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CONSUMPTION. THE CURE FOR. A. H. MILLER, Proprietor. Wholesale and Retail. 1000 Broadway, New York City.

WAGES ARE DECLINING

Republican Prosperity Fails to Reach the Worker.

PROTECTION ADDS TO HIS BURDEN

It shelters the Trusts and Vastly Increases the Cost of Living—Business Curtailment is the Order of the Day.

With the highest tariff ever known in the United States, many of the protected industries are reducing the amount of their product, and wages are declining. At the same time the cost of living is at the top notch, and the Republican conventions are declaring their policy to be "stand pat."

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THE TARIFF TAX.

Delusions of Our Forefathers as to Who Pays It.

Our simple minded forefathers, when they were training our first tariff, were entirely unfamiliar with the laws of political economy as laid down by our modern professional Republican statesmen.

The old fogies who debated the duties proposed at that time, foolishly supposed that the duties levied would have to be paid by our own consumers. They therefore, needing revenue very badly, put the duties as high as they thought the people would stand—i. e., they levied duties of 5 to 75 per cent on most articles, but went a little higher on articles of luxury, such as wines and liquors, glassware and carriages. Their absurd notions on this point were fully voiced by Congressman Livermore of New York, who said, May 6, 1870:

"Do not let us all believe that the consumer pays the duty on everything he consumes? This is a universal maxim, and although it may be strictly true to the utmost ability of calculation, yet it is generally true. Is the tax on molasses paid by the planter in the West Indies? By no means. It is a duty paid by the people who use it either raw in substance or distilled into spirit. No person can possibly conceive that the duties we pay on merchandise imported is a duty paid by the people of foreign countries from whence we get them, nor can they say that they are any more necessary to life than the rice, flour, iron and lumber we ship to other nations."

Such gross ignorance of sound and fundamental economic principles on the part of our forefathers can be overlooked only when we are reminded of the lack of opportunities for obtaining knowledge. Had they been privileged to sit for a few minutes at the feet of our modern protectionists they would have known how easy it is to levy duties of 10, 200 or 300 per cent and collect them from foreigners.

Another delusion of our chump forefathers was the belief that our manufacturers would be the greatest beneficiaries of protection and that our farmers and wage earners would have to pay, in increased prices, the tariff tax which would go to the protected manufacturers. Apparently it never occurred to these pioneer statesmen that they could make everybody else pay, in large or small quantities, by sale of Al. Alley, upstate, or Land Ho to an excellent Oregon. Will place same for non-resident purchasers.

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BRIEF MENTION.

W. T. Pike is in Ashland for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Fieko were in Medford, Friday, to have their pictures taken.

H. M. Nelson was with us a few days ago. He is now at Grants Pass hauling lumber.

Tuesday, June 21st, was the longest day of the year. The nights are now lengthening.

C. P. Briggs has been chosen school director of Jacksonville district, to succeed J. H. Hufer.

Andy Reid has gone to Josephine county to enter the employ of the Greenback Mining Co.

Miss Dorothy Day of Applegate has been granted a state life diploma by the State board of education.

C. C. Pearson of Klamath county is after a load of supplies. He formerly ranged in the Butte Creek section.

The nights are quite cold, something unusual for this time of the year. There has been frost in some localities.

The Medford Iron Works have secured the services of a good moulder, and the first casting will be turned out next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shepherd of Ashland and their sons have started on a trip through Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Thos. McLannahan and his family, who have been residents of this section for some time past, are at their old home in Missouri again.

Mrs. A. M. Berry, who is stopping at Ashland, has recovered from a severe attack of sickness. She went to Jacksonville Thursday.

Treasurer Taylor of Josephine county gives notice that he has funds on hand with which to redeem warrants protested to on 15, 1898.

Amos McKee informs us that arrangements are being made for a Fourth of July celebration on Palmer Creek. It promises to be a good one.

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Schock & Huesman have purchased the store of Wetzel & Dowling at Montague, paying \$6000 for stock on hand. They intend keeping one of the biggest assortments of general merchandise in Northern California. Success to them.

