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It has been conclusively shown by a recent authority that the loss to the purchasing power of the American people by the Wilson bill's change in one tariff schedule alone—wool and woolens—is more than \$426,250,000 a year, or \$8,000,000 a week. Is it any wonder that business men are so anxious to hurry up the Dingley bill?

One of the features of the new press service which The Astorian is now receiving, is a weekly, copyrighted, letter sent each Saturday by cable from London, the first of which we publish this morning. This letter is attracting much attention in press circles all over the world, and in the expense involved, as well as the unusually interesting character of the news it contains, it is regarded as one of the best examples of the enterprise and efficiency of the American Associated Press, now conceded to be the greatest news gathering agency existing on the globe.

However opinions may differ as to the reality of actual improvement in business, the figures of bank clearances should put the question beyond argument. Increases in nearly every center, and increases, too, on a fairly satisfactory basis, tell the story in unmistakable terms, that while the wheels of prosperity, like the mills of the gods, may grind exceedingly slow, yet they nevertheless do grind. Unfortunately obstacles have from time to time produced an apparent standstill, or even retrogression, but it has invariably happened that when such obstacles have been overcome a comparison of conditions shows that progress was being made even while difficulties were being brushed aside.

Spain has discovered that it makes a great difference who is at the helm of Uncle Sam's ship of state. The treatment of American prisoners in Cuba shows this, and yet the only announcement McKinley is purported to have made on the Cuban situation is that the policy of non-interference adopted by his predecessor will not be changed. Under the Cleveland administration, Spanish prisons were full of Americans held on mere suspicion. Since McKinley has been president every American against whom there was not the most positive evidence has been released. There was no gloom about President McKinley's inaugural, but when he said that American citizens should be properly protected, no matter where they might be, Spain knew he meant it, and from that hour there was a disposition to turn loose American prisoners held in Cuba.

It is to be hoped the bill introduced by Senator Hoar to prohibit the exhibition, by kinetoscope or other devices, of pictures of prize fights in all United States territory will become a law as speedily as possible. The bill also prohibits the transportation of materials for such exhibitions by mail or interstate commerce, and it makes such offenses misdemeanors punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$5,000. Such exhibitions should be outlawed in every decent community, and the states should take action against their reproduction, as many of them have done against prize fights. They can do no possible good, and that they may be the means of doing a vast amount of harm is already evidenced by the fury of excitement among the juveniles of Astoria, caused by the announcement of the coming exhibition of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons vitascope. These pictures cater to the very lowest taste, and should no more be permitted than the fight itself. The better class of people are heartily tired of prize fights and fighters and any law that will prohibit either or both will meet with general endorsement.

The complaint of certain democratic papers about "republican delay" with the tariff is supremely ridiculous. The fact is, the contrast between the methods of the republicans and the democrats was never more clearly shown than in the length of time occupied by the two parties in getting their proposed tariff bills before congress. President Cleveland was inaugurated March 4, 1885, the country then being in a state of agitation and after business collapse consequent upon the prospective change in the tariff. Yet the new tariff bill, whose adverse every business interest was awaiting, was not reported from the ways and means committee until December 15, 1885, nine months and fifteen days from the date of Cleveland's inauguration. Contrast this with the course of the republicans. President McKinley was inaugurated March 4, 1887, announced in his inaugural address that a special session of congress would be held on March 15, issued the call on the following day, and that congress before it had been in session three hours had before it a well digested tariff bill ready for its consideration. Thus the republicans, in nine working days of the McKinley administration, had accomplished what the Cleveland administration and democratic congress, with overwhelming majorities, were nine months in doing, and had provided a bill which, if it could have got around democratic opposition, would have been on the statute books before May 1, and would now be producing revenue instead of a deficit. It is not the fault of the republicans that there has been a delay in reforming the tariff, but even if it were their fault, we have yet to hear of one business concern in the country which has been forced into liquidation simply on the prospect that the bill now pending in the senate will ultimately become a law.

Saltos Sea Salt for baths at the Estes-Cohn Drug Store 10c and 25c per package.

Spanish daggers are a very definitely established fad among the ornaments of the fin de siècle belle.

One of the best evidences that Ayer's Hair Vigor is an article of exceptional merit is the fact that the demand for it is constantly increasing. No one who uses this incomparable dressing thinks of trying any other preparation for the hair.

The shape of par excellence will be the Gainsborough. Plumes will still be worn on black ones.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in scrotum and all skin afflictions. Charles Rogers.

Black accordion-plaited chiffon gives texture to satin braid hats.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer. I am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it." It is a specific for all bowel complaints. For sale by Estes-Cohn Drug Co.

The paradise aigrette continues to remain in favor.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register: Mr. James Rowland, of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Estes-Cohn Drug Co.

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That is what Edwards & Parker, merchants of Plains, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, for rheumatism, lame back, deep-seated and muscular pains. Sold by Estes-Cohn Drug Co.

Cuff buttons and studs in plaid enamel will be much worn by the summer girl.

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Fancy plaid ribbons will be used for children's hats.

NOTICE DRAIN IN MCCLURE'S.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria has determined and does hereby determine and intend to improve Bond street from the east side of 11th street to the west side of 9th street and that such improvement shall be made by special assessment upon the lands and premises hereinafter described and designated, and which are hereby determined and declared to be benefited by such improvement.

That the lands and premises upon which special assessment shall be levied to defray the costs and expenses of such improvement are as follows:

COMMENCING at the northeast corner of lot 1, block 53, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, running thence southerly along the west boundary of said lot 1 to the southwest corner thereof, thence westerly along the center of blocks 59 and 25 to the south-

east corner of lot 4, block 24; thence

northwesterly along the west line of 9th street to the northeast corner of lot 5, block 9; thence easterly along the center of blocks 55 and 56, to the northwest corner of lot 14, block 56; thence southerly to the place of beginning and contains lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, blocks 25, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 59; lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 56 and lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 55, all of McClure's Astoria, as subject to such improvement.

That such improvement shall consist in removing all old plank, stringers and caps, piling or posts and driving new piling or setting new posts over the entire length thereof and placing caps and stringers upon such piles or posts and plankings said street throughout the full width thereof with fir planks between sidewalks, the planks to be 6x6 laid grade up and dressed surface. Sidewalks to be 11 feet wide between 10th and 11th streets and 8 feet wide between 9th and 10th streets, and the street to be improved to the established grade, and in all matters of detail the improvement shall be according to the plans and specifications to be prepared by the City Surveyor and deposited in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and according to the charter of the City of Astoria and the ordinances in relation thereto.

The lands and premises upon which the special assessment shall be levied to defray the cost of constructing said system of drains, and the ditcher employed, shall be assessed at the expense of all property in the drainage district which shall be known and designated as McClure's Drainage District No. 2, and to be constructed according to the plans and specifications to be prepared by the City Surveyor and deposited in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and according to the charter of the City of Astoria and the ordinances in relation thereto.

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