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let paper come in free of duty from Canada? Is the United States prepared to sit down under a reign of arbitrary rule by a nation whose tariff so sacred that we are all willing to live in ignorance in order to preserve it unimpaired?

In struggling for reciprocity Mr. Taft fights the battles of the plain citizen whose welfare is too frequently forgotten in the rage for protection and colossal profits. People who understand their own best interest will back him in the fight.

SETTING OREGON RIGHT.

When the single-taxers by evasion, artifice and chicanery tricked the people of Oregon into adoption of the county option (single tax) amendment, they attempted at the same time to force the hands and minds of the voters on the vital subject of taxation. The amendment sought to withdraw from all future Oregon Legislatures the power to enact any tax measure.

Yet the Legislature has continued to make itself heard on the single tax. It has now on record, through its vote on the proposed constitutional tax amendment, in direct and irreconcilable opposition to the single tax. It reflects here infallibly the sentiment and purposes of the people of Oregon. They are not for the single tax. They never will be. They can never again be fooled by the U'Rens, the Cridges and the Wagnons into adopting any measure from such a source without close scrutiny of all its terms.

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A stringent fire law properly enforced is much needed in this state to prevent the annual loss through forest fires. The Oregon Forest Fire Association, composed of men who control nearly 1,500,000 acres of timber land, has in recent years maintained at its own expense an efficient fire patrol, which has not only prevented the destruction of much timber owned by members of the association, but has also saved the timber of small owners from destruction. Vice-President Gilbert, of the association, truthfully states that "if danger spots, such as logging slashings and brush along trails and roads, were ordered burned at the proper season, and it were known that the State would not be ready to prosecute violations of the fire law, we would not have this annual fire scare."

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RUSSIA AND CHINA.

The czar's deeds do not convince quite the same devotion to universal peace as his words. Though he was the originator of The Hague tribunal, he has fought one great war since it opened its doors and seems now to be on the verge of another. Unless Mongolia, which expires by treaty this month, he threatens them with war. Why does he not follow out his own principles and refer the trouble to arbitration? If international arbitration is good in the West it is good in the East. Probably the Chinese would prefer to submit the matter to a court of arbitration rather than fight. Russia would set an excellent example to Germany and England if she took the same view of it. But Russia will not take the same view. With all the life of the czar's reign, he has not taken the same view. With all the life of the czar's reign, he has not taken the same view.

THE SERIOUS ILLNESS OF JOAQUIN MILLER.

forebodingly his speedy demise, recalls many incidents in his life. He was a poet—pleasing and otherwise. Like other men of erratic but pronounced genius, he was in no sense a man of domestic tastes and habits, and hence was a lamentable failure in the role of a family man. He was, however, loyal in his friendships, and a lover of nature and in a somewhat diffusive sense a poet. An old but not, in the modern sense, an aged man, in a vigorous action from sturdy pioneer stock, he had reasonable expectation of further length of years. Hence his passing at the age of 51 (if his present illness proves fatal) was a surprise to the friends who have followed his course through the past half century in which he has been known in the world of adventure and literature.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

LOWER HOUSE HAS HARD DAY. Representatives Busy in Passing, Discarding and Postponing Bills.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 16. (Special.)—The House today passed the following bills:

- H. B. 245, Neuner—Appropriating \$20,000 for salmon hatcheries.
H. B. 211, Chittenden—Fixing salaries of Lincoln County officers.
H. B. 401, Bryant—Legislating certain divorce decrees.
H. B. 581, Chatten—Appropriating \$15,000 for salmon hatcheries.
H. B. 210, Lane County delegation—Appropriating \$28,232.08 for buildings and contents in Astoria, Oregon.
H. B. 211, by Lane County delegation—Appropriating \$175,000 for library building at Clatskanie.
H. B. 212, by Miller and Shaw—Requiring fences along railroad rights of way.
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H. B. 215, by Amme—Giving two additional deputies to District Attorney of Multnomah County.
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H. B. 218, by Bonebrake—Fixing salaries of officers of Benton County.
H. B. 219, by Bonebrake—To prevent fraud in collecting scalp bounty.
H. B. 220, by game committee—To provide for protection of lobsters.
H. B. 221, by game committee—To prevent having more than 25 ducks in one's possession in same week.
H. B. 222, by game committee—To prevent propagation of Dolly Varden trout.
H. B. 223, by Chambers—Allowing shooting of certain game from a skiff.
H. B. 224, by Chambers—Authorizing insurance commissioner to make examinations into affairs of insurance companies.
H. B. 225, by insurance commission—Providing for licenses of insurance agents annually.
H. B. 226, by insurance commission—Providing for transfer of annual licenses for agents in Astoria, Oregon.
H. B. 227, by Reynolds—To protect zinc-ore industry.
H. B. 228, by Westerland—Fixing salaries of officers of Jackson County.
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H. B. 230, by Rickett—To increase salary of Cook County Assessor.
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H. B. 233, by Dorby—Placing Hood River County in the Seventh Judicial District.
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H. B. 235, by Gill—Relating to gallon houses.
H. B. 236—Regulating construction of bridges over streets that are boundary lines between two counties.
H. B. 237—Regulating killing of game in Union and Willamette Counties.
H. B. 238, by Bellman and Thompson—Fixing salaries of officers of Crook County.
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H. B. 241, by Beale—To fix salaries of officers of Tillamook County.
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H. B. 245, by Clements—Relating to surety company bonds.
H. B. 246, by Marion, Clarkamas and Yamhill delegations—To close Chinese phreatic season for two years.

