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RESPONSIBILITY OF A VOTE

There are those who fail to appreciate any personal responsibility to them of how they cast their vote. That is they do not stop to think and apparently do not believe that the manner in which they cast their vote will affect the well being of either themselves or their families, their neighbors or the general prosperity of their country. The only caution such persons exercise in casting their vote is to deposit their ballot as to not impair their standing in the party to which they belong with a total disregard of the effects the adoption of their parties policies will have on the general business of the county.

Take the issue now dividing the two great parties on the tariff. The Republican party proposes to continue its policy of protection of the wage earners in the United States from competition with European and Asiatic labor rate of compensation. The Democratic party by its platform denounces "protection as robbery" and should it succeed at the November election it will wipe out the protective feature of our present tariff law.

Before a voter votes for a change so radical as the one proposed by the Democrats in justice to himself, family and neighbors he should consider what will be the effect of a Democratic victory.

There are now five and a half million American wage earners engaged in the manufactures in the United States at higher wages than the wage earners in Europe or Asia receive for similar labor. To strike out the protection feature in our tariff law will remove the barrier and reduce wages in the manufactures in the United States to the rate paid in Europe or Asia by opening the American market to foreign made goods without any protective clause. Such a policy will act as it always has acted only now on a larger scale because there are more wage earners in the United States than there were when the Jackson tariff passed or the Wilson bill became a law and the confusion its triumph at the polls will be much more distressing than the hard terms of 1837 or those of the second term of President Cleveland.

Under the president tariff which the Democrats call "robbery," 5,321,389 wage earners were employed and paid in 1900 in cash for their service that year \$2,330,597,010 while at the same time they worked up raw material to the value of \$7,360,993,418 and turned out products to the value of \$13,029,279,560 worth. This page in our national account book is worthy of your attention before you vote to place the factories in America on a level with those in Europe and Asia.

The Portland Telegram advisedly or otherwise states that attorney Chas. A. Johns of Baker City may be a candidate for gov-

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error to succeed Mr. Chamberlain While Eastern Oregon certainly has claims on this office and no doubt Mr. Johns would receive considerable support it is a question but what Mr. Furnish's defeat would make it difficult for an eastern Oregon man to secure the plum, which barring accidents is equivalent to an election.

While the Russians are reported to be on general retreat it does not seem that the Japanese are able to route the retreaters.

Oregon contributes a large proportion of the irrigation—about one-fifth of it—and therefore deserves especial recognition.

Oregon was the first state to send her approval of the present national administration in the administration in the shape of a republican majority of 25,000 and now comes the answer back from the Atlantic coast and Vermont yesterday at her state election gave a much larger majority than when McKinley carried the state in 1900.

The eyes of the nation were anxiously awaiting the election returns from the state of Vermont. Both parties made a strong campaign for the purpose of securing an endorsement or disapproval of the Roosevelt administration. All this talk that the east was not in favor of Roosevelt was certainly silenced by the increased republican majority.

We have heard from Vermont and the fore cast leaves no room for speculation.

It is very doubtful whether the city council could have at this time chosen successor to mayor Foley that would have given as universal satisfaction as their choice in attorney J. D. Slater. He has been tried and never found wanting.

A romantic eastern of the Japanese is described in the "Kokoro" of Lafcadio Hearn. It is narrated that those who are anxious for the safety of absent ones repair to the mountain of Daikayama to perform a singular rite.

There is a shrine at the summit to commemorate a prince of antiquity who daily watched hopelessly until she pined and died, when her body was changed into stone. One who looks with eyes of a believer will see the princes on Mount Daikayama in the shape of a perpendicular rock. Before her shrine are heaps of pebbles and those who ascend to pray for the safe homecoming of one they love take a pebble away with them as a talisman. And when at last reunited with the beloved another pilgrim is made to the shrine on Daikayama to replace the pebble with a handful of others in devotional gratitude.

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I never will forget how she washed and she altho' she
The old-fashioned washboard that stood in the tub.

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And say they wear out their clothes every day;
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