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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, warmer in east portion.

Washington—Fair except possibly showers along coast; slightly warmer.

BRYAN, THE FREE TRADER.

In the record of Mr. Bryan's public career he is officially identified with just one important measure of federal legislation, and that the Wilson-Gorman tariff act of 1894. As a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means during President Cleveland's second administration Mr. Bryan assisted in preparing that measure, and in its completed form it bore his unqualified approval. His advocacy of the bill drew sharp and clear the dividing line between the Democracy of Bryanism and the Democracy of Grover Cleveland. Mr. Bryan pronounced the measure just and honorable. President Cleveland denounced it as "the creature of perfidy and dishonor," refused to sign it, and it became a law without his approval. The distinction thus drawn between the Bryan Democracy and the Cleveland Democracy continues to this day.

Inasmuch as Mr. Bryan is posing this year as the special friend and champion of the farmers, it is worth while to point out how their interests were affected by the only important law he ever helped to create. The Wilson-Gorman act repealed the duty on wool. On January 1, 1893, two months after President Cleveland's second election, the sheep in the United States according to official statistics, numbered 47,273,553 and were valued at \$125,909,254. At the close of Mr. Cleveland's term, thanks to the baleful influence of the free trade act which Mr. Bryan had helped to force upon the statute book, the number of sheep in the country had fallen to 36,818,643, having a value of \$60,020,942. In other words, the sheep herds had suffered a loss of more than 10,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent, and the wool clip of the United States had declined in value about \$58,000,000, or nearly 50 per cent, all through the operation of a law which found one of its most ardent supporters in the person of "the farmers' friend," William J. Bryan.

In 1893, under the fostering care of tariff protection, the wool of the country amounted to 303,000,000 pounds; in 1895, under the blighting effect of free trade, it fell to 209,000,000 pounds. In 1891, with the tariff restored, it rose to 302,000,000 pounds and to 316,000,000 pounds in 1902. During the four years of President Cleveland's second term the measure which he denounced as "the creature of perfidy and dishonor," but which Mr. Bryan nevertheless enthusiastically endorsed, saddled the American wool growers with losses conservatively estimated at \$400,000,000.

But the wool growers were not the only victims of the Wilson-Gorman-Bryan perfidy. Every branch of American industry suffered. It lowered the duties on imports and manufactures and thereby forced the closing of important native industries and drove their employees into idleness. Wages in every branch of industrial activity declined, the demand for every variety of farm products fell off, and the workingmen of the country were subjected to universal hardships and distress. The operation of Mr. Bryan's pet measure robbed the farmers, brought hunger and misery to the wage-earner and bankrupted the Treasury. It was indeed, as Mr. Cleveland said, "a creature of perfidy and dishonor."

William Jennings Bryan stands to-

COFFEE

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day as he stood in 1894, for free trade and all that it means to American labor and American enterprise. He cannot get away from the record, and there are no indications that he wants to get away from it. He is committed to free trade as distinctly as he is to free silver, and his own words show that he will fasten those twin devils upon the country if he gets the chance.

A WHOLESALE POINT.

The hint set forth in these columns on Sunday morning last as to the probable establishment of a wholesale grocery in this city at an early date, has aroused considerable interest again; and the hope is abroad that this time there is something to it. There has been talk of this kind for more years than Astoria cares to enumerate, and the fact and substance are what is wanted.

Astoria is an excellent wholesaling point. This is admitted on all sides. It would draw business from scores of towns on both banks of the lower Columbia river; it would come naturally by the trade of the fishing stations, seining grounds, canneries, the Alaska fleet, the forts below this city, the logging camps everywhere within reasonable radius, and what is more it would have these outside elements at once; they would flock to the new source of supply as much for the sake of dispatch and expedition as anything else, while the local trade would be glad to be in instant touch with such a trade center. Of course Astorians would be glad to see home capital at the base of the departure but capital is capital, no matter where it comes from, and we want the business and the prestige thereof, no matter who puts up the money. There are ships that might be outfitted here if the proper pressure were brought to bolster such an enterprise, and the field is certainly prolific of traffic and profit for men who know how to go after trade and keep it.

Besides, the retail trade of Astoria might be brought to standards of prices that would be far more adaptable and acceptable than they are at present, with such an agency at our own hand to gauge the charges; and, from any and all stand-points, the proposition has large promise and guaranty of success if it be but launched upon a scale that shall mean something beside a mere tentative venture; with capital and stocks and goods that are wholesale in the best sense of the word.

