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SAVE THE FORESTS.

The protracted drouth in Iowa has withered the grass, baked the earth, dried up streams, injured some of the staple crops to such an extent that the yield will not exceed half the average, and forced farmers to feed their stock. Presumably the drouth is the result of the denudation of the forests and the subjection to cultivation of vast areas of land which but comparatively few years since was virgin. If these be the causes drouths will become a regular feature of the growing season, and to prevent them and the loss and suffering of which they are prolific it will be necessary as soon as possible to perfect the science of producing rain. This is the statement and comment of an Iowa paper. While Iowa has always ranked as a prairie state and the forest area removed has been much less than in Oregon, it must be borne in mind that like causes produce like results. Iowa's climatic conditions, suited to a prairie state, have been changed by the cutting away of the scanty forests. Oregon's vast area of massive trees has without doubt a marked effect upon the climate of this state. Since the coming of the first white settlers the area removed has unquestionably been larger in proportion than that of Iowa, and it is only fair to assume that if the removal of the forests continues the climatic conditions will be changed till the productions of the soil will necessarily have to be changed to meet the altered conditions. Is it desirable to permit this change to continue? We do not know what the result will be, but can judge from the conditions prevailing around us beyond the limits of the Willamette valley that but for the forests and the mountains this section too would be given over largely to sandy plains and sage brush. Just what part the forests play, and just what the mountains, cannot be determined, but aside from the changes in climate incident to the changed planetary conditions we know that existing conditions can be largely maintained and that they are better than any contemplated uncertainty resulting from the denuding of the surface of the valley of the forests, and while our forest area is still apparently more than abundant to meet all our needs for years to come the time to protect and save it is before it has been destroyed.

Besides the reasons cited above for the preservation of the forests of the state it must be remembered that it is a constantly augmenting source of wealth. As other less favored portions of the country exhaust their timber supply they must look to Oregon in a large measure to supply their needs, and thus give to our forests a value far beyond that which they now possess.

SENATORIAL SNAPS.

The Seattle Post Intelligencer comments upon the senatorial probabilities and prophecies as follows: Alabama will re-elect John T. Morgan, dem., and Arkansas has already re-elected or will re-elect James H. Berry, dem.; Colorado will choose a successor to Edward O. Wilcott, rep.; Delaware a successor to Anthony Higgins, rep.; Georgia a successor to Pat Welch, dem.; Idaho a successor to George L. Shoup, rep., who will retire. In Illinois Shelby M. Cullom, rep., will be re-elected. Iowa has already elected John H. Gear, rep., to succeed James F. Wilson, rep. Kansas will elect a successor to John Martin, dem. Kentucky has already re-elected William Lindsay, dem.; and Louisiana has done the same for Donalson Caffrey, dem. Maine will re-elect William P. Frye, rep., and Massachusetts will return Geo. F. Hoar, rep. Michigan will elect two senators to succeed James McMillon and John F. Patton, both republicans. Minnesota will elect a successor to William D. Washburn, rep.; and Mississippi has already elected Edward C. Withall, dem., to succeed A. J. McLurin, dem. Montana will elect two senators, one to succeed Thomas C. Power, rep., the other to fill the dead-lock vacancy. Nebraska will elect a successor to Charles F. Manderson, rep., and New Hampshire will re-elect William E. Chandler, rep. New Jersey will elect a successor to John R. McPherson, dem.; North Carolina will elect a successor to Matt W. Ransom, dem., and Thomas J. Jarvis, dem., and Oregon will re-elect Joseph N. Dolph, rep. Rhode Island has just elected George Peabody Wetmore, rep., to succeed Nathan

F. Dixon, rep. South Carolina will elect a successor to Mathew C. Butler, dem., South Dakota a successor to Richard F. Pettigrew, rep.; Tennessee a successor to Isham G. Harris, dem.; Texas a successor to Richard Coke, dem.; Virginia has already chosen Martin to succeed Kipa Hutton, dem.; Washington will fill the dead-lock vacancy. West Virginia will re-elect Johnson M. Camden, dem.; and Wyoming will elect two senators, one to succeed Joseph M. Carey, rep., and the other to fill the dead-lock vacancy. The republicans have already gained a seat in New Jersey, and will fill the vacancies in Washington, Wyoming and Montana. They are sure to gain a seat in Kansas, and will not lose anywhere. The congress whose term begins March 4, 1895, will have forty-three democratic senators, forty-two republican and three populist.

