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Advertising is to business what steam power is to machinery—the grand motive power.—Macaulay.

There is but one way of obtaining business—publicity; but one way of obtaining publicity—advertising.—Blackwood

WHAT is the matter with congress, anyhow? Five days running this week and no quorum obtainable, and it requires force to get members into their seats.

The democratic party will soon have been in full control of this government one year, and they are worse at sea among themselves now than ever. This government is too big a machine for them to run. About the time they get it down to their caliber the year 1896 will have arrived, and then they will turn it over to better management. The American people are not fools, and they will profit by the result of the "change." Already there is talk of another "change," and it cannot be in the direction of the present one.

We give this week some examples of the use of the referendum in the United States. In Portland the citizen's committee of 100, is in that line, and it has saved the city \$120,000 yearly, already. Why not every city have a referendum committee, and why not each county, and why not all of Oregon?

WHEN all the items are considered it will be found that the assessment of Polk county this year will cost about \$2500. If the assessor were paid half that sum, he could, and would give us a more satisfactory assessment. Do not blame Mr. Beckett, for he has done his best, considering the pay he receives. It is not true economy to pay \$2500 for work that could be well done for \$1500.

THE New Year edition of the Salem Statesman, of twenty four pages, is a fine number, surpassing any previous effort, and a credit to its proprietors. It is a number well worth preserving.

THAT Hawaiian policy of President Cleveland's, and Governor Penroyer's letter, are both having a very decided effect on the people. Blount told lies to the president, and he believed them about Hawaii; and Penroyer told lies about Oregon, and the people will believe them. Plain, ordinary truth is too common for some people.

ENGLAND is going to spend \$20,000,000 for new war vessels to increase her navy. Some other nations, the United States among them, are getting too many vessels to suit England.

THE Salem Statesman's New Year edition says:

The L. O. O. F. library is the second largest library in Salem. It is maintained by Chemeketa and Olive lodges, and is managed by six trustees, three from each lodge. The library is in the new Holman block on the third floor. Besides a great many volumes of fiction, history, biography, etc., nearly all the leading magazines and newspapers are to be found. This library is open to all on the payment of a nominal yearly fee. From week to week new books are added until now the library contains over 20,000 volumes.

Why cannot Independence have a public library? Some public spirited odd fellow years ago started the Salem library and now it ranks second only to the state library. The masons of Salem, also have a public library. These orders here, either separately or united, could start a library and the public would enter heartily into the scheme. This matter should not be allowed to drop. It might start with only a few hundred books and be kept open only on evenings of each week and on Sunday afternoons, but would find many persons to patronize it who are indifferent now.

Both the odd fellow and masonic lodges of this city have fine

lodge rooms, fire proof and convenient for the public, and it would cost them very little to add a library and reading room.

LABOR AND FREE TRADE.

A Vast Difference Between What Cleveland Says and Does.

Under our form of government the value of labor as an element of national property should be distinctly recognized, and the welfare of the laboring man should be regarded as especially entitled to legislative care.

These are the words of Grover Cleveland, penned at the executive mansion April 22, 1888, in a message to the senate and house of representatives on the arbitration of labor disputes. This was a proper subject for the chief executive of the nation to deal with, and his sentiments, as expressed, were proper. But what was his meaning? Have his actions proved the honest intent of his words? Or were those words, like so many others that he has uttered, but mere catch phrases—mere bids for debauching the franchise "at the people's expense?" Let us see.

We now have before us the fear of free trade. The Democratic administration proposes to "reform" (save the mark) the tariff that protects labor. "The welfare of the laboring man should be regarded," said Mr. Cleveland? All that he cares for and the free trade bosses care for is to get cheap foreign luxuries from Europe and wear foreign made clothes. They don't care for American goods or clothes made by American labor.

How will these changes in the tariff affect labor? If the Democratic administration adheres to its platform upon which it was elected to office, it will put a revenue tax upon coffee, tea and sugar. These are three articles of daily use in every household. It means an increase of nearly 10 cents per pound in the price of coffee, 15 cents more per pound to pay for tea and an increase of from 1 to 2 cents per pound in the price of sugar. Besides this the internal revenue tax on beer is to be doubled, so that the workingman will have to pay more money for his beer or else get less beer for his money. But what increased taxes are there to be on the bosses? Their champagne and other foreign wines will pay 25 per cent less duty than formerly, and their foreign clothes will cost them from 25 to 65 per cent less. The workingman will make this up by paying more for his tea, sugar, coffee and beer.—American Economist.

Birthplace of the Republican Party. The honor of the birthplace of the Republican party is claimed by two or three places and especially by the state of Maine. The picture here printed is the old courthouse at Allen, Alleghany



ALLEGHANY COUNTY (N. Y.) COURTHOUSE county, N. Y. No less an authority than the late James G. Blaine gave it as his opinion on one occasion that Alleghany county's claim was a good one. A few years ago there was printed an account of the meeting in the old courthouse which led up to the organization of the Republican party in western New York.

