

FREE TRADE - PROTECTION.

One of our esteemed friends who, by the way is an avowed populist, continues to harp upon the advantages of free trade. He claims that the tariff is a tax and that the consumer has to pay it. For the sake of argument we will allow that he does pay it—though we assert it is not a fact always. If by any system of trade arrangements we have to pay, say, twenty per cent more for an article we use, (and that is the average rate under the McKinley tariff) and by arrangement we can make forty per cent in the trade in which we are engaged, it certainly is to our advantage to go into that arrangement.

Thus under high tariff, wages are about double what they are under free trade. In addition to this increase of wages to workmen, they are assured of constant employment. This fact must not be lost sight of. It is an important thing to consider permanent employment.

Let us instance certain facts. Three years ago a suit of clothes cost him \$20, which now can be had for \$15. That is 25 per cent less now than three years ago under the McKinley tariff. Then wages were \$2.50 per day. Now wages are \$1.50, 40 per cent less, and most of the time no work to do—out of employment.

A suit of clothes will, at least, last a man six months or 150 days, which at \$2.50 per day will yield him \$380. Now, at \$1.50 per day, allowing he can have constant employment, will yield him only \$234. Now subtract that from \$380, it will show a loss of \$146, while his gain on a low tariff coat will be only \$5, or a clear loss of \$141 in six months. But when we come to consider that under low tariff, as at present, he cannot secure work more than half the time, it makes \$75.50 more he loses, or \$226.50 in the six months under low tariff.

THE MESSAGE.

The more we investigate the measures advocated by the presidential message, the more, aside from party views, we see to condemn. The tariff question is a debatable one. There are, to say the least, two sides to it. But the finance position of his message, it seems, is so clearly one-sided that the "wayfaring man though a fool" need not err to the extent of the president. The cancelling of all redeemed U. S. notes, treasury notes and silver certificates and allowing the national banks to issue to the par value of their deposits, the reduction of tax on them from 1 per cent to 1/4 of 1 per cent and allowing private banks to issue, and the sale of bonds to foreign capitalists for gold to retire government paper currency are, in our opinion, the acme of folly and unworthy the head of a great nation. It appears that in view of the fact that he perceives the hopelessness of his party further controlling the government he is now purposely aiming to throw the government into the hands of the populist party, whose extreme views in an opposite direction would tend to make his views by comparison the proper thing. His message will popularize democrats by the thousands.

The PLAINDEALER has a scheme for replenishing the United States' treasury. It is that of cutting down the expenses by lowering the salaries of all the chief executive and ministerial officers to at least 25 per cent, 50 per cent would be better. A few incumbents might kick against this scheme, but there would be found competent men enough to supply the places of all who might resign. We would be willing to take the president's place should he resign and we would guarantee to do as good service.

We once knew a doctor who bled for all diseases he was called on to treat, on the theory that bleeding drew off the virus of disease. So Cleveland seems to think that depleting the treasury of United States and treasury notes and silver certificates will draw off the virus he says the government is laboring under. Just so, but like the quack doctor bleeding his patient, the good blood goes with the bad. So drawing the treasury of paper takes good money from circulation.

The production of wool in the United States steadily increased from 1840 to 1869, when it decreased for four years, then it readily increased till 1893. Since then it has fallen off again. The importation of foreign wools, except 1872 and 1880, has been almost stationary until Cleveland's election in 1892. Since then it has fallen off again about 25 per cent, showing that protection does protect.

The president says in his message that "the country is ill and needs heroic treatment." The president has correctly diagnosed the patient. It is sick, very sick. The republican party will administer heroic treatment as soon as it can reach the patient next November. It will administer an emetic that will cause Uncle Sam to eject that cyst of political microbes infesting his corporosity.

It is asserted that Indiana Populists wish to nominate Debs for governor, but Debs is too well pleased with liberty just now to crawl into a hole like that.

