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HISTORY OF THE TARIFF. EIGHTH ARTICLE.

In the last article I discussed especially the woollens act of 1867, not only because it is the most striking illustration of the manner in which protective duties were advanced after the war at the demand of interested producers, but because the duty on wool and woollens is now made especially prominent.

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MR. RIDENOUR'S WAY.

Mr. Ridenour addressed to me an "Open Letter," requesting its publication in the EAST OREGONIAN. All of it, in my judgment, that pertained to or contained any essential statement of the matter in issue—the transaction between Ridenour, Baker, and Bentley—was published as requested, without abbreviation or change.

I also replied to Mr. Ridenour, in the columns of the EAST OREGONIAN, last Monday, but his magnificent and munificent nature does not suggest that I have any right to be heard in his paper, although he required to be heard in mine, and was allowed to be so heard.

The Methodist conference, being held in New York, are having a long discussion upon the proposition to exclude women as lay delegates. One minister said over two-thirds of the members of the church were women.

With the same county officials for the next two years that we have had the past two, and with an honest, attentive and capable county treasurer like Jake Robbins to continue the excellent service performed by Mr. Healey and his deputy, Mr. Raley, the county in 1890 will be out of debt, and its warrants will be worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

There is much valuable food for thought in the statements by Senators Vest and Plumb, published to-day, regarding the operations of the Chicago cattle trust. The tariff laws which claim to protect wool make this wholesale robbery of cattlemen possible, and they may very naturally inquire why they should be thus plundered to give an imaginary and illusive protection to their neighbor wool-growers.

It is becoming apparent that it is Snodgrass who is really running for the State Senate, with Mattoon as a figure head. If the people of Umatilla county want to be practically represented by W. J. Snodgrass, they can express that desire by voting for Mattoon.

The three politically independent papers in the Senatorial district comprising Umatilla and Union counties—the Milton Eagle, the Centerville Home Press and the Union Scout—all warmly support J. H. Raley for State Senator, as against Mattoon.

ROGER Q. MILLS, who drew up the new tariff bill, is one of the largest sheep owners in the United States. He says that improper to favor legislation that put money into their own pockets, and many thought it quite proper to support legislation that put money into the pockets of influential constituents.

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The German Scholar, Dr. RICHARD OBERLÄNDER, LEIPZIG, Germany, Secretary Ethnological Museum, F. S. U. G. A., M. G. S., Author and Savant, wrote over his autograph, here shown, as follows: "I tried St. Jacobs Oil and was entirely cured of Neuralgic pains."

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