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THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

The policy of Oswego has been a liberal one to railroads, and THE PALLADIUM believes that change has been wise in this policy. It is not to be denied that the city has been benefited by the aid of roads, which, in its present generally conceded, is a business, but in granting to roads already built privileges, and in granting to the public welfare, and in a way facilitating their success by the granting of franchises to enable them to increase their business and to make it pay them to do business in Oswego. We have three great roads here now, the D. L. & W., the R. W. & O., and N. Y. & W. The first named has been most liberally treated by Oswego, and it has, in return, been highly beneficial to our city. We have given it many and most important franchises, and it has improved them in a way that will benefit the city by bringing business here, and importantly adding to our prosperity. Last year the city gave this road all the right it controlled on the way to the new harbor, and the road has now nearly completed one of the finest coal trackage works in the country at a cost of nearly half a million dollars, and it, doubtless, will have a line of barges of its own running to Oswego in a very day.

The R. W. & O. company has also been liberally dealt with by the city, and every facility asked for by them has been freely granted. As in the case of the D. L. & W., the city has been friendly—has allowed to go as far as it has been asked to accommodate the R. W. & O. This, too, has been a good thing for us; for the R. W. & O. have removed their shops to Oswego; have increased our population and our taxable property, and in other ways benefited the city. Oswego has not lost but gained by what she has done for this road.

But just now some people are raised over a contest between the R. W. & O. and the N. Y. & W. (formerly Midland) company, caused by the request of the latter for permission to lay a track in East First street. The matter has been before the common council twice during the present year, and each time the request has been denied. Not discouraged, the N. Y. & W. are again before the council with their petition, and are presenting their case with a good deal of earnestness.

The date of the common council is the premises is plain. They represent the people of Oswego, and it is for them to consider two things, (1) Is it the policy of the city to grant franchises and franchises to railroads, and (2) Is it in the interest of the city to grant the privileges asked by the N. Y. & W. company? The first of these questions is answered by what we have written above. It is the policy of the city to grant franchises to railroads.

The second question, therefore, becomes the important one. The R. W. & O. company have now four tracks in East First street. This, it seems to us, makes a railroad street of that portion of the street occupied by those tracks. The N. Y. & W. ask permission to lay another track in the same portion of the street. The question for the council to consider is whether the public interests—not the interests of the R. W. & O. company—would be benefited by the grant asked for. It also seems clear to us that it is for the public interest to give the N. Y. & W. the privilege they ask, under certain restrictions. It is a desiring road, and

we need especially argue that competition among railroads is a public advantage. The fact that the R. W. & O. company are opposed to the grant to the N. Y. & W. company should have no weight whatever with the council, except in so far as it makes them careful not to interfere with the right of the R. W. & O. which the latter has in the street. That this is an absolute right, will scarcely be contended. If the council shall decide that it is for the public interest to permit the N. Y. & W. to lay a track in East First street their plain duty is to grant the right of way over such portions of the public highway as they control, subject to the usual requirements, provisions and restrictions.

REDUCTION OF TAXES

That the peripatetic tariff commission which went about the country last summer on a grand junketing tour was a delusion and a snare, is now pretty generally conceded. It was simply a device of the existing republican leadership to postpone the question of reduction of taxation, and the proper republican statesman passed judgment upon it at the election in November, when they elected a congress with a large democratic majority.

The report of this committee, made up as it was, wholly in the interest of the monopolists, has been laid before congress and that body is now wrestling with the matter, with a fair prospect of being thrown by it. The truth is that the present congress does not want to revise the tariff, and that it will not do it. Even the best republican papers are getting discouraged at the "hugger-mugger" now going on at Washington, and are openly advocating an extra session. The New York Mail and Express says that tariff reform must be the paramount and pressing issue before congress until it is accomplished, and that if the present congress shall fail to do its duty its successor ought to be got together as soon as possible after the 4th of March. "The urgency," says the Boston Advertiser, "is sufficient to justify an extra session; but if the president should be known that he has been, and that such a course is the alternative of failure by this congress, the necessity might be prevented. There will be no next until taxes are reduced, and congress ought to be kept in continued session until it takes a part of the unnecessary burden now borne by the people."

