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Should be Revised.

It goes without saying that sessions of the circuit court should be held in this county oftener than twice a year.

It is understood a bill will be introduced in the legislature—if it has not already been, providing for three terms of court a year for Benton county.

FREE TRADE BROUGHT HOME.

To carry on an election, or to spite the manufacturers, or to discriminate against the north, or New England or Pennsylvania, the average democrat is a free trader.

For example: The solid south talks free trade through the nose from January to December, but when it controls congress it takes the duty from cotton ties, a highly finished product of steel made in the north and used exclusively in the south.

And here is another example, like many more which we shall soon see: The Troy N. Y. Press, democratic to the backbone, begins to fear for the great linen collar industry of that city, and in commenting on "the tearful Shearman's" assertion that "a protective tariff is a tax upon the poor for the exclusive profit of those who are already rich," it says:

"A material reduction in duty upon linen collars would be decidedly detrimental to thousands of working girls and women. It would mean lower wages and cheaper living for the operatives, and smaller sales for the merchants, grocers, butchers, milliners and the like who share their patronage. It would be a decided loss to Troy, and to none more than the working classes of this city. The rich manufacturers might live as well as they do to-day; they are not the ones who would feel the pinch of lower duties. Mr. Shearman is monstrously mistaken in his assumption when we apply it to collars, although he may be right in regard to certain non-competitive importation."

Why, to be sure. Could any republican protectionist draw the lines any sharper than that? The republican tariff, he it remembered, makes non-competitive imports (except luxuries) free of duty. But democratic policy tries to fit the tariff to democratic backs.

And so it will go all along the line. Free trade promises are good enough until after election, but when they begin to gore the democratic ox there is a wild, weird howl.

In a railroad collision at Alton, Ill., Saturday, and the holocaust that followed in the explosion of several oil tanks, twenty people suffered horrible deaths. The scene is described as fearful.

PEOPLE are freezing to death in the eastern states. It's awful.

GREATEST THRIFT KNOWN.

The record of prosperity stated so concisely and forcibly in President Harrison's message is sustained by the non-partisan reports of the great commercial agencies.

Both report that the year 1892 has been the most prosperous in the history of the country. The full volume of business has been about 10 per cent greater than that of 1891.

The decline in mercantile failures is a good test of the general thrift. They were 17 per cent. less than in 1891, and the liabilities decreased 44 per cent.

In view of this happy condition, it seems almost incredible that there could have been any such general discontent as to cause the people to vote for an industrial revolution.

The universal motto of Eastern Oregon is "A long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" for an open river from the sea to the inland empire.

The dreaded fogs which have hung on so tediously and disagreeably this winter are prevalent to an unusual extent all along the principal water-ways of the state.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, with all its ability, is also pretty much of a "fussy" time with the legislators of Washington trying to keep them in line on the senatorial question, as an old hen with a brood of young ducks at a mill pond.

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REST FROM HIS LABORS.

The death of Rev. T. F. Campbell at his home in Monmouth on the 17th inst. ends a life of unusual activity, and his labors upon the most exalted plane of life has brought upon his name the blessings of many people.

Among the important positions he has held may be mentioned the presidency of three schools—an academy in Texas, a university at Canton, Missouri, and the college at Monmouth.

At the time of his demise Mr. Campbell was a pastor of the Christian church at Monmouth. He was born in Louisiana, May 22 1822, his parents being of Scotch descent, the characteristics of which sturdy race have distinguished his long and active life.

OUT OF WORK IN LONDON.

It is estimated that 100,000 men are out of work in London, and that 300,000 women and children dependent upon them are on the brink of starvation.

The men have issued a manifesto in which they give the main cause as "Continued strikes in all trades during the last three years, which have driven tons of shipping into the hands of foreigners, displaced twenty thousand men, cost the workmen of London \$1,760,000 in wages alone, and proved the greatest curse that ever visited London."

Commenting upon this the Irish World says with fine sarcasm: "Why we thought it was only a protective tariff that caused strikes, and that free trade meant constant employment, good wages, and general prosperity. Evidently there has been a mistake somewhere. Somebody has been misinformed."

The Salem papers are out with sharp sticks after the committee who investigated the insane asylum scandal, for the report it made. Those brethren should calm their ruffled tempers.

WHEN the town of Grant's Pass was laid out the brainy proprietor reserved a hundred foot strip all around it as a sort of wall which prevented the laying out of additions.

At an adjourned meeting of the council Monday evening Mayor Burnett, as usual, swagged in his vetoing power the \$50,000 bond authorization, and the council just as usual passed the ordinance over his dissenting mandate.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

DIVISION NOT ADVISABLE.

CORVALLIS ORE., Jan. 25th, 1893. EDITOR GAZETTE.—Speaking of county division, and the attention it is receiving through the local press, kindly allow me space for a few words on the subject.

Corvallis Times of January 24. contains some communications I should like to notice a little. "John Henry" in The Times indicates that the people of Alsea have to some extent signed a petition for Blaine county fearing a worse fate would overtake them, as it is expressed in his article.

That the distance and inconvenience of traveling between Monroe and Alsea would be less than that of traveling from Alsea to a county seat at or near the coast. Mr. George A. Houck in the same paper in an article on that subject also mentions the same reason as a good one why citizens along the Alsea should favor a division on the south rather than on the west.

Now with reference to the real issue involved in this question: Independently of any consideration such as county seat probabilities, real estate moves, county official ambition, or personal or sectional animosity or jealousy, I believe it is the single purpose of every man who signed any remonstrance to the division of Benton county, simply to preserve the county and its interests, and consequently their interests, from a great danger of losing prestige as a county and of losing the ability to carry on the county government at the minimum of expense and consequently at the minimum of taxation to all.

In the California Illustrated Magazine for January appears an interesting article, descriptive of Honey Lake Valley, from the pen of Con. N. Peterson. Various plates illustrate the description with views of the valley in various aspects of natural situation, its towns and trade centers, industries, enterprises, etc.

Now to address some remarks to Mr. Houck's article in the Corvallis Times. He says Blaine county could be run proportionally cheaper than the older counties, for reasons, "that there would be no expensive bridges to build."

At last, after a long series of all kinds of schemes unsuccessfully worked to get Peter Jackson, the colored puglist on the stage, it is now said he has about consented to appear as Uncle Tom in Uncle Tom's Cabin. That settles it. "There's millions in it."

MYERS' bill to secure to laborers from corporations their earnings has passed the senate and will doubtless become a law.

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Among the counties proposed to be divided at this session of the legislature, Benton county comes in twice, Lane twice, while other counties are Umatilla, Union, Grant, Gilliam, Crook, Wasco, Tillamook, Benton and Clackamas.

BISHOP BROOKS, the eminent Episcopal divine, of Boston, died suddenly of heart failure the 23d inst.

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