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THE HARM OF CHANGE.

It would undoubtedly be a great thing if the tariff laws of this country could be arranged on some permanent basis. The eternal changing of duties opens the gates for speculation, interferes with the revenues of the government and the business of the country. Not only does the changing rates give opportunities for speculators, but speculators are forever scheming for a change in duties that may enable them by forestalling the change to reap a rich harvest at the expense of the consumer.

Previous to the going into effect of the Wilson tariff, the wool market became stagnant. Why? Because speculators, and for that matter manufacturers, would not buy wool at tariff prices, when in a short time they could purchase in the cheapest markets of the world. The result was that for nearly a year before the law went into effect the wool market was dead, factories closed and prices steadily declining, and all this to the serious loss of the wool-grower.

Now comes the other side of the picture. With the inauguration of McKinley tariff legislation will be expected, and among the first articles to be taken from the free list is wool. It is confidently expected that a duty of eleven cents a pound on foreign wools will be imposed. In consequence of this the speculators have already gone to work to take from the wool-grower all possible benefits of the law.

The dispatches yesterday announce that a syndicate has been formed that has purchased, or is to purchase, 500,000,000 pounds of Australian wool, which will, of course, be imported free of duty. This immense supply will be held until the duties are again imposed, when it will be put on the market, keeping the price of American wools down, but selling at a large increase over the cost price. By this operation the government is deprived of the revenue of eleven cents a pound on 500,000,000, or \$55,000,000, and the money is taken from the people to go into the pockets of these sharpers. After this stock is used up, it is to their interest to again work a change in the revenue, and have wool again on the free list, so that in the course of a few years the operation may be repeated.

We have taken wool simply to illustrate the operation of the law. It is the same with many other products, the speculators fattening on every change. If some system of moderate tariff, framed to produce the revenues necessary for conducting the government, could be adopted and then let alone, it would prove of inestimable benefit. It would stop speculation, would allow the business men to conduct their businesses on a known and unfluctuating basis, and it would not permit the robbery of the people by shrewd and wealthy sharpers.

It may be possible that the legislature may yet meet. A strong influence is being brought to bear from the leaders of the national party to have the legislature meet and elect a senator. It is pointed out that this is absolutely necessary to the maintenance of the party's supremacy in the senate. Then, again, the necessities of the state require the passing of the regular appropriation bills. It is claimed that the keeping up of the state institutions causes the expenditure of from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a month in Salem, and that for this reason a strong pressure is being brought to bear on the members from Marion county to assist in per-

fecting an organization.

The Prineville Review says that out of seventeen applicants for teachers certificates, only one failed. It points out that the percentage of failures in all the other counties was from 50 to 75, and in Gilliam county 100, and then instead of pointing with pride to the Crook county applicants' success, it boldly states that the result was reached by fraud, or that the board of examiners were not strict enough, which latter explanation is probably true. The examinations are steadily being made more difficult for the avowed purpose of raising the standard, and applicants to teach will hereafter be compelled to pass yet more difficult examinations.

Mr. Theodore Waters has been to Mt. Hood, and four columns of the Oregonian are devoted to his story of the trip. He goes out of his way to give the Hood River apples a slam, but is kind enough to say they belonged to the Ben Davis variety. The truth is, a Ben Davis apple is one of the poorest, and fortunately Hood River has few of them. Its reputation has been built up on the golden king of all fruits, the Yellow Newton. Had Waters flipped his lip over one of those, he would have had a taste of something approaching more nearly the heavenly than Mr. Waters will ever taste unless he apologizes to Hood River.

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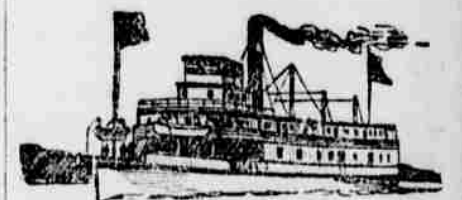
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