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The Tariff.

This vexed question comes next in order. There has been a good deal of maneuvering for positions by the two parties in congress. One class desired to take up the schedule of duties item by item, and adjust the rate in committee of the whole. The other proposed to refer the same subject to a committee which should agree as far as possible on minor details, and report any material difference in principle. The bill for referring the tariff to a commission was so low down on the calendar that its friends were fearful that it could not be reached in time. The other side equally impatient for the fight agree to aid in passing over and otherwise disposing of the intervening bills, so that a fair comparison of views may be anticipated at an early day. Both free traders and protectionists have, however, undergone a material modification of the ultra doctrines of the past. There are few who now deem all indirect taxation unconstitutional, and think it the bounden duty of Congress to discriminate against protection. On the other hand many of those who favor protection as a means of fostering American fabrics into competition with the foreign article, think it is time to take down the scaffold when the building has been erected. There are those who insist upon maintaining the duty on sugar for revenue only, but are unwilling to vote a tax on foreign cloths or shoes because it reduces or destroys the receipt of revenue from that source. The protectionists have always been in favor of liberal expenditures because it continues the necessity for high duties, and they even promise a reduction of internal revenue by seventy-five millions upon the same motive. It is just possible that enough members may cross over on each side to deprive either of the parties to which they belong of the right to charge the Democrats with being free traders, or the Republicans with being exclusive protectionists. If the matter could be taken from the political arena to the purer field of statesmanship, it would be better for the country.

It seems that hundreds of people wrote to Garfield, suggesting matters which they thought should be included in his letter of acceptance. This surprises General Grant, who wrote his own letter of acceptance off-hand, and did not trouble himself to give any expression of his views on public questions. But the circumstances were quite different. Hayes was elected on the strength of his admirable letter accepting the nomination and his promise not to be a candidate for a second term. His letter was of so much importance that Garfield could do no less than follow his example, and his letter had more influence during the campaign than the platform formally adopted by the convention. On the Chinese question, he repeated and emphasized the declaration in the platform which so many Republican politicians have lately repudiated to the lasting disgrace of themselves and their party.

The veto power on the part of the sovereign exists in England, but has not been exercised for two centuries. It is practically obsolete, and to revive it would be regarded as a dangerous act of usurpation, and almost revolutionary. It will be better for the United States when this extraordinary power on the part of the President is circumscribed with definite rules, and limited only to the most critical occasions. It might be safe for the people if it did not exist at all.

Virtue Its Own Reward.

The Philadelphia Record has recently lost one of its ablest writers, and in making mention of the fact the Philadelphia Press incidentally illustrates the fact that self-abnegation is one of the penalties of journalism, even to the most successful of its followers. The Press says: "The death of Charles Henry Foster, one of the editors of the Record, was announced yesterday. Not many of the thousands to whom the news came with the morning paper ever heard his name before, and yet there are few men whose lives have been more unostentatiously useful, or more quietly heroic."

The clergyman has the stimulus of living and admiring congregations and the advantages of utterances that are—to his believers—except from controversy or criticism; he has also his vacations and the social backings of a host of active friends, but the man who devotes his life to journalism, works unceasingly, lives unknown, and dies in obscurity, and yet such men as Foster, and thousands of others, by their daily contact with the minds of the people do not live or die in vain. They have the consciousness that they are of the salt of the earth. It is enough for them to know that their work is done, and if they make it a matter of conscience, and do it well, they must in some way reap their earned reward, if not here, then in some bright and airy mansion of the sky.

There is great commotion in England about the construction of the tunnel under the British channel to connect with France. It resembles the outcry raised in America against the Panama canal scheme of Lesseps. 'Tis said that the tunnel cannot be built any way, on account of geological obstructions which are insurmountable. Then, it should not be allowed, because the Frenchmen might come through it some night and capture the Kingdom. The idea that the Englishmen might make such an excursion into France, has not yet dawned upon them. The fact that either government can flood it any moment ought to refute such objections. The bottom of the opposition is the steamship and transportation interest. They are making use of the plea of public safety there, as our speculators have been using the Monroe Doctrine.

The absurdity of allowing private claims by Congress is well illustrated by a recent bill which passed the Senate to pay two thousand dollars to an army officer. It appears that this man, thirteen years ago, was stationed on the frontier and occupied a log house. It was burned and he claims to have lost a large amount of jewelry, fine clothing and such, the inventory being something of a satire upon the hardships of officers, on the frontier. The fire was occasioned by his own cook stove. Senator Edmunds declared, in the recent discussion, that by the principle of this bill the United States became the insurer of property of every person engaged in its service. If the bill becomes a law every man in the civil service ought to have like protection, and be relieved from the cost of insuring his household effects.

The Alta says that "the jury system in San Francisco is a farce, and its results a mockery of justice in nine cases out of ten." That is an opinion which has long been entertained by people in other places, where it would appear as if there were some system of jury brokerage; the same men manage to get upon a great many juries, and somehow make a living out of it. The law presumes that any man whose name is upon the assessment roll is competent to sit as jury man, and this is one of the cases where it would seem that man was made for the law.

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Sidewalk Improvement Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria propose to order the improvement of that portion of the sidewalk on the north side of Court street, between the west side of Olney street and the east side of Main street, in McClure's Astoria, by removing all defective plank and timbers therein and replacing the same with new and sound fir plank and timbers, and by placing therein such other plank and timbers as shall be necessary to make and construct a good substantial sidewalk of the same width and upon the same grade as the present walk, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street be filed with the Auditor and Clerk of said city within ten days from the final publication of this notice, the Common Council will order said improvement to be made. By order of the Common Council, F. C. NORRIS, Auditor and Clerk. Astoria, March 31, 1882.

Street Improvement Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria propose to order the improvement of that portion of Chenamus street in McClure's Astoria, from the west side of Cass street to the east side of Jackson street, by replanking the same with new and sound fir plank not less than three inches in thickness, and the sidewalk on each side of said portion of said street, shall be repaired by removing all defective plank and timbers and replacing them with new and sound plank and timbers, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street, be filed with the Auditor and Clerk of said city, within ten days from the final publication of this notice, the Common Council will order the improvement to be made. By order of the Common Council, F. C. NORRIS, Auditor and Clerk. Astoria, March 31, 1882.

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