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A PORTLAND man has been fined fifty dollars for whipping his dog. Those who whip their wives get off easier.—East Oregonian.

The Eugene cannery put up about 13,000 pounds of cherries and received one order for 2,000 cases, or nearly eight times the amount of their pack. There is no trouble about a market for Oregon cherries.

At Plymouth, Pa., on the 20th ult., the Edwards tin plate plant began operations. For the present one set of baths is employed, turning out 500 boxes of roofing sheets a week. Other baths are under way, however, and the number will be increased to six, so that the total capacity of the plant will be 3,000 boxes a week.

The fact is not so well known as it should be that there is an organization known as the Women's Republican Association, which is doing work for the cause in this campaign. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster is chairman, and the headquarters are at the Elsemere Hotel, Washington D. C., where all letters concerning its business should be addressed.

When a hen lays an egg she cackles. When a man gets on a new stock of goods it is human for him to crow over it. When a hen cackles people know that she has laid in some stock and feels rather proud of it. When the merchant opens up his new styles and blows his trumpet in the newspapers, people know that he has something on hand worth advertising and patronize him accordingly.—Ex.

REPUBLICANS in this campaign will remember the words of James G. Blaine: "The resolution, energy and persistence which marked the proceedings of the convention at Minneapolis will, if turned against the common foe, win the election in November. All minor differences should be merged in the duty of every republican to do all in his power to elect the ticket this day nominated by the national republican convention."

THERE is at least one man in the Northwest that deserves praise, and he is the marshal of Eugene. He has posted notices, saying: "Notice is hereby given to all property holders that they are required to cut all thistles on their property, and in the streets adjoining, immediately. If they neglect so to do, the thistles will be cut by the marshal, at the expense of such property holders." Every road overseer should post the same kind of a notice on his road districts and follow up the notice with execution.

The democrats are already trying to "hedge" on the free trade plank of their platform. This was made manifest to all by the selection of William F. Harry, of Pennsylvania, to be chairman of their national committee. Harry was prominent among the supporters of the late Sam. Randall, the man who kept the democratic party off the free trade rocks for so many years. Republican managers smile at this acknowledgment of weakness, and will see that the free traders are not allowed to sneak out of the issue they deliberately made.

The governor of Oregon receives \$1500 per year salary. No one thinks of him as being a poor down-trodden laborer who is oppressed by the iniquitous McKinley law, and yet there is not one of the 325 men whose wages were reduced by the Carnegie company who was not receiving a third more salary than the governor of Oregon and some of them were receiving more than three times as much. The barons of labor in this instance seem to outnumber the "barons of capital." There may be instances where labor is down-trodden, even in our own country, but this is certainly not a good illustration of that condition of affairs.

ALL FOR PROTECTION.

Wherever there has been a republican convention this year, there has been an unanimous voice for protection. In every county, in every state, and in the great national assembly of the party the same unity of sentiment was shown. In each then the tariff was made the central plank of the platform, and the words "Protection" and "Reciprocity" were written in letters of living light. Reciprocity rests upon protection and is dependent upon it. With free trade there could be no reciprocity. Protection, therefore, is the main support of the commercial policy of the republican party, and the unanimity with which it has been everywhere supported is impressive in the manifestation of popular harmony.

It is not without good cause that this harmony prevails. Protection has filled the country with mills and forges and factories, has opened mines and built railways, has created towns and cities out of the soils of prairies and out of the turf of woodlands; it has brought the republic, in less than half a century, from the condition of that of the poorest to that of the richest of civilized nations. In the brief interval when free trade, or anti-protection, legislation has been in force, panic has swept the country and want has sat beside the scanty fires of wage-earning householders. But whenever protection has been dominant work has been plentiful, wages satisfactory, wealth more equitably diffused than in other countries, and prosperity has been universal. The evidences of the benefits of protection are around us on every side. We can see them abroad by contrasting the poorly paid English laborer with the well-to-do American workman. We can see them at home by contrasting the condition of those states where there is no diversity of industry and where the people rely on low wages for home work and import all their manufactured products; with those other states where the industries are diversified, wages are high and all classes of the people prosperous. The prosperous states are republican states. They are for protection. It is with gratification that we can include our state among them. Our people know what protection has done for them, and knowing it they will join the grand multitude of Americans whose harmonious sentiments have been expressed in the national platform of the republican party.—San Jose Mercury.

The people of the drought-afflicted districts of Texas are calling for assistance through Governor Brown, who declares that famine will be inevitable unless relief be received. Of course it is prosaic and unromantic to send relief to our own countrymen. It appeals more strongly to the dramatic in human nature to dispatch a steamer across the ocean, previously blessed by a posturing preacher, to be received at its destination with salvos of artillery, banquets and gifts of silver and gold; but while doing this we should not forget the plain, practical charity at home. Calamity has been rife in America this year, and has not received the attention it deserves. Our own countrymen have been neglected in their distress while relief has been sent to a foreign land. The governors of several states have appealed for aid, the last appeal coming from Texas. No notoriety nor silver presents await the one who works to send aid to the famine threatened people of southwestern Texas, but such a stimulus should not be needed.