THE TRESPASS LAW.

The last session of the Oregon legislature enacted a trespass law, the provisions of which are not generally known, and sportsmen may profit by reading the same over carefully, as it is now the open season and the woods are full of hunters. The following is the full text of the law:

It shall be unlawful for any person other than an officer on lawful business, being armed with a gun, pistol, or other firearm, to go or trespass upon any enclosed premises or lands without the consent of the owner or possessor thereof.

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot upon or from the public highways.

It shall be unlawful for any person, being armed with a gun or other firearm, to cause, permit, or suffer any dog accompanying such person to go or enter upon any enclosed premises without the consent of the owner or possessor thereof; provided, that this section shall not apply to dogs in pursuit of deer or varminis.

Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than \$15 nor more than \$50, and in default of the payment of the fine imposed shall be committed one day for every \$2 of said fine.

Justices of the peace for the proper county shall have jurisdiction of the trial of offenses herein defined.

TRUSTS, NOT CHINESE.

A Philadelphia paper says that "congress does not dare to take hold of the subject of immigration and pass upon it intelligently. Nobody," continues that journal, "was afraid of China. The Chinamen don't vote and don't bother with politics, so it was easy to prevent them from landing." There is a curious misapprehension of apparent conditions in these comments, says the San Francisco Evening Bulletin. China is the nation of all others to be afraid of. Under the laws which in a measure regulate European immigration Chinese would come here in such numbers as would crowd the bummiest class of Europeans out. The empire can spare enough active, healthful and willing laborers to do the work that Europeans came here to do. It does not much matter to them if they do not vote so long as competition between them and the whites is free. The cause for the disinclination of congress to take hold of the immigration problem does not lie in the votes of naturalized citizens. It lies in the desire of powerful corporations to keep a supply of cheap labor on hand. The same power which induced congress to delay the Nicaragua canal bill till the next session is responsible for the unwillingness of congress to take up the subject of immigration.

BUSINESS SPEAKS.

The volume of business transacted in this country as shown by the bank clearances is a pretty good indication of the effect of democratic government upon the country. The figures themselves speak more forcibly than any comment. Following is the bank clearances for the months of April, May and June for the last three years for fifty-five cities in the United States:

Month	1894	1893	1892
April	\$3,600,845,428	3,805,869,561	3,576,315,339
May	3,580,322,696	3,529,329,332	4,529,838,341
June	4,529,838,341	4,529,838,341	4,529,838,341
Total	\$11,133,970,828	11,865,038,234	12,635,992,021

IN FAVOR OF WOMEN.

Judge Fee has decided the contested election case in Union county in favor of Miss Stevens, who was elected school superintendent at the last election, and whose right to the office was contested by J. L. Carter on the ground that a woman could not hold the office. The suit will probably be appealed. Mrs. Carry May, of Tillamook county, is also having her office contested, T. B. Handy being the contestant. There were seven women elected to the office of school superintendent in the state last June as follows: Alice Carron, Grants Pass, Josephine county; Mrs. Gordon, Klamath Falls, Klamath county; Miss Susan W. Moore, Malheur City, Malheur county; Miss Anna J. Balsiger, Heppner, Morrow county; Mrs. Carrie May, Tillamook, Tillamook county; Miss Harriette C. Woodruff Pendleton, Umatilla county; Miss Nellie Stevens, La Grande, Union county; Mrs. P. E. Boyd, Joseph, Wallowa county.

Anent the passage of the trust tariff bill the report is timely that the Welsh tin-plate workers are preparing to take possession of the American market. It has not yet been decided whether the American manufacturers will cut wagers or go out of business. The Lyons silk weavers are also preparing to run out their New Jersey competitors. The era of cheap goods and cheap men is impending.

