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ONE MAN'S OPINION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Frank Hurd, the free trade congressman from Ohio, thinks the attitude of the protectionists in congress just now presents some ridiculous features. In an interview this morning he said: "Here we see, for instance, protectionists in the house and senate clamoring for retaliatory measures against Germany because that country has seen fit to adopt the American system of protection for its hog products, in order to give common farmers and stock raisers better prices for their products than they could obtain if brought in competition with the hogs of the United States."

"On the other hand here is Mexico anxious to take all the raw material and manufactured articles that we can send them, the only stipulation being that we shall not levy any duty upon Mexican raw materials or manufactures. Almost the only manufactured article that Mexico consumes is sugar. The protectionists are now using every exertion to defeat the reciprocity treaty upon the ground that the introduction of Mexican free sugar will destroy the production of American sugar. What a spectacle the United States must present to an intelligent foreigner! I can imagine such a person contemplating the attitude of the protectionists in congress, and wondering what would possibly satisfy the American people. If foreign countries adopt the American system of protection, statesmen in congress are indignant, and call for retaliatory measures. If the country asks for reciprocity, for mutual free trade, upon a basis which will help both countries, the protectionists are equally indignant on the same ground, that it would destroy our industries."

In response to a question as to what he intended to do about it, Mr. Hurd said: "I propose simply to make manifest the absurdity of the protectionist theory, as applied to the case in instance now before congress. I want to see consistency. There is no middle ground. If protection is right for this country, then the protectionist must admit that it is right for every other country and they cannot be justified in complaining because Germany administers to them a dose of their own medicine. If we want to sell our surplus products to other countries we must give them an opportunity to sell their goods to us with as little embarrassment as may be. Our committee on ways and means will try to do something to obliterate the absurdities of the present tariff system, and unless I am greatly deceived the tariff bill which we shall report will be one which the intelligent business interests of the country will approve."


The American Dollar Mark.

Origin of "S." There are a number of theories for the origin of the American dollar. One is that it is a combination of U. S., the initials of the United States; another, that it is a modification of the figure 8, the dollar being formerly called a "piece of eight," and designated by the character of 88. The third theory is that it is a combination of H. S., the mark of the Roman unit, while the fourth is that it is a combination of P. and S., from the Spanish "peso duro," which signifies "hard dollar." In Spanish accounts "peso" is contracted by writing the S. over the P. and placing it over the sum. But the best origin of the sign is offered by the editor of the London *Whitehall Review*, who once propounded the question at a dinner party, at which the American consul was present. As no one could tell, the editor gave the following explanation: "It is taken from the Spanish dollar, and the sign is to be found, of course, in associations of the Spanish dollar. On the reverse of the coin is a representation of the pillars of Hercules, and round each pillar is a scroll, with inscription 'Plus Ultra.' This device in course of time has degenerated into the sign which stands at present for the American as well as Spanish dollars."

"The scroll around the pillars represents the two serpents sent by Juno to destroy Hercules in his cradle."

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NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Jay Gould being interviewed on several topics, said: "The Northern Pacific is all well enough. The projection of the enterprise are the ones to blame. In the first place, Villard is a man unknown in railroad circles, who attempted to engineer the construction of this gigantic thoroughfare, of whose cost neither he nor any of the interested parties had a correct idea. As a natural consequence, the company found itself, even before the completion of the road, saddled with a floating debt of \$18,000,000 more, in addition to bonds issued. Of course the creditors soon began to clamor for their money. It was not forthcoming, and there was but one ending, disaster. I think the Northern Pacific itself, as soon as its local business can be developed, will become exceedingly valuable property. How it could have cost so much I cannot understand. We cut the Southern system about the same time for \$20,000 per mile. The Northern Pacific cost, I believe, \$25,000 per mile at first; and in addition to this \$18,000,000 in secondary mortgage bonds were issued to finish and equip the road. Ignorance of its cost on the part of the projectors was the cause of the Northern Pacific collapse."

Suicide at Salem.

SALEM, Jan. 17.—A man whose name was registered as John Blaik committed suicide at the Reed house to-day by strangulation. He came up from Portland last Saturday evening, and engaged board and room. On Monday last he took an overdose of chloral hydrate, and Dr. Kinsey's services alone saved him from death at that time. Since then he took his meals regularly until to-day, and drank but twice at the bar. He did not come down to breakfast or dinner to-day, and about 6 o'clock this evening his bedroom door was forced open, and he was found lying on the floor with his feet against the door. An ordinary bed cord was tied around his throat in a peculiar knot which prevented its slipping, and an end was tightly grasped in each hand, which he tightened sufficiently to cause strangulation and embedded the cord some distance into the flesh. Life was extinct.

Coming Events.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—A letter from Port Orford, Oregon, published last evening, stated that Jay Gould had purchased a large water front tract at that place. Captain Tichnor, a large property owner at Port Orford, at present in this city, stated to-day to an Associated Press representative that the announcement was premature. Negotiations have been going on with eastern capitalists for the sale to them of a large water frontage and other property, but nothing as yet has been consummated. The object, as stated, is to connect Port Orford, which has a good summer harbor, by rail with the Oregon and California railroad, making it an outlet for the grain trade and other products of southern Oregon and northern California.

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