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The Dingley bill is likely to be the principal feature of the present congressional session.

"How long, Oh Lord, how long" will Astorians wait for someone to start their industrial enterprises. The railroad is steadily progressing and will surely be finished on a certain date, when all the cards will be face up on the board.

The entire country is interested in the revision of the interstate commerce act. Senator Culton's chief object—that of establishing equalized rates. Many burdens have been imposed upon the railroads, the creatures of the public, which are just as much entitled to protection as the public in its individual capacity. The law meant all right, but has not reached the evils most needing regulation, for one reason that the commissioners have not had the power to enforce their rulings. A commission should be established composed of unbiased members representing both the people and the government—the people in the aggregate.

The difference of opinion between Mr. Wingate, Clatsop's representative in the state board of equalization, and Assessor Gibbons, as shown by Mr. Gibbons' communication in another column, is evidently the result of a misapprehension. It is apparent from the figures quoted that Mr. Wingate compares the aggregate valuation of town lots and improvements thereon, as shown by the roll upon completion by Assessor Gibbons this year, with the aggregate valuation of similar property in 1895 after the state board of equalization had made its reduction. The latter included, in addition to the ten per cent referred to by Mr. Gibbons, a reduction of fifteen per cent in improvements on lots. Mr. Gibbons undoubtedly placed what he considered a fair valuation on all classes of property, and while, with very few exceptions, tax-payers expressed themselves as well satisfied with the equity of this year's valuations as between themselves, it would seem that in comparison with assessed valuations in other counties, Mr. Wingate is correct in his claim that Clatsop has invariably paid more than her share of state taxes. It may be well to add, that Mr. Wingate's views in this connection are heartily endorsed by the other members of the state board of equalization who visited this city yesterday.

THE LEADER SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

It is not denied by anybody that there is and has been a serious deficit. It is not denied that this deficit results, at least in part, from the provisions of the Wilson act. It is, indeed, claimed that the bill would have yielded better results if one of its important provisions had not been unconstitutional, but that is only the greater reason for framing another bill not open to that objection. It is also claimed that its results will be better in future, when prosperity returns. But there is no evidence whatever that there is any prospect of better times. It is not reasonable for anybody to expect that the volume of business can be as great as it was when they were fully employed and receiving the best wages ever paid.

Men who refuse to look these statements fairly in the face justify themselves by opposing political convictions. But, if patriots, are they not bound to those who have appealed to the people of the United States on this very question and have been chosen to decide it by an unprecedented majority? A refusal to give full effect to a decision of the people, deliberately made after years of trial under the system against which they have decided, cannot be considered in harmony with true patriotism. It is the apparent duty of all good citizens, as Mr. Cochran so strongly put it, not merely to refrain from factional or revolutionary opposition, but to uphold the president placed in power in such measures of relief as he may propose. He was chosen with full knowledge that he was a strong protec-

tionist, and believed most heartily in the protection of American industry. He took care to make that apparent in his speeches every day from the beginning to the end of the campaign. No decision of the people in favor of a fine of public policy could ever be given if such a decision was not given in November in favor of the policy constantly advocated by Major McKinley.

It is therefore right for patriotic men, however their personal beliefs may differ, to accord to the president-elect a full support in the measures he may recommend for the relief of the treasury. It is not as if he were an accident, a man not known to have special competence for this work. If the country nominated and elected him for any one thing more than another it was because he had shown marked capacity in this branch of statesmanship. When he was one of the youngest members of the committee on ways and means he was the one chosen above others much older in the committee to formulate in a minority report the objections of the Republicans to the tariff bill reported by the Democrats. His argument was so strong and convincing that it became the arsenal of Republicans in the ensuing campaign. When the Republicans gained control in the house he was so obviously the proper man for chairman of the ways and means committee that he would have been appointed if the choice had been left to the house, as he was appointed by Speaker Reed. Under his leadership the act of 1890 was framed and passed, and while such measures are always the result of the work and advice of many men, it has been shown that an unusual share of the provisions of this measure were in the bill as originally submitted to the committee by Mr. McKinley himself. The results of that measure are known to all the world. They are, in substance, the highest prosperity ever attained in this country, the best wages for American workers, and a striking decrease in the proportion of burdens bearing upon the working class.

What such a leader proposes, as an expert preferred by the people above all others to deal with this emergency, must be by all parties be regarded with high respect. It must be granted by his opponents that, if they should succeed in seriously crippling his plans or in wholly defeating them, they will be held by a great majority of the people responsible for such failure of prosperity as may result. It is for their interest, merely as partisans, to see the policy of protection fully and fairly secured, if they believe that it will not secure the results its supporters desire. It is their interest as good citizens anxious to desire the full enforcement of that policy if it is the one able to secure for the people the highest measure of prosperity.

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