The San Francisco Bulletin in an article relating to the times, says: There are some signs already of a business revival. The ardent free trader will attribute them to the near approach of the beneficent tariff which has now passed both houses. The real fact will be that our people will now go to work because they know exactly the extent to which the injurious legislation of the democratic party will go. No matter how wicked the onslaught on their industries may be, they cannot lie down and die. Knowing the worst that is to befall, they will accommodate themselves to the new conditions and forge ahead just as fast as it is humanly possible for them to do. It will be no light incentive to renewed activity to know and feel that the hand of the garrotter has been removed from their throats. No one could work or trade so long as the future was rendered doubtful by the strife of the rival jobbers at Washington. The democratic distemper under which the country has been so long suffering must soon begin to abate. But there will be no revival of the brimling prosperity of the past till there is a reaction toward the old conditions. There may be an increase in imports, but that will tell no tale but that of the decline of American manufactures. It may fill the treasury and increase the bustle at the wharves, but it will not enlarge the sphere of employment. The democratic notion is that all our work should be done abroad.

The land office of Seattle has received an interesting decision. It concerns the right of a married woman to make entry of government land. The case was that of the United States vs. Mattie E. Gilmore, involving a timber land entry for 160 acres. The entry was contested because the woman was married and her husband gave her the money with which to pay for the land, and that said entry was made for his use and benefit, he having already used his right to make timber land entry. Commissioner Lamoreaux says that it had been uniformly held that the rights of a married woman to make an entry under the deserted land law or the timber or stone act depends on the laws of the state or territory in which the land lies. The right of the wife to own land in her own name free from the debts is guaranteed by the laws of the state of Washington. Therefore, Mrs. Gilmore has a perfect right to own land in question. The mere fact of her receiving the money from her husband with which to pay for the land does not vitiate her title. Any conclusion of fraud charged must be proven by evidence. As the same laws relative to the rights married women to own property in their own name hold in this state, the decision is of interest here.

The tax commissioner's business has gone to such an extent in this state and has proven of so little good that it should be rooted out root and branch. Concerning it the Statesman says: Oregon's voters should elect their own railroad commission if it is deemed for the best interests of the commonwealth that the state have such a board of commissioners. The legislature ought never to assume the power to elect any state official. Already the fight for place on the next board of railroad commissioners is receiving more attention than any item of proposed legislation. The whole commission business (when the commissioners are elected by the legislature) is demoralizing—in fact one of the most demoralizing influences of the session. It has a close connection with a great deal of legislation. Votes for commissioners are traded for votes for bills that would otherwise be buried where they belong. Down with it!

The Portland Chronicle criticizes the management of the Woolmen here in taking the visiting "Neighbors" up to Falls City park which it says is two miles above town. The criticism is unfair in many particulars and not altogether called for by the facts. Many of the members of Willamette Falls Camp felt that it was a great mistake to undertake to visit the park at night, but members of the order in charge at Portland asked that it be secured for them and the committee here followed their instructions. The truth of the matter is that the whole arrangement for the evening was made by the Portland committee, but the expense, including the illuminating of the falls by electricity and red lights, the band and the hacks for the head officers, was borne by the local camp. It seems to have been an unsatisfactory affair to both parties, probably because too many committees were managing matters.

The motorman who stood at the head of the electric cars during all the severe storms of last winter remembers as the burning sun pours down upon him that he nearly froze to death while at his post there, and wishes that he might devise some means to equalize the temperature between the two extremes. It seems to be understood along the line that before the storms of next winter the cars will all be vestibuled and heated, which changes will not only greatly add to the comfort of the cars but increase the number of passengers. It is too much to ask motormen and conductors to stand out in so exposed a place in cold stormy weather, and the cars ought to be converted into vestibules before winter begins.