On the other hand, the Chicago Tribune thinks it is doubtful whether a majority of the present congress really want tariff reform or expect to do anything effective in that line. The more honest course, it believes, would be to openly admit and announce the inability of this congress to do anything, and to allow the president to call an extra session. In the next place, it is just as well that the responsibility be placed upon the democratic congress chosen by the people last fall. It will afford an opportunity to test the necessity of the democratic pretenses of a desire to reform the tariff and also the capability of democratic leaders to deal with this question.

The democrats will cheerfully take advantage of this opportunity if the president will call an extra session.

When this matter first came before the council it was fogged by declarations of "vested rights" and threatened of costly litigation in which the city would be involved. Investigation has shown that this was vapor. The "vested rights" of the R. W. & O. company is in no manner to be jeopardized or violated by the construction of the petition asked for by the N. Y. & W. All private and corporate rights are and will be taken care of by the courts. The N. Y. & W. cannot, in law, take the R. W. & O. out of the street without paying for it. The latter company has a superabundant here, one of the richest and most valuable pieces of business, who will not let it that the company does not suffer. As to the matter of costs to the city, it may only be said that the N. Y. & W. company, which represents a property worth nearly twenty millions, will enter into good and sufficient bonds to serve the city harmless in any and all costs and damages which may accrue to it from the granting of the right asked. THE PALLADIUM is clearly of opinion that the common council should grant the petition of the N. Y. & W. company, and this on the grounds of sound public policy, consistency and common fairness.

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In the German re-education, Thursday, Wednesday announced that in consideration of the emperor's letter to the pope, the signed party would abandon the pending motion against the May law.

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.
Washington to Twelve o'clock To-day.

THE SMALLEST LOCOMOTIVE
The smallest locomotive ever built has been completed by an ingenious mechanic of Jacksonville, N. Y. It is a miniature locomotive, and is said to be perfect in every respect, besides being the smallest in the world. The engine is eight inches long, with a tender of twelve inches. The little pump throws a drop and a half of water at each stroke. As many as 500 screws were required to put the parts together. The engine itself weighs a pound and a half and the tender two pounds, 120 ounces and a half. The machine was at work upon the locomotive at intervals for eight years. Every part of the engine works like a charm, and when it is steamed up it is worth going a long way to see. The trimming is a highly polished and the woodwork artistically painted.

A DISAPPOINTED LEGISLATOR.
COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 27.—Representative Miller, one of the brightest members of the house, who has been on the verge of securing re-election, was disappointed in the opening of the legislature, was called to order yesterday by the speaker and finally taken out by the suggestion of Miller, who apparently became wholly irresponsible through the illness of the speaker and other members. Miller afterwards again presented himself in such a condition that his case was referred to the judicial committee and Miller was then taken charge of by the police. It is likely he will be sent to the insane asylum.

HUSH MONEY.
New York, Jan. 27.—At the annual meeting of the society for the suppression of vice, last night vice president and executive district attorney Deane arranged that the police received bribes from keepers of disorderly houses. Deane said a friend told him he had seen a hundred or more detectives with a list of houses of ill-repute, gambling places and the like, and opposite each the sum collected as hush money. The list itself had been told by an ex-police constable, that the captain had in his hand a list of houses of ill-repute.

A CURIOUS ACCIDENT.
ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 26.—A number of men employed in the furniture works were carrying a large table of wood and iron from a building to another, the table broke, dropping the ceiling metal upon the snow, which was converted into ice. The men were taken charge of by the police and taken to the hospital. Several others were hurt.

A BROTHER HOBBER.
CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—A Chicago, a New York drummer, claiming to be a member of a band who had been arrested, was found by a man who admitted the man to be a hobo, and was taken to the police station. The man was taken to the police station and was found to be a hobo.

SUDDEN DEATH.
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Wm. G. Wood, a New York man, died suddenly last night. He was a hobo, and was found by a man who admitted the man to be a hobo, and was taken to the police station. The man was taken to the police station and was found to be a hobo.

STOMPERS' HOODS—PEASANTS
Dr. Wm. F. Clothier, Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I prescribed it for a Catholic priest, who was a hard student, for rheumatism, arthritic, neuritis, etc., and he reports that it has been of great benefit to him."

GRAVITY EXAMINATION
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Miscellaneous
221. GILBERT, Derry, Bolton or WILSON, N. Y. Daily Evening Post, N. Y. City.

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THE ATTRACTION
This Holiday Season will be the New Store of

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Our buyers have been busy for two weeks selecting above our

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