans and high tariff, it is true, but this is only one battle; the war is not over.

If any Democrats were converted by the election to the idea that high taxation of necessaries is a benefit, they may be excused for supporting Republican measures which may lessen the revenues, but which will not decrease tariff taxation; but all Democrats who believe they are right should go ahead.

The victory is only delayed. The cause is not lost.

DESERVED COMMENDATION.

The Alta California has the following strong but deserved words of commendation for Mr. Cleveland's message:

"The subject matter and manner of the message settle two things. Grover Cleveland is the leading statesman of his age and time, and his country has not made the last call for his honorable service. The message shows that the late election settled nothing, except that for the present it needed less elevated and statesmanly qualities than his in the Presidency, and so it chose another for the time being.

"The President presents the argument for revenue reform and a juster taxation, with a matchless mastery of statement, and arguments that cannot be answered. The Republicans in the House are reported to have heard his exposure of the effects of trusts and combines with "derisive laughter," but what they could only answer with a sneer will be read with different emotions by the country, and will be remembered long after the forced laugh has been forgotten and the laughers have been retired from power.

"Any American who reads it with heart and head free from partisan prejudice, will see in its author the finest type of citizen yet developed by our institutions, and in his high genius that faculty of old which was called the gift of prophesy, but is now known to be the rare and precious gift of statesmanship."

JUDGING from the following from the Goldendale Sentinel, prohibition in that town don't prohibit with the utmost success. It complains thus:

"The people of Goldendale voted on several occasions against the saloon, but they did so expecting that the evil influences of the saloon would be removed, and many have been disappointed. If prescriptions for whisky are allowed to be filled repeatedly; if prescriptions are allowed to be provided for the drug store indiscriminately, and the purchaser not even know he has a prescription on file; and doctors are allowed to issue prescriptions to men whom he knows wants the liquor to use as a beverage, the farce should be discouraged by granting a saloon a license."

A KANSAS CITY man, who has just returned from England, says the Mills bill is very obnoxious to English manufacturers, for it reduces the tariff on raw materials, which means that American manufacturers will get them as cheaply as the English, who will suffer thereby.

THE Oregonian styles the proposal to elect the President of the United States by a direct vote of the people as "an impudent proposition." Of course; anything that would defeat the juggling machine by which the Republicans can only succeed, is "impudent."

THE Salem Statesman is also preparing to publish an illustrated New Year's edition.

AT THE trial of Hronck, the anarchist, recently convicted in Chicago, a witness testified that upon President Cleveland's visit to that city, Hronck had a dynamite bomb prepared to throw into the President's carriage, but was dissuaded from doing so by one of his comrades.

SENATOR BLAIR expects now to get his his Educational bill through Congress. It appropriates about $82,000,000 from the Federal Treasury, to be given to the States as a prize for illiteracy. It will collapse the surplus very suddenly.

THE Indianapolis Journal, Mr Harrison's organ, relieves itself by this refreshing bit of honesty:

"The campaign being ended, there is no longer a necessity for dwelling on the dangers of free wool and the awful inquity of the Mills bill."

EAST PORTLAND is fortunate. It has no Chinatown. The limited number of Chinese laundrymen who ply their vocation in that town all occupy rented houses, from which they can be ejected at any moment.

WE print to-day a sensible communimunication from J. B. Eddy on the tax question. We hope many others to whom the questions were sent will respond.

THE London Times speaks of the President as "old Cleveland." The editor is evidently an old blackguard, though not so effensive a blackguard as some editors nearer home.

A CINCINNATI paper bled some of The Dalles people for the promised publication of an article on that city which never appeared. Money thus spent is generally money thrown away.

THE Arlington Times, notwithstanding the candidacy of Hon. E. L. Smith, of The Dalles, favors Hon. D. P. Thompson for Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives.

ALTA: Conscience is defined by a Boston preacher as "a sense of oughtness." What is needed also is a sense of don'tness.

CLEVELAND carried Grant county by 22 plurality. Hermann had a large majority in June; and many sheep are raised there.

THE Republican majority in Multnomah county in November was 602 less than in June.

NATURALIZATION OF CHINESE.

KAMELA, Or., Dec. 6, 1888.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian.

You will confer a favor by informing me through the columns of your paper if a Chinamen can take out naturalization papers and become a citizen of the United States. A SUBSCRIBER.

The original naturalization law read: "An alien, being a free white person, may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States or any of them," etc.

In the Revised Statutes the words, "being a free white person" are omitted, making the section read, "an alien may be admitted." The omission, however, was an inadvertence on the part of the revisers, and the color qualification is still law.

In the case IN RE Ah Yup, reported in 5 Sawyer, p. 155, the Supreme Court of the United States decided that persons of the Mongolian race cannot be admitted to citizenship. Neither can a half-breed Indian, (IN RE Camille, 6 Sawyer, p. 541.) By special enactment the naturalization laws are extended over persons of African descent.

Chinese have been naturalized in some of the States, but such naturalization is void.

In Oregon, the naturalization of Chinese is prohibited by the constitution, (Art. II., Sec. 6.)

Hotel Arrivals.

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