

This issue we publish the card of Mr. T. J. Wilson, our present efficient county assessor, declaring himself a candidate for nomination on the republican ticket for the important office of sheriff. Mr. Wilson has made an efficient official, is a man of steady habits and integrity and if nominated and elected to that position, would serve the public faithfully and intelligently. He is a Washington county man in every sense of the word; it is his birth-place, the seat of his education and the centre of all his interests. Mr. Wilson is too well known to make further mention at this time necessary on our part. We have no hesitation in paying this short tribute to a man of the people, who hesitates not to make his aspiration known to those in whom the elective franchise is reposed.

This week we have again surrendered considerable space to a further discussion of the tariff question. The fact that this is one of the most important questions before the people of the United States today, is sufficient justification for a lengthy and serious consideration of the vexed problem of political differences growing out of the economic methods to be adopted by the republican and democratic parties in legislating for the best interests of the country. To the laborer and every intelligent person of all parties, these articles are contributed, and we ask from them a careful reading and unbiased consideration. Judge for yourselves; they are committed to you without comment.

A Canadian has brought suit against a St. Paul lady for breach of promise of marriage. There is nothing in the new fisheries treaty that deals with matters of this sort, and Mr. Chamberlain has already sailed for England, so it may be necessary to appoint a new commission to establish fixed rules governing the two nations while fishing in each other's matrimonial market. Chicago News.

A few days ago the New York Herald printed nearly a whole page in French, cabled from Paris, and upon the occasion of the death of Emperor William, it published a full page in German. Almost any thing is possible for a great newspaper.

AMERICAN UPON THE TARIFF.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 11, 1888. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—By your courtesy, I am permitted through your columns to say that I believe the most important question before the American people is "tariff reform." It is not political except as it may become so in the future, because both parties in the past have tried to stand on the same "plank" when breasting the breakers of past campaigns. The events of a single day in congress may at any time silence all controversy and lay the matter to rest. A friendly interchange of thought, therefore, admissible at any time, cannot be objectionable now. "American" says high prices and the tariff are in the popular mind associated together, but the bond of union is not real. As a matter of fact, the tariff has nothing to do with the value of manufactured articles. That is governed, he says, "by the laws of supply and demand, and the tricks of trade." There is the rub, and this is it that constitutes the gist of the calamity we complain of. All admit that man will "make his fellow mourn" if afforded an opportunity—the motive is ever present, power is the quantity, when possessed renders condition inevitable. The all-important question of legislation to-day is to find some plan within constitutional bounds, by which the rapaciousness of speculators—money kings and corporations of such may be checked, and the wealth of the country permitted to flow through the natural channels made by labor, employed by every of the numerous industries and trades, rather than the coffers of these unscrupulous beneficiaries of our people's credulity. What is the nature intent and evil of the "trusts"? We hear so much of and about which congress and the country are so much concerned? They are merely combinations of "trustees" for the purpose of advancing the price of some commodity, or regulating some industry, so as to secure the largest profits with the least risk and trouble to the investor. Speculators upon the necessities of humanity, diverting from its legitimate channels the business of the country and creating abnormal conditions in trade. No new idea is developed so far as the intent and purpose of the operators are concerned than has been practical heretofore to effect like ends. These combinations in the past and now determine the amount of almost every manufactured article produced and by whom it shall be produced—the prices not only of labor, but of the commodity—when and where lock-outs, shut-downs and strikes shall occur. In fact, combinations of the capitalists engaged in every of manufacturing enterprises of any importance in the Union absolutely control the industry and as omnipotently as if it were the will of a single mind. How can the country ever really prosper, except so far as superior natural advantages may force that condition, so long as this state of things exist? Capital is deluded by the situation

into investment only soon to find an over-stocked market and the necessity of cooperating with the combination to reduce the supply and regulate the industry. The wheels cease to turn and large capital invested therein stands idle for half the year, which might have been turned into more profitable investment or enterprises, and in this way the development of the country is greatly retarded. Nor is this the worst feature from a humanitarian standpoint, for the laborer is likewise deluded. When he has work, the wages support his family in reasonable comfort, and hope is buoyant, but when the joy stops from whatever cause (he never solves it), he then lives upon the bare necessities of life. His debts are unpaid and his creditors may meet their obligations to the wholesalers, but these two, the laborer and retailer, go down together. Would it not be better could both calculate with more certainty what the end would be? Without discussing further the laws, rules and usages that control the status of "supply and demand," or "the tricks of trade," let us consider how we shall remedy the evil.

First, what are the conditions that encourage or render possible these combinations? Answering generally, we say want of competition, for if competition existed that could not by reason of its dependence or adverse interests, or both, could not be combined to enter the "trust" or combination, and the latter must fall in accomplishing its end. In nine out of every ten cases where the industry or rather its products are protected under the tariff laws, no such competition can exist in the Union, and the fact is does not exist. Therefore competition in trade and production must come from foreign nations in order that it may overcome the evils named. This, we say, is the natural remedy or rather the want of this is the cause that produces the trust and combinations complained of.

