

SOMEWHAT Muddled.

Now comes France forward, one of our best friends and co-workers, and says that if we persist in imposing our exorbitant duties on some articles from there they will put on a prohibitory tariff on our products. But what does a corporation-tariff administration care for the producer? It is looking after what it was elected for. Tariff is all right, but a more equitable one is what the nation wants. The present tariff has also antagonized other nations, Germany among them, and they are now taking steps toward excluding our beef, pork, wheat and flour. At this rate the new tariff will have closed all foreign markets to the producers' products, ere long. So nothing remains but the home market which is soon glutted and consequently prices will go down. Sure, it might be remedied, in a measure, with reciprocity. But when the administration commences this "you tickle me and I'll tickle you," or rather free trade, game a deficit stares it in the face; for the Dingley bill has not been a success as yet as a revenue getter.

Taking it all in all, things are a little muddled in national affairs.

The discovery of antitoxin and its application as a remedial agent in diphtheria bids fair to take rank with the discovery of vaccination as a preventative of smallpox. The terrors of diphtheria are scarcely second to those of smallpox, and the mortality resulting from the disease, under the most prompt and vigorous treatment, before the introduction of the new remedy, was such as to justify the terror which the sight of a green flag in the neighborhood aroused. A reduction of the death rate in diphtheria from 60 per cent to about 14 per cent through the use of antitoxin attests the value and fixes the standing in medical science of the discovery.

Instead of increasing the bonded indebtedness of the nation to retire the greenbacks—if they must be retired—it would be more sensible to create an annual gold sinking fund of several million, taken from the revenues, and retire that much each year. But the bond buyers do not want this; it was not for this they spent money so lavishly during the presidential campaign, but it was for that eight million interest-bearing bond issue; and the political debt must be paid—that is, so say the powers that be.

Vice-President Hobart should have accompanied the assertion of his belief that congress "will pass a currency law that will meet the temper, the tone and requirements of the United States," with a bill of particulars. Democrats believe that such a bill would provide for the coinage of gold and silver on the same terms, but they are not expecting such legislation from this congress.

According to the latest news the Cubans are taking the ending of the war into their own hands by taking forts away from the Spaniards. When they no longer need help, Mr. McKinley will probably promptly recognize their independence, and then ask the country to give him credit for it. Will it?

Democrats have no responsibilities in the connection with this session of congress, further than to watch the republicans and keep the country posted on their intentions.

The Dawson City plutocrat, by practicing the strictest economy, may keep from starving this winter.

Fashion costs the world more than bread and religion does.

Russia didn't scare the Sultan much, as the latter has just placed an order for 150 Krupp guns.

Liberty is one of the most natural rights we possess, and one which we know least how to use.

The real problem of the day is to restore to the people that metallic circulation of money guaranteed them under the Constitution.

The substitution of bank notes (one form of paper promises) for government notes (another form of paper promises) is not currency reform.

Two men, who were caught stealing food, were shot at Dawson. The survival of the fittest may be entirely a question of brute strength in there this winter.

A Baltimore belle has had a beautiful diamond set in a gold front tooth. This attempt at artificial brilliancy shows that this woman hasn't got sense enough to keep her mouth shut.

A New York man trimmed his corns with a knife, which he had previously used in sharpening a lead pencil, and completely rid himself of the pests, as he died a few days afterwards from blood-poisoning.

Whisky and billiard balls were about all the cargo that the Bella brought for the miners at Dawson City. Now when one miner asks another to "take a ball" with him, an explanation as to the kind is necessary.

If Mr. Dingley is laboring under the impression that his tariff bill would do for an issue to "go to the country on" next November, some one should untear him. The enormous surplus he seems to contemplate is a long way off.

Saving money may be the very best thing to do, but if everybody started in to do it, and keep it up for a while, about three-fourths of the world would soon be starving starvation in the face.

A Washington banker says the money power need not expect a gold bond issue at this session of congress, for he thinks the administration has "gumption" enough to know that the people will not tolerate it.

Additional Locals.

Congress convened last Monday. Are we going to have a Christmas tree?

We are having a very wet spell of weather.

Mrs. S. Lamphire is expected home from California next week.

THE TIMES-HERALD and St. Louis Republic for \$2 a year in advance.

L. Woldenberg Jr. was down from Harney the first of the week.

C. F. McKinley has sold his residence property in Burns to Mrs. C. W. Jones.

The carpenters have almost completed their work on the residence of I. S. Geer.

The Washington Post says the committee on election will meet some time this week and report in favor of seating Mr. Corbett of this state.

The Oregonian says prairie chickens are becoming scarce in Eastern Oregon on account of them "flying against barbed wire fences and being killed.

We understand that Messrs. Siz & Ruh have discontinued work on the artesian well on Cow creek for the winter. They expect to sink several wells in the western part of Burns early next spring, several citizens of that part of town think it will be cheaper to bore for water—provided they can obtain enough for irrigating purposes—than by digging.

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Rev. C. P. Bailey closed the series of meetings at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Cophall is having the building, recently occupied by Mrs. Whiting, fitted up for a restaurant.

Miss Cora Beach has opened a dress making parlor in the room adjoining Mrs. A. A. Cowing's millinery store.

Nellis Parker took sick on the road between here and Huntington this week, and was compelled to hire a man to take his freight team on while he returned home.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Sunday Dec 12, at Burns, Union Sunday school at 10:30 and preaching 11:30 a. m. At Harney Union Sunday school in the afternoon, preaching in the evening. J. C. TEMPLETON.