We will wager a cookie that congress will not endorse Cleveland's financial policy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a warrant duly issued out of and under the seal of the county court of Douglas county, State of Oregon, on the 15th day of October, 1893, and to me directed and delivered, commanding me to levy upon and make sale of the goods and chattels of the delinquent tax payers named in the delinquent tax roll of said county for the year 1894, thereto attached, and if none be found then upon the real property as set forth and described in said delinquent tax roll for 1894, for said county, or so much as may be sufficient to satisfy the amount of delinquent taxes charged thereon for 1894, together with the costs and expenses of making such sale, in pursuance thereof I have levied upon the following described real property in said county and state, which are the property lawfully described and assessed as follows:

Archambault, F. A., one-sixth interest in lot 2, block 1, Roseburg, sec 16, tp 22, r 3, w 1/2, 10 91
Archambault, Lee one-sixth interest in the E. 1/4 of Archambault estate, tp 22, r 3, w 1/2, 10 91
Bates, P. S., one 1/2, sec 16, tp 22, r 3, w 1/2, 10 91
Beckman and wife, w 1/2, sec 16, tp 22, r 3, w 1/2, 10 91
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Although the cold season has barely begun eastern experts estimate that more of the United States is now covered with snow than at any time last winter.

The Woodmen of Roseburg. Oak camp, No. 125, Woodmen of the World, of this city, gave an entertainment Thursday night in their hall in the old Masonic building. F. J. McHenry, of Portland, deputy head consul of Oregon, was present, and delivered an eloquent address on the principles of woodcraft. A special dispensation was granted for the evening, and 25 applicants presented their names for membership, after which they repaired to the banquet hall, where all did ample justice to a well prepared supper.

In Walter Parlane. They have a new waiter in one of the Vine street restaurants. He is quick and deft, and promises to be a great favorite with the customers. The proprietor had to call him down, however, on the second morning and ask him to speak English as it is spoken in Cincinnati.

An early breakfast ordered "sausages, hot cakes and poached eggs."

And the new waiter made the back part of the placering with, "A cable line, a stack of wheat and two policemen on horseback!"—Cincinnati Tribune.

Denied at Paris. PARIS, Dec. 6.—It was semi-officially denied this evening that there was any truth in the story telegraphed the Fall Mall Gazette from Rome that Russia and France have withdrawn from the concert of the powers regarding the Turkish question and that efforts are now being made to hold a European conference. Similar reports have been circulated, it is claimed, by agents of the Turkish government frequently during the past month or two. In fact, the same rumor has been started several times in different shapes during the past week.

Fired Two Shots. PARIS, Dec. 6.—In the chamber of deputies today, at the conclusion of the debate on the budget of the ministry of justice, a stranger in the gallery fired two shots from a revolver. Thereupon the electric bells, which were placed all over the building after the bomb outrage was committed by Valliant, the anarchist, were rung. The doors were instantly closed and guarded. The stranger was arrested. Nobody was hurt.

Cut His Throat. STOCKTOS, Cal., Dec. 6.—Albert McReynolds, one of the suspects in the Sonora jail, for the alleged murder of George Morris, killed himself last night in his cell, cutting his throat with a pocket knife. He was found dead this morning. His suicide has caused all to think that the assassins of Postmaster George Morris have been captured. The grand jury is investigating the charges against Westley McReynolds, the other brother.

Turkey Successful. LONDON, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Fall Mall Gazette from Rome, published this afternoon, says much excitement has been caused there by the statement freely made in diplomatic circles that Russia and France had withdrawn from the concert of the powers regarding the Turkish question, and efforts are now being made to hold a European conference, probably at Vienna.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—A special from St. Petersburg says: It is reported the Chinese government has asked the government of Russia if, in the event of being requested to do so, it would send an army of 100,000 men to suppress the rebellion of the Hungarians. The rebels are reported to have captured Lan Chan, 2000 men, 30 guns and large quantities of stores and ammunition.

Administratrix Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Douglas county, Oregon, appointed administratrix of the estate of Mary T. Gilliland, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned, at the office of Wm. R. Willis, in the Court house, Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon.

Noticed, this 5th day of December, 1893. LULU A. WILLIS, Administratrix of the Estate of Mary T. Gilliland, Deceased.

Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed the executor of the estate of James Dixon, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned, at the office of Wm. R. Willis, in the Court house, Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon.

Noticed, this 5th day of December, 1893. R. B. DIXON, Executor of the estate of James Dixon, deceased.

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