Another proposition apropos just here is that persons who hold different from "American" viz: that tariff does raise the price of products protected cannot object to the formation, objects and aims of "trusts," because that object is to raise the price or regulate the production of any given article, and thereby the "trustee" can pay higher wages to labor, and of course he will, and we shall soon see that millennial period when wealth shall be equally distributed, except we shall have a few million heirs, and the balance of us can meet on a common level. B. T. W.

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State Grange. At the annual county meeting P. of H. for Washington county, Mr. A. Gustin and Mrs. M. A. Tigar were elected delegates to the meeting of Oregon State Grange, which will be held at Salem, commencing on the fourth Tuesday in May.

NEW TO-DAY.

In the COUNTY COURT of the STATE of OREGON for WASHINGTON COUNTY. In the matter of the Estate of James Dickson, Deceased. Citation.

TO ALEX. PATTERSON, ELLEN PRINGLE and JOHN PRINGLE, her husband, Elizabeth Jane Lee and Thos. Lee, her husband, Stephen McCullough, Robert D. Nichols, Jane A. Davison, Elizabeth Wynn, Martha Mastor, Sarah M. Warnock, the heirs at law of William Dickson, being, at law of James Dickson, deceased, and to the unknown heirs at law of said deceased, all of you being non-residents of this state, you and each of you are hereby cited and required to be and appear in the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, on MONDAY, the 7th day of May, at 10 o'clock of the forenoon of said day, and show cause, if any you have, why an order should be made directing the Administrator of said estate to sell all the real estate belonging to said estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the claims against said estate, and the expenses of administration. The lands petitioned to be sold are described as follows: 1st. Tract—Lying and being in the County of Washington, State of Oregon, and described and bounded as follows: Beginning at the quarter stake on the section line between sections 5 and 6, in Township one North of Range one West of the Willamette Meridian; thence South on section line 80 rods; thence West 77 1/2 rods; thence North 12 1/2 rods; thence West 82 1/2 rods; thence North 67 1/2 rods to the center of section 6; thence East 100 rods to the place of beginning, containing 7 3/4 acres.

2nd. Tract—Lying and being in the County of Washington, State of Oregon, and described and bounded as follows: Beginning at the quarter stake on the section line between sections 1 and 2, in Township one North of Range one West of the Willamette Meridian, containing 40-100 acres. You and each of you being non-residents of this state, this citation is published in the Independent, a weekly newspaper, for 6 consecutive weeks next before said 7th day of May, and after the date of said publication, the sole Judge of said Court. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Hillsboro, this 16th day of March, 1888. J. W. SHUTE, County Clerk.

At 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing Delegates to the State Republican Convention. Private meetings will be held at the following places in the several Precincts, on SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1888.

REPUBLICAN County Convention

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Military Ball

A Grand Military Ball will be given by Company D, N. G., at their Armory, in Hillsboro, on Thursday Even'g, March 29, 88

This is the first Military Ball ever given in Hillsboro, and the Company proposes to make it a grand success. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

COMMITTEES:

- PRINTING.—Serg. W. L. Weathered, Serg. J. C. Lankin, G. W. Patterson. MUSIC.—Quar. F. J. Bailey, Corp. Ed. Lyons, Corp. E. L. McElwaine. RECEPTION.—Capt. A. M. Collins, Lieut. Dennis, Serg. Linklater, J. W. Morgan, Serg. Weathered, Van Alende. FLOOR MANAGERS.—Lieut. Collins, W. H. Wehrung, Corp. E. L. McElwaine, Corp. E. J. Lyons, Corp. C. A. Butler, C. W. Hanson. HALL AND DECORATION.—M. H. Malone, J. C. Magruder, J. N. McKinnier.

Tickets, — \$1.00 "Single" .50

Look Here, Everybody!

AMONG THE BREAKERS

AT FOREST GROVE. FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 23, AND AT Hillsboro Opera House, SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 24.

THE FOREST GROVE NICKEL BAND

Assisted by local talent, will play the thrilling 2-act Drama, Among the Breakers

SQUARE POULTRY YARDS

FOREST GROVE, OR. I WON AT THE COLUMBIA POULTRY Exhibition in 1888, the following premiums: FIRST PREMIUM, Breeding Pen of Houdans—Cock and Hen; Pair of Houdans—Cock and Hen; Houdan Hen—Houdans; Breeding Pen Plymouth Rock—Cock and Hen; Breeding Plymouth Rock—Cockerel and Pullet; Breeding Pen White Leghorns—Cock and Pullet; Breeding Pen White Leghorns—Cockerel and Pullet; Silver S. Hamburgs—Cockerel and Pullet; Breeding Pen Guinea Fowls.

DUNDUCKETT'S PICNIC

By the Company. Don't Fail to Come! Help the Band Along by giving them a Crowded House.

FREE MASON.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Hillsboro Grange Building Association will be held at the Grange Hall, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M., of said day, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and the transaction of other business.

RESTAURANT,

At Old Stand, on Second Street. Board and Lodging. Excellent Accommodations GEO. SQUIRES, - - Prop. m15-11

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