Sheriff, McKinnan returned from Prineville last Wednesday evening. The man, Hardy Allen, for whom he had a warrant of arrest, put up a good bond to appear at the May term of circuit court and was not brought over.

G. A. Hearsh, the man at The Dalles, who is wanted in this county on a charge of horse stealing, has sent a bond for his appearance at circuit court next spring. The bond was sent to Canyon City and was accepted by Judge Clifford.

MARRIED.—At the residence of Chas. Anderson, last Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st, Mr. Earl Elliott and Miss Dora Bringle, Rev. C. P. Bailey, officiating. The young couple are residents of the Narrows and are well known in this county. We extend hearty congratulations.

Prisoners in the county jail at The Dalles made an attempt to pick the locks one night last week. They failed to get out and the locks were in such a shape that the officers could not get the doors open the next morning. The prisoners had to remain in their cells until an expert could put the locks in order.

Vale Advocate: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cawfield of the Narrows, Harney county, arrived in Vale Thursday morning, and will visit their daughter Mrs. J. E. Roberts, during the cold season.

Harry Smith and his sister, Miss Esther, of Burns, arrived here Thursday and are visiting friends in this community, being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gellerman of Cottage Grove. [They returned home this week.—Eo.]

John Gilcrest general foreman of the P. L. S. Co., sent four steers this week to Henry Miller at San Francisco as a Christmas present. The steers were raised by John Devine, Alvord, and were said to be the finest specimens ever shipped from this country. One three-year-old weighed 2,000 lbs and a two-year-old weighed 1,500 lbs. They were sent over to the railroad by easy stages in charge of Nick Darvell, arriving at Ontario a few days ago.

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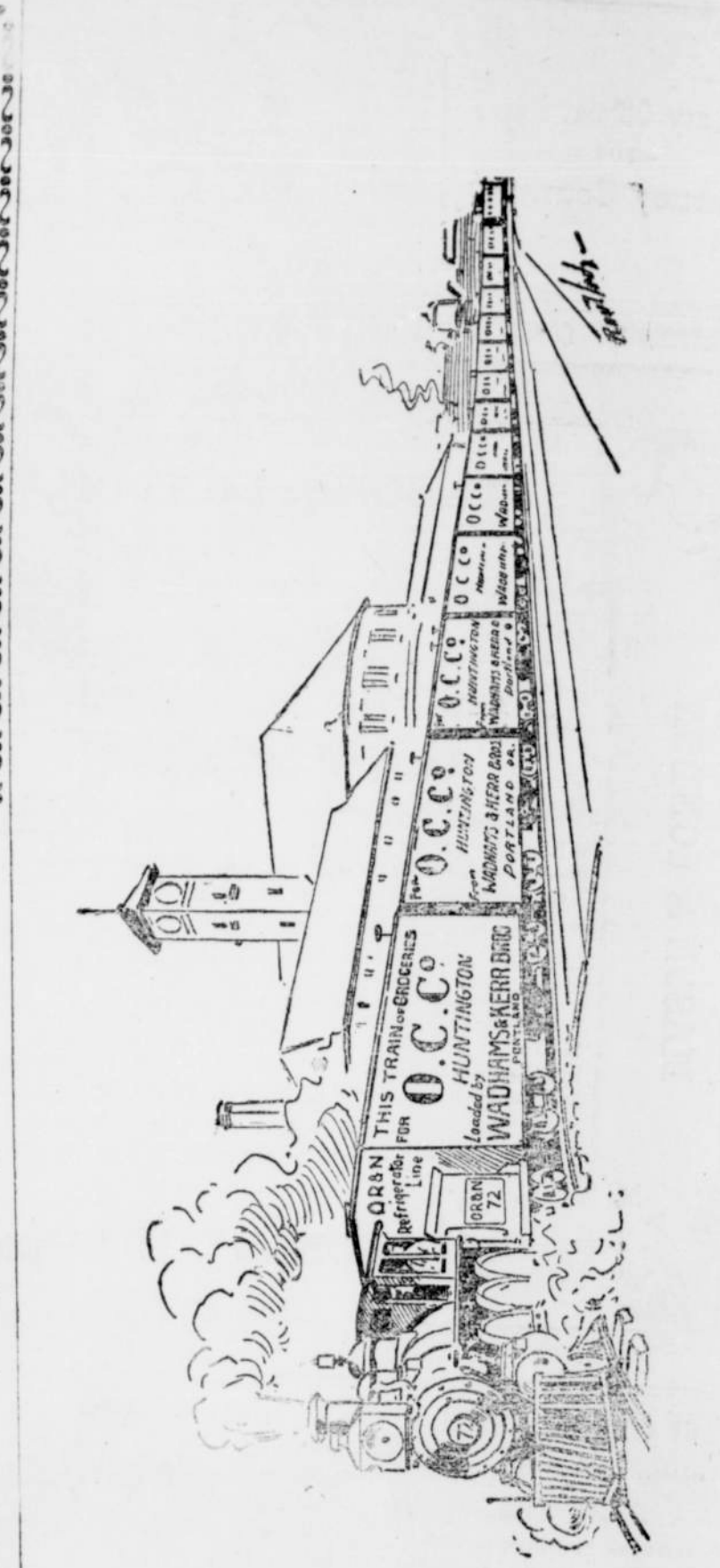
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