E. D. Elwood has become interested in both the hotel and saloon business with C. Hagdale. They will conduct Hotel Nash personally as soon as W. B. Towles' lease expires, which will be in December.

parents. After the wedding the happy couple left for Portland on a bridal tour, and on their return will reside at Klamath Falls. They have the congratulations and best wishes of all.

Shrink While You Wait.

Trimble & Cook of Grants Pass has just added to their blacksmith shop a House old-tire setter. It is a powerful machine which grips the tire and shrinks it tight to the wheel, without the necessity of loosening the bolts and removing the tire. The shirter sets the tires usually requires about three hours, but with this machine it can accomplish the work in 30 minutes, besides avoiding any possibility of marring the paint or riving the wheel an improper dish. A thousand wheels can be disbed to exactly the same degree, which is impossible in any other way. With this machine a farm wagon wheel with a 4-inch tire, 1 inch thick, can be set as well as a light buggy. Your tires can be set while you make a trip to the postoffice and no delays are necessary, says the Courier.

Triumphs of Modern Surgery.

Wonderful things are done for the human body by surgery. In taken out, scraped, rolled and put back, or they may be removed entirely; bones are spliced; pipes take the place of diseased sections of joints; antiseptic dressings are applied to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries and inflammation sets in, which causes them to heal without mauling and in one-third the time required by the old treatment. Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller is the same principle. It is an anti-septic and when applied to such injuries causes them to heal very quickly. It also relieves the pain and soothes. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering which attend legal proceedings. For sale by City Drug Store.

The Value of a Man's Heart.

Elmer Oliver, of Plymouth, Pa., has begun suit against Miss Elizabeth Alsbach, claiming \$5,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage. Mr. Oliver says that "she threw me over without any reason," and that "I had given her a diamond ring and had spent considerable money in giving her a good time."

As for the young woman's having no reason, that, of course, is absurd. "Because" is a sufficient reason for anything a woman wishes to do. But for one rest Mr. Oliver has behaved wisely, albeit unromantically. In these delicate matters of the heart it is far better to appeal to the courts than to resort to the extra-legal processes of fiction and sentimental poetry.

Mr. Oliver after he was jilted might have blown his brains out. There are innumerable precedents on romance and real life for such a mussy performance. Or he might have killed his coquettish Carmelita. Her agate romantic precedents would have supported him, and he would have been hanged in due form. Or he might have wasted away in composing sonnets to a faithless mistress. Millions of heartbroken poets have thus assuaged their grief.

Nevertheless breach-of-promise proceedings are more convincing and more effective. When women learn that the affections of the susceptible young man have a pecuniary value, and that broken hearts must be paid for in coin of the realm like broken promises, they will have a better object in art, they will cease trifling. Nothing would tend more quickly to make women responsible in love affairs than the possibility of being compelled to pay \$5,000 in damages for breaking a 98-cent heart.

The Oregon Delegation.

All of the Oregon delegates to the Republican National Convention answered to roll call with the exception of H. W. Scott, whose proxy was held by State Senator C. W. Hodson. The following assignments were agreed upon by the Oregon delegation: National committee, C. H. Carey, Portland; honorary vice-president, National Convention, C. W. Hodson, Portland; committee on permanent organization, I. S. Smith, Vale; committee on platform, J. U. Campbell, Oregon City; committees on credentials, J. M. Keene, Medford; committee to notify the President, S. L. Kline, Corvallis; committee to notify the Vice-President, N. C. Richards, Sumpter.

There was something doing in the Oregon delegation when the subject of seats for guests came up. owing to the Iroquois negro popular assemblies in Chicago are limited in number by the authorities, and the Coliseum at Washburn avenue and Sixteenth where the convention met, was almost only something like half its full capacity. The delegates are selling \$50 in tickets, which will sell at \$40 each and hard to find at that. Oregon's delegates are assigned one seat each for each delegate and alternate, and an additional one seat each for use among friends. Judge of the consternation that reigned, there fore, when it developed that there were no seats for the delegation, for the reason that Dr. Keene of Medford had anticipated it by presenting to the Oregon delegation a written order from George Steele, the retiring national committee, for the tickets. Keene had taken care of certain Chicago friends of Steele, then appropriated such tickets as he and Kline wanted and proposed to turn the meager remainder over to the delegation.