Cheap Australian Wool. During the three seasons ended June 30, 1892, the shipments of wool from Australia increased by no less than 435,000 bales, or 32 per cent of the total quantity. During the year ended June 30, 1893, there was an increase of 50,000 bales additional, making the total increase in the Australian wool clip nearly 500,000 bales within four years.

The consequence of this enormous growth in the Australian production has been a drop of 30 per cent in prices, and protection alone has saved the American woolgrowers from being compelled to sell their wool for the same money. The Australian clip is liable to extraordinary and unprecedented growth in the future, because artesian wells have been sunk in New South Wales and Queensland, affording an abundant supply of pure water to irrigate the arid lands of the tropics, thus doubling the capacity of the soil.

The writer has lived and worked on a large Australian sheep ranch in the north of Queensland. There were 100,000 sheep running on 200,000 acres of land. One man, paid \$5 per week and his rations of a little flour, tea, meat and sugar, cared for every 10,000 sheep. He had a horse that fed itself as the sheep did. The sheep lands of Australia are valued at \$5 per acre if they will not carry one sheep per acre, at \$10 if carrying one and one-half sheep, and at \$20 per acre if the land carries two or more sheep. There are over 3,000,000 acres of land in one colony of Australia alone, held by only 148 persons, or 36,000 acres to each person. The cheap value of the land has been shown. It is taxed at 1 1/4 per cent only after its value has reached \$12,500, the amount below that not being taxed. Farmers in the United States cannot compete with these "robber barons" of Australia unless they have protection.

Leave the Tariff Alone. To Members of Congress, Washington: Any reduction in the present tariff will be injurious to my business, and also to the prosperity of those around me. Please vote against all changes recommended by the free traders.

Let every friend of protection send the above petition on a postal card to the representative of his district in congress. Begin as soon as congress meets. Ask your friends to do the same. Get them to ask their friends. Send to congressmen of both political parties. Let them know that it is now the wish of the people that the tariff should be left alone. Let the voice of the people be heard in favor of protection and prosperity.—American Economist.

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The street cars in a certain western city have small stoves in the center of each car for the additional comfort of passengers in cold weather. The driver on one of these cars had reached the end of his route one cold day and was changing his horses from one end of the car to the other when a half grown, half starved and bedraggled looking kitten came mewing across the road and ran into the car.

It curled up under the warm stove in great contentment, and the kind hearted driver, who was also the conductor, allowed it to lie under the stove during the down town trip. He begged a saucer of milk for the little waif at the other end of the route, and after her lunch, for which she was manifestly grateful, kitty went back to her snug place under the little stove, and during the day she and the conductor became such good friends that he left her in the car when he went off duty that night.

He did not put her out the next day nor at any other time, but fed her every day, and before a week she became the pet of the public and quite an attractive card to that branch of the road. She was a pretty, playful little gray and white kitty and made friends with all of the passengers. The children played with her, the ladies petted her, and most of the men paid her some attention. One lady tied a pretty scarlet ribbon around kitty's neck, and the next day another lady fastened a tiny silver bell to the ribbon.

As for things to eat, kitty has them in variety and quantity enough to make a dyspeptic of her. During a single trip she had gifts of a choice bit of raw steak offered her by an old Irishman on the car, a big oatmeal cracker and some gum drops presented by a little girl, a lump of loaf sugar, a lime, a sandwich, some peanuts and a link of sausage.

Kitty had been on the car five weeks when I heard of her, the most happy, contented and petted little puss imaginable. When the weather is fine, she often rides out on the platform with the driver, who has been such a true friend to her, and whose conduct is proof of the fact that there is a kindly, generous heart beneath his rough garments.—Harper's Young People.

Proper Washing For the Scalp.

A dermatologist of high standing says that the proper way to shampoo the head is to use some pure soap, such as castile of the best quality or glycerin soap, made into a "good lather on the head" with plenty of warm water and rubbed into the scalp with the fingers or with rather a stiff brush that has long bristles. When the scalp is very sensitive, borax and water or the yolks of three eggs beaten in a pint of lime water are recommended instead of soap and water. After rubbing the head thoroughly in every direction and washing out the hair with plenty of warm water or with douches of warm water alternating with cold, drying the hair with a bath towel, a small quantity of vaseline or sweet almond oil should be rubbed into the scalp. The oil thus applied is used in the place of the oil that has been removed by washing and to prevent the hair from becoming brittle.

A Warning Against Big Sleeves.

The present dressmaker's device of balloon shoulders was denounced as long ago as the time of Ezekiel, that prophet having uttered the solemn warning, "Thus saith the Lord God, Woe to the women who sew pillows to all armholes!" The doubting can verify this curse by turning to Ezekiel xiii, 18. The old Hebrew prophets, by the way, were severe critics of woman's fashions. In a famous passage Isaiah denounced the fashionable women of his day, with their tinkling ornaments around their feet, their earrings, nose-rings, chains, bracelets, mantles, wimples, crisping pins and other elegant trinkets, which goes to show that women haven't changed much since that period. But if Isaiah disapproved of these women, it is pretty certain that they just as strongly disapproved of him.—Waterbury American.

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