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Hon. J. H. Slater, democratic candidate for the second Oregon congressional district has written a letter to the Oregonian in which he severely scores that paper for charging him, among other things, with having, while a member of the United States senate, voted for free wool. Mr. Slater takes pains to prove that the charge is untrue. Mr. Slater did not vote for free wool because no such proposition was before the senate. Technically, therefore, the charge of the Oregonian is false. But Mr. Slater, like an honest man that he undoubtedly is, is neither ashamed nor afraid to tell the Oregonian, up to its teeth, that he wants to go to congress to vote for free wool notwithstanding, and that if elected, he will certainly vote just that way and do so in "the interest of the wool grower, and also in the interest of that much larger class, numbering in Oregon and on this Northwest coast, fifty to one of the wool growers, who are clothed and warmed by the manufactures of wool." Mr. Slater proves from an old speech of his delivered more than ten years ago, that from "1825 to 1880 raw wool in general brought higher prices under the lower than under the higher tariffs of that period." So out of affection for the wool grower he wants wool placed on the free list—because a low tariff, on his own showing, always raises the price—and out of a similar affection for the consumer he wants wool on the free list because he wants cheap clothing for the fifty to one who don't raise sheep. According to Mr. Slater's logic, therefore, free wool, will, at one and the same time, raise the price of wool for the producer and lower it to the consumer. And further to show that he is right in line with his party and has the full courage of his convictions he adds: "Coupled with my vote for free wool I will also advocate and vote for * * * an ad valorem rate of 35 per cent. on manufactures." Why Mr. Slater wants to protect the manufacturer he does not say. According to his treasury statistics a tariff always lowers prices. Is it possible that he thinks the manufacturer does not know what he wants when he asks for protection and that he is willing to accede to his demands because of his affection for the "fifty to one" who want cheap clothing? Such a supposition might reflect on Mr. Slater's honesty but it would leave his logic perfectly consistent and nothing else in the world can.

Poor Anna Dickinson.
 New York, May 4.—Anna Dickinson, who was reported seriously ill last night, is much better this morning. Her physician says she is out of danger for the present but her hour is surely drawing nigh. Her last appearance in this city some time ago was pathetic in its evidence of decline, and the end does not come in the nature of a surprise to those who know her.

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Hearts of Judges.
 Ex-Judge Reardon says that all lawyers have hearts of mercy until they become judges. In the superior court, during the brief term he served, he always refused criminal cases, because the mother of the young man was sure to come around and show the gray hairs under her aged bonnet. Judge Reardon says that on two occasions he saw Judge Levy weaken under the effect of an old western bonnet trembling with stuffed roses. The first time was in a case of grand larceny, and the old lady who called asked the judge for a pass to the Episcopal home. She said that her son Fred had declared his intention to steal because he couldn't "get work," and whatever he had stolen was for her sake, and because he "couldn't get work."
 "Why," said Reardon, "when the old woman finished her story, Levy was crying as bitterly as she and the young criminal went to the house of correction with the smallest sentences he could get."
 "Next year the same fellow came up on an outrageous charge of robbery, and the ancient lady turned up as usual with a full set of tears. She shed them freely, but the judge was familiar with her tactics and the young man went over to San Quentin."
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