CANADA knows by this time that when the president threatened to retaliate for the unjust discrimination against American vessels using Canadian water ways, he was not making a "bluff," but was giving a friendly warning. Congress has, practically without opposition in either house or senate, passed the bill authorizing the president to retaliate upon Canadian vessels by levying toll or by shutting them out of St. Marys Fall Canal, as he may deem best. The new law is a harsh one, or it may be made such in its bearings upon Canadian interests; but it is still in the power of Canada to take such action as will prevent the President exercising the authority just conferred upon him.

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A BAD YEAR.

All the evidence at hand shows this is going to be a bad, sad year for the calamity prophets of both parties. Their occupation is gone and there will be nothing for them to do in the campaign but to preserve a decent silence or bewail the country's universal and exasperating prosperity.

There is simply nothing for them to grumble about. The business of the country is in a provokingly healthy and flourishing condition. Imports during the fiscal year ending June 30 were greater than those of any former year, amounting to \$833,000,000, while exports also exceeded the highest record and reached the enormous aggregate of \$1,027,000,000. Railroad earnings for the first six months of the year are greater than those for any similar period in history, and the output of manufactures has been greater than ever before. Business failures for the first half of the present year have been 1000 fewer in number and \$40,000,000 less in gross liabilities than they were during the corresponding period of 1891. New industrial enterprises for manufacturing iron, cotton and woolen fabrics are going into operation in various sections, and while the margin of profits is small business is on a solid foundation, and the outlook in every direction is hopeful and encouraging. The grain crop is promising, money is abundant and collections are easier.

In the face of such a condition of things the calamity howler must remain silent. His howling will scare nobody, not even himself, for he is too smart not to realize that the country is in a marvelously prosperous condition, and likely to continue so, no matter which party wins in November. No party can undo the work of nature in the harvest fields or destroy the splendid accumulations of enterprise and business sagacity. The country is so large and parties are so small as compared with the influence of the commercial institutions of the nation that the success of this party or the defeat of that one can no longer be regarded as a disaster, or a threat of disaster, to national prosperity. The country is all right, and if anything is wrong it is one party or the other, or both.

A campaign free from gloomy forebodings and solemn warnings will be a refreshing change from the contests of former years. It will be a spirited, reasonable, cheerful struggle between men who are sensible enough and patriotic enough to acknowledge that the country will not go to ruin in any event, and that her destinies, institutions and manifold interests will be just as jealously guarded by one party as by the other.

The pessimist, accustomed to admonishing us that things will go to smash unless their particular party wins, will not be heard in the campaign. They can find nothing in the present condition of the country to justify or excuse the smallest calamity howl. They can't shout against universal prosperity, and their massive silence will be one of the pleasantest and most eloquent features of the campaign now about to open.—N. Y. Herald.

In an article in the May Forum Edward Atkinson says: "There never has been a period in the history of this or any other country when the general rate of wages was as high it is now, or the prices of goods relatively to the wages as low they are to-day, or a period when workman, in the the strict sense of the word, has so fully secured to his own use and enjoyment such a steadily and progressively increasing proportion of a constantly increasing product. That is the way the tariff works."

A WELL-INFORMED business man of Western Pennsylvania writes to the New York Tribune: "Business has taken me to England many times from 1880 to date. I observed that many things supposed to cost more in America than elsewhere because of the protective tariff are really as cheap here as in England. Notably, carpenters' tools, farming tools and builders' hardware. To satisfy myself I brought with me last month a lot of samples bought at three different hardware stores in a town of 12,000 in an agricultural district. On comparison I find that in farming tools American prices are about the same for better goods, in builders hardware a lower price for better goods, and in carpenter's tools, where possible to compare them American prices are not higher than the English." That is the kind of evidence which convinces voters of the utility of protection. The home industries flourish and offer diversified employment to a population that needs it. The prices of carpenters' tools, building hardware and farming implements are often lower here than they are abroad, and never higher. The producer has the trade of the home market, and the consumer has the benefit of the low prices. Nobody is taxed and there is work for American workmen. That is the outcome of what the democracy condemns as "a system of public robbery and jobbery."

The craze which an epidemic often starts is one of the curiosities of mental energy. Let a disease become general, and means be taken to prevent its spread, and a popular feeling of opposition is aroused which develops into positive enmity for the officials who are striving to preserve the public health. This is seen in small-pox cases and when diphtheria is prevalent, when attempts to isolate the stricken patients are resisted sometimes to the extent of bloodshed and murder. The cholera is at the present time quite prevalent in Russia, and in one city the infuriated people rose against the doctors and nurses, killing them without mercy, releasing the patients and destroying the hospitals. The people appear to have gone clean crazy with the excitement of the situation and have been guilty of horrible atrocities. It can easily be believed when one considers how excitable the people are, and how in more enlightened districts this same phase of mental aberration affects people. When these waves of excitement are rolling in, nothing can be done but allow them to subside and for reason to resume its sway. Then, and only then, may steps be taken to overcome the disease. The condition of the people where this insanity prevails is indeed deplorable.

DEMOCRATS have been arguing that the product of the Homestead mills is protected, and therefore protection is responsible for the riot and bloodshed there. There is free trade in the product of silver mines. Therefore free trade is responsible for the riot and bloodshed among the silver miners of Idaho according to the arguments of the democrats.

DEMOCRATIC editors ought to be at work showing why no measures should be taken against the introduction of cholera. Such steps can be shown to be "ag'in the Constitution." Besides it interferences with natural law to set up quarantine stations against the importation of this cheap foreign product. If we are to have free trade let us be consistent.

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