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A TOAST.

Here's to the friends of mine, Friends whom I think good and true, Who love me for what I am And not the favors I do. There are plenty of fair weather friends, You can find them all about; But here's to the fellow who Proves he's your friend When he knows you're down and out. -Seltzer.

The industrial world is already beginning to rejoice and the atmosphere of uncertainty is beginning to clear away as the result of the intense earnestness on the part of the administration to hasten the tariff action on the bill revising the tariff schedules. In a general way those large interests most deeply affected, are informed what the report of the committee will be. While this report will not in every instance be accepted, it will in the great majority of schedules. It is announced that there will be no change on sugar, which affects millions of dollars of investment, neither will there be any change in lead or copper. But iron, for the first time in our history, will be placed on the free list.

The lumber schedule which undoubtedly affects more capital and labor than any other interests of the Pacific coast, is practically settled between the \$1 and \$2 schedule; the \$3 schedule, it is thought, would be serious to the coast mills, but if the compromise of \$1.50, which is now being considered favorably, prevails, our mills will proceed as of yore.

The entire schedule will show a percentage of reduction as compared with our present tariff law, and there is no question but this is expected by the people. What the people and business demand is that congress will act with speed, the uncertainty of the tariff stagnates business, until the schedule is fixed no manufacturer or business man will place orders for goods, the knowledge that the tariff was to be changed and that for months it has been known that congress would be called in special session to revise the tariff has been the cause of industrial inactivity.

No business house could afford to place future orders until it was known what the price would be, and manufacturers could not guarantee prices. Stocks are very low in the United States as a consequence, and just as soon as the schedules are fixed, and it is known that they will remain so fixed for several years at least, the wheels of industry will revolve as they have not for the past 18 months, and the spring and summer of 1909 will be looked back upon as the beginning of another period of general activity. Congress fully realizes its responsibility and there have already been frequent conferences between the committee which for weeks has been preparing the new schedule, the executive and speaker Cannon all with a view to prevent filibustering and delay.

With our returning national prosperity returns the immigrant. Until a few months ago those leaving this country, returning to their homes because they could live cheaper there than here, and work was difficult to obtain, exceeded the departures, but the tide has changed and today we are receiving several thousand more immigrants than are returning. Another sign of prosperity is the increase

ed importations. The custom house reports show that during the month of February \$12,000,000 worth of goods more was imported than during February of last year. When \$3,000,000 of precious stones are imported into this country in a single month, there is prosperity somewhere. Dealers are certainly optimistic to say the least.

Did you read that advertisement in last night's issue of Andrew & Berry, to the effect that they had six tailors ready to complete your suit on short notice. This sounds mighty nice from an industrial standpoint, when it is further known that La Grande has a firm that averages a tailoring force like this throughout the year. There are few tailor establishments on the coast in cities of our class that make a similar showing.

Population equal to the city of La Grande or Pendleton or The Dalles or a dozen other cities of Oregon, is pouring into our state every six days and will continue at least until May first. These people all bring some money, a great many with sufficient means to purchase farms, or go into business. This new money will add greatly to our prosperity the present year.

It is pleasing to note that our sister republic, Cuba, is taking a higher national moral plane. A bill has been passed prohibiting cock fights, except during the months from November to May, and then only on Sundays and holidays. A few more generations and this sport will be abolished altogether. A starter has been made.

La Grande will soon have another mercantile establishment that will be a credit to the city. We refer to the exclusive shoe store which will be opened between the 20th and the first of the month by Smith & Green. Their fittings should, and undoubtedly will be appreciated.

Step into the Bramwell Music company's place of business and note the number of high-grade pianos and other instruments carried and you will certainly be convinced that the proprietors have faith in the buying ability of our citizens. This store is a credit to the county.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Christian Church. Regular services at the Central Christian church Sunday, both morning and evening; Bible school at 9:45; communion at 11; preaching at 11:15 and 7:30; Christian Endeavor and Junior at 6:30. The subject of the morning sermon is "The World for Christ." In the evening, "The Disguise of Sin." The public is welcome to attend the services. Ford Ellis, minister.

First Presbyterian Church. Washington avenue and Sixth street. Morning subject, "Love's Triumph." Evening subject, "Socialism." Special music by the choir. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., W. L. Brenbols, superintendent; C. E. service, 6:30 p. m., leader, H. R. Hanna. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Rev. S. W. Seemann, D. D., minister.

First Baptist Church. Corner Sixth and Spring. At 9:45. Sunday school, Dr. J. E. Stevenson, superintendent; 11, morning worship, sermon, "Enduring Monuments"; 6:30, "Our Liquor Laws: How Regarded," will be the topic of the young people. Mr. Ben Halston will lead. At 7:30, evening worship, sermon, "That Neglected, Remembered, Kept Vow." Music by chorus choir, led by O. S. Wigglesworth. Cordial welcome to all. Rev. W. H. Gibson, pastor.

St. Peter's Church. Third Sunday in Lent. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Bible class, 4:15 p. m.; evening service, 5 p. m. Services on Wednesday and Friday evenings, at 7:30. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, rector.

First Methodist Episcopal Church. Corner M avenue and Fourth street. Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Bible school, G. O. H. Curvey, superintendent; subject, "True Discipleship"; 12 m., class meeting, 6:30 p. m., Epworth League service, subject, "Our Pattern"; G. L. Cleaver, leader; 7:30 p. m., evening worship, subject, "A World Rejected." Special music by the choir under the leadership of Miss Laura Green. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. C. E. Deal, pastor.

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