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The Brownville Times says Oregon needs a board of railroad commissioners to regulate traffic. Oregon can get along without such a body very well.

The famous cases of Marie Ware, Horace McKinley, et al., charged with land frauds, will not come to an issue now in the U. S. District Court at Portland.

The most astonishing thing about the present situation is that whereas five short years ago, a public man like Chamberlain, who would make such proposals to the British people as a protective tariff, would be regarded as a lunatic or knave, the same proposal is now hailed by hundreds of thousands of voters as the only salvation of the country.

EX-GOVERNOR LOUD, who served 12 years on the Supreme Bench in Oregon, has filed a brief in the initiative and referendum case, in which he supports the contention that the referendum amendment was not legally adopted, is in violation of that part of the Federal Constitution which guarantees to every state a republican form of government.

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A PRINCE OF PAUPERS

The Steel Trust Ever Asking and Receiving Favors.

ANNUAL TARIFF BONUS \$75,000,000

Republican Leaders Who Do the 'Trust Barons' Bidding—Using the Railroads to Shift Business to the Shoulders of the People—Saving by Cutting the Wages of Labor.

Andrew Carnegie once said that steel is either a prince or a pauper. He meant that the industry is either very prosperous or very much depressed at any particular time, that it goes quickly from one extreme to the other.

In the first place, it receives from the United States a tariff bonus which amounts to about \$75,000,000 a year—that is, fully \$75,000,000 of its \$133,000,000 of net profits last year were due to the tariff on steel products, absolutely unnecessary to preserve the industry and serving only to enable the trust to extort \$75,000,000 a year from our citizens, who are compelled to pay 40 per cent more for steel than is paid for foreigners who buy steel of the same trust.

In the next place, this steel trust is always getting special favors from those semipublic institutions, the railroads. It is not generally known that Andrew Carnegie, like John D. Rockefeller, got his start, or, rather, his lead, through secret and illegal rebates from the railroads, yet such is the fact.

At no time for twenty years have the railroads been giving lower rates to the steel manufacturers. President Schwab testified before the industrial commission that the railroads always give specially low rates on materials to be exported. This is illegal and against public policy.

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REPUBLICAN SCHISMS.

Radical Disagreements Over the Most Important Political Issues.

Reciprocity, much more tariff reform, is like a red rag before a bull with the Republican protectionists.

The American Economist, the organ of the Protective Tariff league, is denouncing those Republicans who favor Cuban reciprocity and branding those who think that the schedules that forbid the trusts should be reduced or abolished as traitors to their party and country.

It is entertaining to read these diatribes and know that the heaven is working which will surely overthrow monopoly, for protectionism cannot exist long under full discussion of its evils and reputed virtues.

That the Economist and the league and its Republican followers are troubled in spirit and fear the attitude of a few Republican tariff reformers may be judged by what the Economist said in its issue of Oct. 30.

Unless this craze among Republicans for tariff reform is checked by Republicans we shall be found traveling the same road as in 1892, with another tariff riding Democratic president in the White House and another tariff riding congress at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue.

In the same article from which the above is quoted, after speaking of the reciprocity views of President McKinley, it adds: "He would never have urged such a policy upon congress. Much less would he have called an extra session as a means of forcing it through."

The ship in the face is intended for President Roosevelt and shows how these Republican brethren are not altogether dwelling in unity. Of course it is well known that President Roosevelt, in his impulsive way, refused to be guided by the advice of most of the leaders of his party, but called a extraordinary session of congress in spite of their protest.

The disturbed condition of business outside of Wall street must be faced by the Republicans in the coming presidential campaign. With complete control of all the forces of government, with high tariff protection that they always claim is a guarantee of prosperity, yet banks are bursting, the mills are closing or shortening their running time and notices are given of reduction of wages.

Another the steel trust, through special rates from railroads, wage reductions averaging 20 per cent, salary reductions of 30 per cent, and other means from the pay rolls and by other economies, hopes to save \$50,000,000 a year.

The unpopulated Philippines. The Philippines are again offering protection to the administration and consents for relief from the Dingley protective tariff.

The one-way, second class settlers' rates that brought to the Pacific Coast last year a tremendous number of immigrants will be continued next year. Local offices announce the following rates to be effective during March and April, and also from September 15 to October 15.

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BRIEF MENTION.

The holidays are almost here. Cold, frosty nights are now the order.

John W. Cox made Jacksonville a visit Thursday.

Miss Minnie McElroy accompanied her father to Medford Friday.

Judge Hanna and Supt. Daily were recent Medford visitors.

M. Bellinger, the real-estate agent, did business in Jacksonville Friday.

F. M. Tryer is able to be about again, after being very sick several weeks.

F. Osenburger and Fred Barneburg were Jacksonville visitors Thursday.

August Betz is in Buffalo Business district, where he is engaged in business with his stepson.

W. J. Freeman, one of the leading citizens of Central Point, made our city a visit Thursday.

Lewis Ulrich left for California this morning, and will go as far south as San Francisco.

I. J. Straw, the well-known stockman, who has been visiting in Medford left for Klamath county Monday.

N. Langell was at Ashland Wednesday and Thursday, fixing papers for Chinese who wish to go to China and return later.

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GIRLS IN TROUSERS.

Sadie Morrison and Lillian Nodine, who live in Jersey City, put an election in their hands Tuesday night by dressing in men's clothes and taking a long walk through the Lafayette section, arm in arm with Louis Lake, a Third Ward Republican.

The young women were ardent supporters of James J. Murphy, the Democratic majority candidate, who fell over 3000 votes short of defeating Mayor Pagan.

They were so certain that Mr. Murphy would be elected that they took a chance of winning a \$10 winter hat each from Lake by agreeing to put on his togs if they lost.

