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The Other Side.

A CORRESPONDENT who thinks that the remarks in yesterday's issue in favor of free trade were hardly logical enough to suit his protective ideas, favors us with a lengthy communication in reference to the alleged impetus that protection gives home industry. He claims that the theory and argument of American protectionists have always been that a tariff on foreign importations would be somewhat of hindrance, or preventive, of such importations, thereby raising and keeping more steady and uniform the selling price thereof, and thus rendering investments in home manufactures more certain of fair profits, and therefore more likely to be made by capitalists or persons otherwise disposed to enter into manufacturing business.

"The protectionist's theory has proven correct. No one conversant with the history and progress of the United States the past forty or fifty years can show wherein they were at fault. The cry is everywhere, even in the heretofore pent up Southern states, and in Portland, Oregon, where the Oregonian, for the past few years has so persistently advocated free trade (in railroad materials, etc.) for more manufactures, more manufacturers, more factories, in the city. Well, they are sensible. That process, whatever it is, which converts a pound of wool, worth 25 cts., into four dress goods worth \$3, or a pound of iron ore worth one-fourth of a cent into watch-springs worth 500 cents, or a cord of oak wood worth \$2, into cabinet wares, veneering, etc., worth \$50 or \$500, is a very desirable thing to have in any country or city, even; and the two five or ten intelligent artisans, mechanics or manufacturers required to do that converting, and who live in our houses, buy our city lots, and eat our produce, are desirable accessories to any country, community or city.

Which is the surer way of getting such neighbors? to keep up the production or open our ports to free trade? The time has been when protection and protection tariff laws needed advocates, when we had a Clay, a Webster, a Greeley and their co-workers. They did their work well. They won their battles, the American people have reaped too great a reward from their victories, to go back on them in this generation."

Our correspondent forgets that the time to which the twenty-five millions of a generation ago marked time and kept step, is hardly up to the requirements of the twice twenty-five millions of the present generation.

CALIFORNIA exchanges are still agitating "the old, old story," "How shall we stop the Chinese?" After all that has been said and sung about them, they still abide. The laws of supply and demand are no more liable to violation than any other of nature's immutable edicts. Just as long as the Chinese find employment here, just so long we will have them with us. If you want John to go, don't employ him; no one is to blame for his presence here but the state of society that first made his presence a necessity.

Civil Service Reform.

EX-SECRETARY WINDOM now publishes for the first time a plan of civil service reform upon which, it is said, the President looked with favor, but which could not be discussed, much less inaugurated, owing to the assassination of the latter about the time the matter was first thought of. The main features of the proposed innovation consisted of the allotment to each state of its quota of appointments and the filling it, after a kind of competitive examination, by state boards; the object being to secure in all cases competent persons, properly distributed among the several states. That some reform in the civil service is necessary has grown to be an axiom, but so far all attempts to improve the present system have been, as most of them were intended to be, total failures. The great trouble arises from the unwillingness of the "Ins" to make any change. There ought to be a fair division of clerkships among the states; there should be no appointments of incompetent persons, and neither appointments nor removals should, in any manner, depend upon the political opinions of the clerks themselves, or the political necessities of the party which happens to be, for the time being, in power. It is to be regretted that Mr. Windom had no opportunity to proceed in the matter, as the plan; so far as developed, seems practical. His successor, however, can avail himself of the suggestions of the late Secretary, and can add to them if he should see fit. Judge Folger's views on the subject are awaited with interest.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL DRUM, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, states, among other things, that some five hundred photographs of all the general officers commissioned by President Lincoln during the war have been collected, and supplements the same by a request for their publication as an illustrated army register. It is very doubtful if such a picture gallery would be interesting enough to the people at large to compensate for the expense of an illuminated army register in addition to the regular issue. There is not the slightest objection to the survivors of these five hundred gentlemen exchanging albums, in which their five hundred photographs shall appear, provided they assume the responsibility for the same, and, what is of practical importance, foot the bill.

It is amusing to see the courtship and attention shown to Villard by the people of Portland, Astoria and the Sound, each one striving to rival the other in his praise and adoration. By each of them he is lauded to the skies and borne to the ethereal regions in winged chariots. By each of them he is regarded as a god and they smile "if he but carelessly nod" on them. It is just that he be treated with proper respect, but their zeal should not betray them beyond reason and discretion. — P. C. Itemizer.

Will the P. C. L. point to one instance of Astoria's showing a "courtship," or "attention" to the person in question. Tell the truth, man, if you can.

If the reduction of the public debt proceeds at the present rate it will be wiped out before the present generation of small children get old enough to vote, it being estimated that the decrease for the month of October was more than fifteen millions of dollars. The expense during the month, pensions included, were about sixteen million dollars, while the receipts were more than double, about thirty-six millions.

IMMEDIATELY after the adjournment of the Mississippi River Improvement convention, which adjourned ten days ago at St. Louis, the New Orleans Board of Trade passed a series of resolutions endorsing all that the St. Louis convention had done, and "standing in" with their northern brethren in the demand for an unobstructed highway to the sea.

Of all the steamships that ply between the United States and foreign countries not one sails under the American flag. — Cook Bay News.

That is a mistake. There has been an American line of steamers plying between the United States and Liverpool for eight years.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that no ambitious Congressman can hope to succeed if he oppose the improvement of the Mississippi river. For "Mississippi" read "Columbia," and the expression fits the case here.

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