If there is anything that keeps the workman down today it is the labor union. It saws all men off at the same length. The industrious and capable and the expert are handicapped for the lazy, the incompetent and turbulent. The competent man has no need for the union. Everybody knows of him and wants him. It is only the inferior who finds it an advantage. There never was such a time for men to rise as this. But there must be something in them, and first of all a good ground-work of American fairness and fair play; a willingness to accord to the rights and privileges that he claims for himself.

Don't ride a convict safety will be the next war cry in view of the fact that Indiana has decided to set the convicts in the Michigan City Penitentiary at work making bicycles. MUSCATINE, Ia., has just let contracts for \$70,000 worth of new vetriified brick streets. brick pavements are considered the best in that locality.

As exchange says: "Every town has a liar or two, a smart Aleck, some pretty girls, more loafers than it needs, a woman or two who tattle, streets given over to weeds, an old dog it would be better without, men who stand on the street corner and make remarks about women, and a young man who laughs an idiotic laugh every time he says anything, a score of men with the calboses of their pants worn as smooth as glass, men who can tell you all about the finances, the weather and how to run other people's business, but who have made a dismal failure of their own."

JOHN HEENESE, of Vancouver, didn't propose to patronize any biased bank. He knew how to keep his money safely, having as smart a head as some other populists; so he put his \$535 in a can and hid it in a hole in his shed, covering the whole with dirt. Mr. Heeness still has the hole, the can and the dirt, to say nothing of the experience.

The Newberg Graphic has shown commendable public spirit in making a canvas of that place to ascertain the present population. The heads of all families with the number of males and females in each are published in the Graphic and corrections invited. The population was found to be 1,016.

The foundation for the Pasadena National Bank building is five feet thick and is being formed of alternate layers of concrete and horse shoes. About five thousand old shoes will be used in the foundation. The horse shoe is a symbol of good luck to builders in more ways than one. In this case it will also stand for protection.

The shareholder and Gazette is the name of a very neat weekly magazine paper which appears under the direction of Lionel Stage as editor. As its name indicates it is devoted to matters connected with stocks and finance. Altogether it is well edited and neatly gotten up.

TARIFF COMMENT.

New York Sun: God preserve the party that goes to the people with such a record of perfidy, such a confession of dishonor.

Buffalo Express: It was, perhaps the most disgusting scene ever enacted in the American congress, and one which all Americans must hope never to see repeated. And yet it was a fitting consummation of a political victory won by shameful falsehood, by the disfranchisement of voters in eleven great states and by the demagogic nursing for the first time in the nation's history for those vampires of the national life, socialism and anarchy.

New York Advertiser: The truth of the matter is that it makes little difference now as to what the democracy says or what it may do. It has been tried by the country and found wanting. The people now realize the truth and force of Mr. Blaine's remark that, by reason of their long absence from power, the democrats have lost the capacity to govern.

New York Recorder: The democratic party began to make a tariff law early in December, 1893. In the middle of August, 1894 it has brought forth the finished product of nearly nine months of toil and strife. And it is confessedly a bill of bargains, which in all its vital features is a tariff bill drawn by the trusts, for the trusts, and beneficial to nobody outside of the trusts.

Baltimore American: Of course the political effect of yesterday's development has a large interest for the entire country. Undoubtedly gloom dwells in the White House. It was an undiscribly unfortunate moment when President Cleveland wrote that personal letter to Chairman Wilson. The republicans of the country need no better campaign material than this document.

New York Times: It is beyond description humiliating to sincere tariff reformers to look upon this outcome of their toil and sacrifice, and feel that they have even this measure only by grace of a few men who have in the past striven with them for the attainment of the power to revise the tariff only to betray for hire and in the moment of its triumph the cause they have served.

Philadelphia Inquirer: Gorman has won his fight; modified protection is triumphant. Grover Cleveland, Professor Wilson and Speaker Crisp have descended into the mire; "party pettily and party dishonor" have been sanctioned by the democratic party and over all floats the triumphant, defiant flag of the despotic sugar trust.

New York Herald: Under compulsion of the darkest and foulest conspiracy in the annals of any nation the hopes of representatives has passed the senate tariff bill.

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