When Lake called at Miss Morrison's home and rang the bell the door suddenly opened, a tall, square-shouldered individual, wearing a black derby and a long light overcoat, stepped into the parlour.

"Well, I'll be darned," said Lake, catching his breath, and Miss Morrison's only reply was a giggle. The pair locked arms and walked along Van Horn street a few doors to the home of Miss Nodine, where they were joined by that young woman, resident in striped trousers, a long black overcoat and a light-colored Fedora hat.

Miss Nodine seized Lake's left arm and the trio started up Cumminup avenue. Everything a pedestrian approach to the maqueraders threw back their heads, snickered and looked straight ahead and quickly retraced their pace.

John Rummel, who has been practicing law at Grants Pass, was admitted to the bar of Oregon, on motion of Hon. R. G. Smith.

C. H. Hafer and Mr. Hart, president and treasurer of the Iowa Lumber Co., are at Council Bluffs, Iowa, again. They expect to return here in the early spring.

J. F. Garrett, an energetic young stock raiser, was among us Saturday. In company with Geo. Nichols, Jr., he is running the old home-place in Clatsop county.

C. P. Snell, the attorney, returned this week from California, where he has been operating in timber lands. He and his family will soon become residents of that state.

Tom Alford, who was a soldier in the Indian wars of Oregon in 1855-6, has received a certificate together with a voucher for \$137.87. He will draw a pension of \$8 per month from now on.

Phoenix lodge of Women of Woodcraft is making preparation for an apron and necktie party, which will be a novel as well as a jolly affair.

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The Flax Plant.

Flax is obtained from the flax plant, a small, delicate annual with a tiny blue flower. The plant is pulled by hand in the summer, the seeds, known in commerce as linseed, being removed and the straw subjected to various processes to separate the fibrous part which constitutes the linen.

The flax is steeped in water and then passed through a drying and heating process on revolving wheels until all foreign matter is removed. It is then ready for manufacture.

Flax has been used from remote ages as a textile fabric, especially in Egypt. Mummy cloths are often found to be made of flax and were in fact the chief linen producing countries of the present day are Ireland, France, Belgium and Germany.

The flax fiber is round and irregular, is very durable and is capable of extensive bleaching. Plain linen has a simple weave, while the soft threads alternatingly interspersing the warp ones. When woven with a pattern it is usually called damask.

As a clothing material linen should not be worn next the skin because it is so much more absorbent than wool. Jute and hemp are from plants which are used in manufacturing only very rough materials. In form they resemble very coarse, inferior flax.—American Queen.

Trained Nurses Who Leaf. "When a doctor finds a nurse reading a book about her profession and not a novel while she watches at the bedside of a patient," said an uptown physician, "that is the nurse he likes to hire and to help. If the case turns out well the doctor sometimes makes her a present of a book with up to date ideas on her profession which she might not be able to buy."

Modern occultists maintain that the number four plays quite as important a part in mundane affairs as the number thirteen, and for the following reasons: "Four are four cardinal points, four winds, four seasons, four rules for arithmetic, four conjugations and four quarters of the moon. Moreover, the Olympiad lasted for four years, a pack of cards is composed of four equal suits and of four suits, an hour is divided into four quarters, and most pieces of furniture have four legs. The occultists even point out that every human being has four canine teeth, that a fork has four prongs, that corpses are placed in four coffins, and that prisoners are between four walls, and that at a funeral the coffin is usually borne by four persons."

A Mere Man's Idea. "First impressions are proverbially dangerous guides unless one happens to be of the sex which always has the gift of making its first impressions rhyme with the issue," says a recent writer. But a woman always awaits the first impression, and she considers her real first impressions to the outside world. She may "say things" which the male outsider may mistake for her first impressions, but they are not her first impressions. They come after only a disguise. This, however, is a profitless digression.

One of the chief joys in life is to know men by whom you can swear, to know a man here and there over the world of whom you can say: "Wherever he is tonight, there he is helpful, truthful, sincere, wise, intelligent—an educated gentleman, educated in every way before she confides her real first impressions to the outside world. She may "say things" which the male outsider may mistake for her first impressions, but they are not her first impressions. They come after only a disguise. This, however, is a profitless digression.

The ladies of the Christian church made \$24 from their Thanksgiving dinner and supper.

F. B. Inlow, who was a merchant in Eagle Point many years ago, is visiting friends at that place and Trail creek.

The town has built a new bridge over Griffin creek, the road leading out to the old fair grounds.

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Victim of Holy Rollers.

Henry M. Biggers, an old man, who says that he fled from Oregon to escape persecution at the hands of the "Holy Rollers," a frantic religious sect, that was given lodging at the San Francisco City Prison Sunday.

He is 63 years of age, and claims to be a spirit medium. According to his story he had a small store in New Era, a village five miles from Oregon City, and incurred the enmity of the "Holy Rollers" because he refused to join them.

They threatened to kill him, so he declares, and, fearing for his life, he abandoned his store and fled without even taking time to draw \$100 to his credit in an Oregon City bank. Biggers says that he was taken into custody on the charge of insanity a few weeks ago, but he has been released and is now in the investigation of the "Holy Rollers" because he was a medium. He is believed to be demented, as a result of his association with the sect.

Popular Holiday Excursion. T. K. Bolton and Emil Pell, who have been successfully conducting excursion to San Francisco for several years, announce another, to take place during the holidays. It will leave Ashland Saturday, Dec. 26th, on the noon train. Round-trip tickets have been placed at \$12.00 for 15 days.

The hundreds who have participated in the excursion, will be less than the enjoyment afforded by them. The introduction of the New Year in San Francisco is something worth witnessing.

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