

The Courier.

Oregon City, August 3, 1894.

Wool brings 6 1/2 to 8 cents at Heppner. Oregon's clip is placed at 18,000,000 pounds.

The fruit growers of California have figured that they have lost approximately \$50,000 a day during the recent labor troubles by reason of the failure of the railroads to move their fruit.

There coal for the Pacific coast and New England, free iron for the Eastern manufacturers, free lead ores for the smelting industry, free lumber for the farmers and free wool for everybody. That is the sort of tariff legislation to work on.

ARTHUR P. Gorman of Maryland seems to think that just at present he is bigger than all the millions of tariff reform voters of 1892. Better than Gorman have led senatorial rebellions against the people as represented by the president and have invariably passed from public life.

JOHN CRAWLEY & SONS, the renowned British carpet makers, have furnished the strongest possible answer to the lamentations of the high protectionists over the woolen reductions by investing one million dollars in a carpet factory in Philadelphia. They certainly do not propose to engage in a losing business.

FROM the panicky condition of the senate there would seem to be a fear that Mr. Cleveland is going to order out the federal troops. One thing the senate may depend on: there is a man in the White House who has pretty well defined ideas of duty and is courageous enough to express them. He is not afraid of the Gorman-Brice combination.

UNITED STATES Consul German at Zurich believes that there is an opportunity for settlement to place surplus cotton in Switzerland. Owing to the hay famine last year all surplus stock was killed, and now there is a great scarcity. Beef on the hoof brings \$15.40 per 220 pounds, and dressed beef \$30.88 per 220 pounds. The consul suggests that American stock shippers communicate with the president of the Swiss Butcher's Association.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says of President Cleveland's letter about the senate and its tariff bill, to the chairman of the ways and means committee: "It is too late. The iron has entered into the soul of the people. The fruit of a campaign of education extending over nearly two decades has been decisively thrown away. The work will all have to be done over again. But with changed leaders. The democratic party will never again trust the false leaders who have lured it to its present discomfiture and disgrace. There was but one key to the situation, and that was the Chicago platform."

Thus our labor suffers from a system of robbery, disguised under forms of quackery for pretended protection of American labor. The stipulation that doesn't see it, particularly on this coast, where the producing classes are so plainly the victims of it, is phenomenal and perhaps hopeless.—Oregonian, October 21, 1881.

The "free-trade" editor that penned the above seems to be again on deck in the sanctum of the "only" daily. In the issue of July 21st it declares that in no event can any system of protection be a permanent one. The competition of the world, which we must meet, from which there is no escape, will control our policy in the long run, over all legislation.

It is the law of supply and demand, not tariffs, that regulates the price of products. The Pendleton Tribune, a republican paper, admits that in the following paragraph: The wool clip of Australia in 1890 '91 was 1,652,000 bales, and was of the value of \$108,200,000. The clip of 1891 '92 was 1,857,000 bales and its value was \$125,000,000. The clip increased 400,000 bales, while its value decreased only about \$16,000,000. That is, the average value of the wool has fallen from \$74 down to below \$50 per bale in the last five years. The falling off was just about 23 per cent, and yet we are treated every day with a dissertation on the fact that the McKinley law did not keep up the price of wool.

CORREA, the Asiatic kingdom about which China and Japan are having a lively fight, is a peninsula extending from China southwesterly, having the Yellow Sea on one side and the Sea of Japan on the other. The Corea Strait separates it from Japan. Vladivostok, the fortified and most important Russian harbor on the Pacific waters, lies a little north of the northern extremity of Corea. As this port is frozen in a large portion of the year, naturally the Russia Bear would not be averse to swallowing the small, ill-governed, undeveloped kingdom, did the opportunity come. Corea has no newspapers, no railroads, no steamboats, no telegraphs, no postoffices but a plenty of religion such as it is. The soil is poor and so are the inhabitants who wear as little clothing as possible to save expense. China has already lost several modern war vessels in a naval combat with Japan and the war has just begun.

In 1892 the shipment of Argentina wheat to Europe aggregated 470,100 tons, but in 1893 the shipments reached 1,008,100 tons. As the supply reaches the demand prices decline, but at the present low prices in the English market there is a fair profit in Argentina wheat, while there is little or none in the American product. According to Mr. Sams, a leading authority on wheat-growing in the Argentine Republic, the cost there of raising wheat is \$4.20 per 100 lbs (about 225 lbs), and at the selling price there is a profit to the producer of about \$5 a ton. England can afford to pay more for Argentina wheat than for the American grain, because our tariff is too high. That country does not seem to have any prospect for an increased foreign demand for our wheat of the present season. With prospects of drier crops in Europe and in South America the price of American wheat is almost certain to fall low. The state of our markets indicate that such a feeling is general.

Ripans Tablets: one gives relief. Ripans Tablets cure constipation.

James Pains tells in the London Illustrated News of a whist player being told by an opponent that he had a good hand. This he repeated according to the rules of the game. Pains says that he was only still more irritated by his form of corroboration "that he had never noticed any expression in his countenance whatever."

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