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Change.

THE discussion of the tariff question promises to be the most prominent feature of national attention till the system different in the present one is established. Time was when the free trade issue was a party boundary line, the Democracy being its advocates. A generation ago it ceased to be an active principle of political faith and became a convenient phase for persuasive election appeals. The questions of slavery and the war took up the public attention then, and now, after a slumber of twenty-five years, the question is again brought forward as a live issue. It is no longer a party question; many Democrats favor protection; multitudes of Republicans advocate free trade. The South has changed front, and formerly solidly against the tariff, is now by reason of new interests almost wholly in favor of protection.

EVEN lethargic China is reaching out for a share of the world's ocean carrying trade. The Tribune chronicles the fact that the first of a regular line of Chinese steamers entered the Thames on the 7th ult. with a cargo of tea. While the oldest and least progressive of the great nations of the earth is thus beginning to ship her products under her own flag, the youngest and most energetic continues to load the vessels of all her rivals with the rich freightage of her fields, and makes no attempt to compete with them upon the element where she once acknowledged no superior. How long is America to sit idly by the tide, seeing the great ships come and go, and doing nothing to regain the place she once held upon the seas?

A PLEASANT little effort is now being made in congress to engineer a "Nicaragua canal" scheme through. It is to be incorporated, with U. S. Grant as president; a capital stock of one hundred million dollars; the government is asked to guarantee three per cent. per annum interest on the cost of construction for twenty years; that amount is to be paid back to the government out of the proceeds of the enterprise. It looks fishy, and should be killed. If it will pay, private capital can soon be made to see it; if it is only a venture the government should not be saddled with the expense of an experiment.

It is argued in certain quarters with great show of plausibility that the appointing power of the President should be curtailed and certain offices be made elective that are now in the gift of the Executive. It is a good plan, and would make increased business for a certain useful class of persons. If postmasters, judges, revenue collectors, marshals, etc. were elected by the people it would involve an extra election every year and thus increase an important branch of lucrative industry.

THE fact that the Mormons are extending their power in Utah and adjacent territories to such an extent that they control politics and government in that section, is used as an argument that 'tis time for the general government to interfere and suppress an institution that is a blot upon its fame.

TIMOTHY HOWE, of Wisconsin, the new Postmaster General, has had eighteen years experience in the U. S. Senate, and during that time gained considerable celebrity as chairman of committee on claims. He is a stalwart, and, it is said, owes his promotion to the efforts of that great man, U. S. Grant.

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HERMANN'S LETTER.

Portland's Disappointments this Year—Where will the Men Come from to Build Railroads?—Political.

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PORTLAND, Dec. 30.

While the year which closes tomorrow has been more than ordinarily prosperous, it did not take the strides that even the more conservative among the proverbially conservative people of Portland looked for when the railroad boom of 1880 had its start. In two things especially was Portland disappointed; the narrow-gauge road did not come—and I may remark parenthetically, never will come—here, and rail connection with The Dalles was not made. That the Scotch company did not finish and put into operation their surveyed line from the junction of the east and west side divisions, opposite Ray's landing, to the foot of Madison street in this city, is a matter of serious regret, not only to the people of Portland, but to the farmers of Willamette valley and to the British gentlemen who inaugurated the enterprise. The latter were too hasty in allowing the road to pass from their control, and now

SEE THE ERROR.

Last May Mr. P. M. Cochran, a capitalist of Dundee, one of the managing directors of the narrow gauge road, came here to exercise a general supervision of affairs. One trip over the lines convinced him that the road would yield handsome dividends, but before his report reached his colleagues at home, they had concluded negotiations with Mr. Villard's agent for a lease. Two days before the directors' meeting at Dundee, which was to formally ratify the contract, Mr. Cochran telegraphed them, urging postponement until a full report from him was received, but negotiations could not be broken off, nor even delayed, without breach of honor. Mr. Cochran remarked often afterwards, "If my colleagues had only been here, or if I could have talked to them half an hour, Mr. Villard would never have got hold of the road." He showed his confidence

In Oregon by investing during his summer's stay, a little over \$150,000 of his private fortune in Portland real estate.

Scarcity of men alone prevented completion of The Dalles division, and Portland will have to wait till next September before they ride east of the mountains by rail. The great question now agitating the minds of those who want to speculate in real estate—and their name is legion—is the location of the O. R. & N. Co.'s depot. It will be built either on the south Portland grounds, at Albina, in Holladay's addition to East Portland; in East Portland proper, or in Conch's lake west of Answorth dock; to be more specific, somewhere between St. Johns and Oswego. Just exactly where, no one knows except the managers, and they won't tell.

This scarcity of men is a very serious problem. Whatever may be the feeling of those interested with regard to legislation in the matter of freight charges, every one wants railroads built. The O. R. & N. Co. and Northern Pacific at no time this year had half the number of men they could profitably employ, and next year they will be worse off. They want to complete 300 miles of the main line up Clarks fork toward Missoula; 150 miles across the Blue mountains to Baker city; a branch from the big bend of the Palouse to Ritzville, 50 miles; one line northwest, and one southeast from Colfax into Idaho, aggregating 60 miles; the link from Portland to Kalama, 40 miles; the extension from Roseburg to Siskiyou mountain, 150 miles; the uncompleted portion from Portland to the Cascades, 25 miles—775 miles in seven working months! They can get powder, machinery, tools, provisions, horses and engineers, but not the 12,000 or 15,000 men required. I was told by a gentleman in a position to know, that the managers were seriously contemplating the expediency of sending two of the new colliers, lumber laden to Hongkong and each return with 2000 Chinese which number a steamer can conveniently carry. It looks, in the light of the past year's experience, as though such a step is absolutely necessary.

Portland to-day is no better prepared to accommodate the trade which the Northern Pacific railroad will bring than it was two years ago. Of this I will speak in a future letter. Still there is much room for congratulation on New Years day. Neither the small pox, scarlet fever nor diphtheria assumed epidemic form, though at times each seriously threatened this community. Holders of real estate have made money, and merchants are satisfied with fall sales. All the newspapers are flourishing, and politicians

—the town is full of them—are giving voters much needed rest. But how things will boil in March getting ready for legislative nominations. Multnomah county elects eight representatives next June. I could name fifty Republicans who in view of a vote on United States senatorship and on the question of regulating freight charges, are willing to sacrifice themselves for three dollars a day, stationery, postage stamps, &c. &c. No doubt there will be a great deal of *et cetera* in the lobby.

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