There was the liveliest kind of a he this information, and some settlement was reached involving serious tirades on the Keene-Kline holdings.

That Tired Feeling. If you are languid, depressed and incapable for work, it indicates that your nervous system is out of order. Health will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments due to nervousness and restore the energies and vitality of sound and perfect health. J. J. Hubbard, Temple, Tex., writes March 22, 1902: "I have used your medicine for the past two years. It has done me more good than all the doctors. When I feel bad and have that tired feeling, I take a dose of your medicine and it does me ever made for chills and fever." 50 cents a bottle. For sale by Dr. J. Hinkle, Central Point.

At The Post St. Jacobs Oil Hurts, Sprains and Bruises Price, 25c. and 50c.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. A. Elmer spent Friday with Mrs. D. B. Solles. Mrs. Frank Hull of Jacksonville is visiting in Medford. Max Jacoby, the Tolo merchant, was in Medford Thursday. Sheriff Rader and Recorder Applegate were in Medford Friday. Wm. Bateman of Klamath Falls is making his old haunts a visit. W. T. Kliney of Lake Creek tarried in Medford one day this week. Mrs. W. Publ and Miss Amanda Helms were Medford visitors Friday. Mrs. H. I. Pabon of Sams Valley has been visiting friends in Medford. F. E. Hall of Steamboat, the energetic young miner, was in our city Friday.

D. A. Forbes, representing the Keystone View Co. of San Francisco, is in the valley.

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Rogue River Valley League. STANDING OF THE TEAMS. Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill. Jacksonville vs. Gold Hill. Jacksonville redeemed themselves Thursday and escaped the cellar in a pretty game, free from wrangling, on the home grounds, in which they scored the first shut-out in the league. Strabo's magnificent base running in the sixth was the event of the game, he making a pretty home run out of a hit to right field that with most base runners would have been a three-bagger. Lester held the visitors down to four hits, two of which were of the scratch order, and all of them considerably scattered, while the locals hammered Romer for ten safe hits, rather well bunched. This heavy batting, coupled with the poor support given to Romer at critical stages of the game, was the cause of Gold Hill's defeat. Kruger played an errorless game at third and made three safe hits. Nunan at second and Collins at short are right where they belong; each doing splendid work. Nunan is first in the team in fielding average, while Strabo leads in the batting, with Pat Donagan second. The following is the official score:

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A. E. REAMES, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Jacksonville, Oregon. Office in Red Men's Building.

ROBT. G. SMITH, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW. Grant's Pass, Oregon. practices all the courts Office in Harts building up stairs.

J. M. KEENE, D. D. S. OPERATIVE DENTISTRY A SPECIALTY. Office in the Adams Devel block. Medford, Oregon

P. P. PRIM & SON, ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW. Jacksonville, Oregon. Will practice in all courts of the State. Or fee in the Court House last door on the right from entrance.

A. C. HOUGH, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Grant's Pass, Oregon. Office over Hair-Rodde Hardware Store.

H. D. NORTON, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW. Grant's Pass, Oregon. Office over S. P. D. & Co.'s Store.

Silas J. Day Notary Public Real Estate Agent and U. S. Commissioner for Jackson County. Abstracts made to Titles of Lands. LEGAL DOCUMENTS. All kinds drawn and executed to the satisfaction of the parties.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1884, Erick Oberg of Iron River, is this office May 21, 1904, has sworn statements of Section No. 3 West, and will offer for sale the land sought is more valuable for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1904. He names as witnesses, Erick S. L. Giles and Wilber Franklin, all of Roseburg, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said day of August, 1904. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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