

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA OREGON: THURSDAY..... DEC. 15, 1881. J. F. HALLORAN..... Editor. Secretary's Report.

SECRETARY of the Treasury Folger, in his exhaustive report gives due prominence to matters of present import. In the matter of reducing taxes he says that the rapid reduction of the public debt and the increase of surplus in the treasury now present the question to congress as to whether there should not be a reduction of the taxation now put upon the people. It is estimated that if the present rate of receipts and expenditures is kept up, the public debt now existing may be paid in the next ten years. In view of the large sum that has been paid by the present generation upon the debt, and of the heavy taxation that now bears upon the industries and business of the country, it seems proper that another generation should meet a portion of the debt, and that the burden now laid upon the country should be lightened. It is to be considered, too, whether the seeming influence of the treaty does not provoke expenditures larger in amount than a wise economy would permit, and upon objects that would not meet with favor in a pinched or moderate condition of the Federal exchequer. In some quarters there is already talk of an overflowing treasury, and projects are put forth for lavish expenditure, not only to the furtherance of public works of doubtful legitimacy and experience, but in aid of enterprises no more than quasi-public in their character.

It is for congress to determine whether there shall be a reduction of the revenue derived from taxation. If it does this, it will be important to know how it may best be effected. The statement from the Internal Revenue shows the income of that department to be \$135,164,385 for the year ending June 30th, 1881, and that was in excess of the preceding year by \$11,254,301. A large part of this was from the tax on spirits, tobacco and fermented liquors. A tax on these articles is a tax on appetite or indulgence—legitimate subjects of taxation when taxation is needed. A reduction on that tax is not recommended.

Other objects from which internal revenue is derived are stamps on bank checks and matches. The former is a tax on business and is somewhat irritating and hampering in its nature. The latter is a tax on an article of hourly necessary consumption by all classes. It is urged by some that the abolition of the stamp tax on matches would not reduce the price of the article to the consumer. That objection does not seem well founded, when the cost of the stamp is in so large a ratio to the cost of the article when stamped, and when the economy of purchasing stamps in large quantities give to capital an advantage in the manufacture of an article.

There is also a duty derived from proprietary stamps. An abolition of a revenue from these three sources would be an equal lessening of the burdens. The tax on deposits in national banks and upon their capital, in the judgment of the Department, may with propriety and justice be lessened, if not entirely removed, whenever it is determined that the public revenue exceeds the public needs. The tax on circulation is different in its nature. It is a tax on the franchise of profit to the favored grantee, and upon a subject in the furnishing of which to the national banks the Government is at an expense. This seems a reason that while taxation is a means of meeting the Governmental expenses this tax should not be among the first taken off. There are other minor sources of internal revenue that might be given up,

keeping that from spirits, fermented liquors and tobacco.

The other source of revenue where reduction may be made is customs. It already appears that revenue from customs for the year ending June 30th, 1881, was \$198,150,676, being an increase of \$11,637,616 over the preceding year. The attention of Congress is called to the present method of classifying the duties collected upon sugar, molasses and melada, with a recommendation upon the part of the Secretary.

A PHILADELPHIA special reports Villard as saying in answer to the question: "Will the Northern Pacific use the O. R. and N. company's line after striking the head waters of the Columbia river?"

"It will use for the present the O. R. & N. Co.'s line from the confluence of Snake and Columbia rivers and along the south of the latter for a distance of about 200 miles. The Northern Pacific propose building a line of its own on the northern bank of the Columbia, which it will, of course, use when it is completed."

When asked "Will the road be built from Ainsworth to Tacoma?" he replied, "Yes, the Cascade branch. The final reports of the engineers upon the several surveys are not yet made and can hardly be completed owing to the severe season before spring. The company will, however, build the branch, and if a definite choice of routes can be made in season, work will be commenced from Ainsworth during the ensuing year. The road will pass through Yakima valley, a rich wheat producing country."

The latest expression from the experts in the Guiteau case indicates a difference of opinion in relation to his insanity. Now is a good time to get a definition of that word.

ENGLISH journals comment unfavorably on Arthur's message. This is sad.

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Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fishermens Packing Company will be held at their office in Upper Astoria, on the 28th day of December, 1881, at 9 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may come before the meeting. By order of the President, BENJ. YOUNG, Sec.

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