THE THINKING SEASON.

By the time Astoria shall have thought out the problem of the Presidency and has declared herself upon it, she will have gotten into the thinking habit touching civic affairs, and will do well to keep the process going in behalf of the great task that confronts her a month later, to wit, the municipal election early in December.

It will take the best thought of which she is capable to put herself in touch with the demands of that hour and construe her obligations rightly and righteously; not in a political sense, of course, but in the purely civic interest of her homes and institutions and businesses. She has no hold-over this year; the slate is a clean one, with wide range of people and projects to receive and arrange and provide for, or against; her economic interests are all to be aligned and chosen, from top to bottom, and aside from the official roster which is to be selected for the coming two years, she must declare herself upon numerous new laws and ventures which will be included in the charter amendments.

All these must be weighed carefully and with conscientious eye and heart, as to past, and future; it is no child's play; it all requires manful, honest consideration and sensible adjustment; mistakes must be minimized, and advantages over old conditions secured; men must be chosen to ensure these things and who will strive for the best concern of the people, irrespec-

tive of politics; there is plenty to engage the amplest and most devoted conception of one's whole duty as a good citizen, and this is the essential pre-requisite in municipal affairs, square dealing with ones own city and fellows.

Set your thinker going and keep it busy until the last obligation imposed by citizenship is discharged: This will be good for the citizen, the city and the civic impulse generally. ...

A Healthy Family

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlett, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c at Charles Rogers & Son's drug store.

Where Bullets Flew

David Parker of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well. 50c at Charles Rogers & Son's drug store."

Married Man In Trouble

A married man who permits any member of the family to take anything except Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, is guilty of neglect. Nothing else is

as good for all pulmonary troubles. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates and is in a yellow package. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Woman Interrupts Political Speaker

A well dressed woman interrupted a political speaker recently by continually coughing. If she had taken Foley's Honey and Tar it would have cured her cough quickly and expelled the cold from her system. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Are You Only Half Alive?

People with kidney trouble are so weak and exhausted that they are only half alive. Foley's Kidney Remedy makes healthy kidneys, restores lost vitality, and weak, delicate people are restored to health. Refuse any but Foley's. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

A Jeweler's Experience

C. R. Kluger, the jeweler, 1060 Virginia avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I was so weak from kidney trouble that I could hardly walk a hundred feet. Four bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy cleared my complexion, cured my backache and the irregularities disappeared, and I can now attend to business every day, and recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy to all sufferers, as it cured me after the doctors and other remedies had failed. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store."

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\$4.50 Mackinaw Pants	\$3.50	\$1.00 Dress Shirts	.75	Three-fourths Yellow Oil Coats	\$1.75
\$4.00 Wool Pants	\$3.00	.75 Work Shirts	.50	\$4.00 Suit, Scotch Wool Underwear No. 17	\$3.30
\$3.50 Wool Pants	\$2.50	.50 Work Shirts	.40	\$4.00 Suit, Winsted Underwear	\$3.00
\$2.75 Wool Pants	\$2.00	\$1.25 Silk Front Shirts	.75	\$3.50 Suit, Wool Underwear	\$2.50
\$2.50 Wool Pants	\$1.75	.75 Shirts	.40	\$3.00 Suit, Wool Underwear	\$2.25
\$3.00 Sweaters	\$2.25	Men's \$5.00 Dress Shoes	\$3.50	\$2.50 Suit, Wool Underwear	\$1.75
\$2.00 Sweaters	\$1.00	Men's \$4.50 Dress Shoes	\$3.25	\$1.00 Suit, Cotton Underwear	.80
\$1.25 Sweaters	.75	Men's \$4.00 Dress Shoes	\$3.00	25 PER CENT OFF ON ALL SUITS, PANTS, HATS, TRUNKS AND SUITCASES	
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\$3.00 Sweater Shirts	\$2.25	Men's \$3.00 Dress Shoes	\$2.25		
.50 Woolen Sox	.35	\$7.00 Logger's Shoes	\$5.50		
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\$3.00 Flannel Shirts	\$2.25	\$6.00 Logger's Shoes	\$4.75		
\$2.50 Flannel Shirts	\$1.85	\$4.00 Working Shoes	\$3.00		
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