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knowledge of or to utter those names. It is as if you had asked them to speak "Horatius at the Bridge" or otherwise put on airs.

Again, in the rapid settlement of a new country, it would be quite possible for a stream to be christened in diverse styles at different points in its course; and this would introduce a new element of discord.

So, whether the first names were smothered, lost sight of or disagreed upon, it is little wonder that spots described in books of even forty years ago are sometimes hard to identify. The publishers of the 1884 atlas came in contact with this difficulty; they speak in the preface to their work of "many perplexing difficulties which have arisenrecords imperfectly kept or entirely destroyed, leaving us dependent upon the oldest residents for much necessary information."

### THE PAPER TRUST.

The newspapers of the country are finding in these

days that the paper trust is a heavy incubus to carry. A little over a year ago the companies which manufacture nearly all the roll paper which is used in this country organized so tight a trust that they have been able to run up the price more than 50 per cent, and this is sufficient to make a very serious difference to all newspapers with a large circula tion. In several cities the prices of the daily papers have already been raised. In Denver the Rocky Mountain News, The Republican, The Times, and the Post, have issued a notice of an increase in price, while the Chicago dailies anticipated the rise in cost of material and doubled their prices some time since. An active agitation in favor of the removal of the tariff duties on wood pulp and news printing paper has been commenced and it has the support of a host of newspapers throughout the country without distinction of party.

Not such a great while ago news printing paper sold for 2.47 cents per pound, and now the regular price for the same paper is 3.75 cents, showing an advance of 1.28 cents per pound, or a little over 50 per cent. This makes a great difference with any newspaper having a large circulation and a low subscription price. The daily newspapers in new York city consume 345 tons of paper every twenty-four hours, and by the increase in price the trust will every day take more than \$10,000 out of the publishers of these journals in excess of former profits. The trust is said to own thirty-five out of thirty-eight roll paper mills, and, what is worse, it owns all the available wood supplies to make the pulp. There is a duty of one sixth of a cent per pound on wood pulp chemically prepared and one-tenth of a cent per pound on pulp mechanically prepared. The duty on paper amounts to 85 per

cent ad valorem. These duties enable the trust to shut out foreign material and foreign manufacturers of paper, so that it is easier for them to advance prices than it would otherwise be. If there is anything in the proposition, which has been strongly advocated, of repealing duties upon products on which the trusts have raised prices unreasonably, this increase in paper price affords a good chance to make an application of it. The Enquirer can see no good reason why republican members of congress should refuse to make wood pulp and news printing paper free under the tariff. It would not only help to break the back of the paper trust, but would be a warning to all other trusts to mend their ways.—Oakland Enquirer.

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