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It appears from a Washington dispatch that the official statement of the British government on the trade between the United States and that country for January and February has reached Washington. It is calculated to cause consternation among the free-traders of the United States. More convincing evidence against the new tariff could not be asked by those who apprehend evil results from it. The falling off in our sales of agricultural products to England during the months of January and February of this year are especially notable.

The administration has changed its front on Nicaragua. It holds the position laid down in the Behring Sea business, that any claim demanded by Britain should be paid. It has advised Nicaragua that their country should pay the indemnity demanded, and at the same time told them that if Great Britain endeavors to enforce that demand, nothing will be done by us to protect her unless Britain tries to acquire territory, or play the policy so successful in Egypt, and use the custom house to collect the indemnity demanded. How different it would be if Benjamin Harrison were president, and a worthy successor of James G. Blaine in charge of the state department.

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appreciation of the shares traded in Wall street. The rise in the price of cotton is another manifestation of healthy improvement, and the advance in wheat, though not maintained, shows how rapid the general advance will be when confidence is fully restored. It is certainly evident on many sides that the worst of the hard times is over, and though confidence is a plant of slow growth, it is showing distinct evidence of vitality. It is entirely evident that the whole tone of the business situation is improved. There remains nothing to menace business interests. A long respite from political or financial agitation is in view. The prolonged stoppage of production has resulted in the exhaustion of stocks of goods on hand and there is every reason to anticipate now a sharp and full recovery in all lines of trade.

The railroad question may now be regarded as definitely settled, the committee having unanimously agreed to the modifications exacted by Mr. Hammond, and a corps of engineers will be put in the field without delay. It will truly be a red letter day in Astoria's history when the work begins, for it is expressly stipulated and agreed by Mr. Hammond, that when once commenced, the work shall go on continuously until the road is entirely finished. Never before has there been such an earnest of the construction of the road as there is at present, and so far as the basing of plans for the future is concerned, the road may be considered as positively assured. The difference between the present outlook and that of a former period when the work was actually commenced, is that then the funds to complete the road had to be obtained as the work progressed, while now the money is already raised and available at this moment. Mr. Hammond's contract alone would be a positive guarantee that the road would be built, even if there were not a dollar in sight to commence on, as Mr. Hammond himself is worth more than the amount necessary to complete the road, and he could not build it single-handed and alone obliged to do it.

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The tariff issue will not do it. The tariff issue cannot be the one paramount issue of American politics. The tariff again on protective lines will do most to settle the question of national finance and recurring national prosperity.

There is good reason to believe that the building of the Goble road is only a part of the good Mr. Hammond and his associates have in store for Astoria. The next question for consideration is what does the water commission propose to do about the water works? Take a dose of DeWitt's Little Early Risers just for the good they will do you. These little pills are good for indigestion. Good for headache, good for liver complaint, good for constipation. They are good. Chas. Rogers.

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