UPPER HOUSE DISCARDS MANY. Action on Proposed Laws.

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- S. B. 133, by Parrish—Fixing the salary of County Assessor of Grant County.
S. B. 207, by Alford—Creating the office of County Secretary of State.
H. B. 207, by Ambrose—Providing for support of county libraries.
H. B. 171, by Poutz—Relating to payment of claims for care of patients at asylum.
H. B. 140, by Hollis—Creating a state board of fish and game commissioners.
H. B. 313, by Steelhammer—Relating to hens on chateaux.
Postponed Indefinitely.
Substitute H. B. 23, by Clyde—Providing for the judicially.
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The Anniversary Number

Reads Like Romance. YONCALLA, Or., Feb. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Your Fiftieth Anniversary Number reads like a romance. In it I find things that take my mind back to the days of my girlhood.

Nearly 38 years ago my husband brought me a bride of little more than 16, to this our home, once the home of W. F. P. and a new and ardent Oregonian as one of the stockholders of The Oregon Statesman, launched in 1851. Throughout these years, The Weekly Oregonian has been a good part of the time, been a member of our family.

In 1880, I, in company with a daughter-in-law of Uncle Jesse Applegate, was in Portland, and visited The Oregonian, and though its home was then in the old building, we had wonderful times in telling about it, when we came home.

Last September, I stopped off in Portland, on my way home from Salt Lake City and did not know how wonderful it had visited in 1880. Though I had always imagined Salt Lake City, a greater city than Portland, I found Portland in many ways far ahead.

In looking over the wonderful Fiftieth Anniversary Number, and noting the rapid growth of the city, as I had believed that Portland is and always will be the great commercial center of the West Coast.

What began in 1851, the continued prosperity of The Oregonian, and a sincere wish for the happiness of that man and his worthy wife to whom The Oregonian represents a life's achievement, I am, very sincerely yours, MRS. J. T. MILLER.

Pioneers Were Courageous.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 16.—(To the Editor.)—As a former resident of Portland, I permit me to congratulate you upon the Fiftieth Anniversary Number of your excellent paper. In every department it is of the highest standard, was especially interesting to me, and I believe that the sound judgment of the early-day citizens is due the solid foundation that is the city's in the business world. With best wishes for the success of your publication, I am sincerely yours, (Mrs. R. D.) Edith Knight Holmes.

Factor in Development.

Fargo (N. D.) Republican. The Portland Oregonian has recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary as a daily. H. L. Pittcock, who was proprietor with the first issue, still owns the publication. The Oregonian has been great factor in the development of the Northwest.

Important and Influential Force.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The Portland Oregonian has recently passed the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment. It is a daily, and its circulation is one of the largest in the Northwest. In this section we think it stands alone, in comparison with anything heretofore done in its line on this coast.

Fills Field Well.

New York World. The Portland Oregonian was fifty years old last Saturday and celebrated the occasion by issuing a special edition of 128 pages. When The Oregonian was first published in 1861, it had three local competitors; now it occupies the morning field alone and fills it well. H. L. Pittcock, one of its founders, is still the business manager. The Oregonian has had the long distance record for active control of a successful daily newspaper.

A Striking Anniversary.

Salt Lake Tribune. The issue was one of extraordinary interest, being a history of the State of Oregon, and especially of the growth that The Oregonian has recorded in all the years, and its position in the Northwest. This development has been a wonderful one, and it is fittingly commemorated by this splendid issue. No other paper has issued any such a number as this, and no other paper has had the same opportunity to do it. So that the issue is unique in every respect, and is extremely valuable, not only for what it represents, but for what it is.

Unequaled for Advertisement of Oregon.

Portland, Feb. 13.—Mr. H. L. Pittcock, Manager The Oregonian: I desire as chairman of the promotion committee of the Portland Commercial Club to express to you our appreciation of the splendid piece of advertising which you put out on February 4. The magnificent 50th anniversary issue of The Oregonian ought to do the state of Oregon and the city of Portland an immense amount of good, and I am sure it will.

High Tone Esteemed.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 16.—H. L. Pittcock, manager The Oregonian: I have read with great pleasure the beautiful souvenir, commemorative of your 50th year in business. The development of your printing house is something to be proud of. The development of the Royal Worcester Corset Company, as I began business in one room, with one girl, a half century ago, and a grand old tree to you on this commemorative ground.

Carrier of '60's Writings.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 8.—Allow me to express my appreciation of the Anniversary Edition of The Oregonian. It is certainly magnificent, as different from any other Oregonian I carried in the "sixties" as the Portland of that date to our present metropolis. DAVID E. STEARNS.