

Tariff-Free Trade.

The question of tariff is one which has agitated the political arena since the formation of our government, and neither observation nor experience seem to guide men or parties into the proper channel.

Some will say, then, it is this so, if England or China, or any other country can furnish manufactured articles cheaper than we ourselves can make them, why not adopt the policy of free trade, and buy of those countries that can sell the cheapest.

One answer to that is very simple, and we think, very conclusive. When we adopt that policy, we lose all our manufactures, and our laborers must go to work upon the soil, and we become at once an agricultural people.

The Report of the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago for the year 1871 shows the trade of that city to be rapidly on the increase. The receipts of wheat for the year 1870 were 17,394,409 bushels.

We would not by this be understood to endorse the system of a high protective tariff, as that would take the other extreme, and enrich the few at the hands of the many.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Messenger, in its last issue, asks the question, "How shall we understand the editor of the REPUBLICAN?" He commenced by asking us for instruction in a matter wherein he seemed to regard us as competent to teach.

Now we ask in all candor, How shall we understand the editor of the Messenger? We asked the question referred to in the outset, after having read some severe criticisms in the Mes-

senger on the religious procedure in some of the churches, which criticism we gave in full at the time. In a subsequent article, we spoke of Christ and God as one, when the Messenger asked us "Does the Bible teach that Christ is God in any sense?"

We confessed that we were no theologian, but gave a few quotations, wherein we thought the idea taught that Christ was God, or at least was called so, and asked the editor of the Messenger, in the politest terms, "If our conclusions were wrong, to show us wherein we erred."

The editor lays down, as we understand him, the fundamental requirements, Faith, Repentance, and Baptism, as pre-requisite to salvation. We would kindly ask him to explain to us what he means by Faith, Repentance and Baptism?

We urge our appeal as a measure of justice to the whole of the American people, as a rich legacy in trust by our generation for those to come after us—never to be alienated.

EDUCATIONAL UNION.

We clip the following from the Bulletin of the 21st, as a synopsis of the proceedings of a meeting called to meet at Portland for the formation of an Educational Union.

Pursuant to notice, the persons called upon to organize an Oregon Educational Union, under the recommendation of the late Methodist Episcopal Conference, met at the Portland Academy and Female Seminary on Saturday last.

President, Prof. T. M. Gatch, A. M.; Secretary, Prof. W. H. Rogers, A. M.; Treasurer, Prof. Clark Smith, A. M.; Vice Presidents, the Principal and Preceptresses in all the Institutions of the Union.

Committee on Examinations—The Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. Examining Committee—The Principal and Visiting Committee of each Institution.

The Committee on Examinations shall prepare and issue all regulations and questions for the government and use of the examinations in the schools belonging to the Union.

The Constitution provides as to whom shall be eligible to membership, as follows: "The Members of the Oregon Conference are members of this Union by their vote at their last session.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3, 1871. EDITOR REPUBLICAN.

Sir: According to promise, I send you a few items for publication. On the 25th of January, left Dallas, per Jessie Lewis' stage line, and arrived safely at Salem at 4 p. m.

LAND REFORM ASSOCIATION.

An association with the above title has been formed, with head quarters in the city of New York. The avowed object of the association is to urge upon Congress not to give away any more of the public lands, but keep them as the heritage of our own people;

The committee on petition is composed of Henry Beeny, J. K. Ingalls, and J. H. Keyser. They have sent printed petitions all over the country to the prominent men, that they may have them signed and returned to No. 510 Pearl Street, New York City.

PETITION.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

The undersigned, citizens of the United States, feeling the urgent necessity for the enactment of a law to prevent the further absorption of the Public Lands of the United States by Railroads or other Corporations, and to have the residue of the said public domain for ever set apart for the exclusive use of actual settlers, in limited quantities, do respectfully petition your Honorable Body to take prompt action in the passage of such a law.

We urge our appeal on the ground that tens of thousands of the industrial classes of large cities and towns, now unemployed, must seek an outlet and escape from the poverty and distress which surround them, or be rapidly driven to pauperism and crime.

We urge our appeal on the ground of simple justice to our children, and to the emigrants now seeking our shores, fleeing from the very monopoly of lands so alarmingly threatening our Republic by the enormous absorption of the public domain by giant Corporations and private monopolists.

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To put a speedy termination to these threatened evils, and to confer a measure of equity and justice on the American people, we urgently pray the adoption of a law embodying the features herein set forth.

This is a move which should have been made long ago. Congress has been granting large tracts of land to companies, without any limitation, and to the great detriment of actual settlers.

PLEASANT EXPERIMENTS.—Would you like to be able, just for the fun of the thing, to take a coin out of a plate of water without wetting your fingers?

Our friend the Little Gleaner shows us how to do it: Fill a plate with water to the depth of a quarter of an inch; a coin is then placed in the water.

It was the first Sunday in Advent, when a teacher in one of our Sabbath Schools put the question: "What is this the first Sunday in?"

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N. A. J. D. LEE, Dallas, Nov. 16th, 1870. WAGON AND CARRIAGE SHOP, Main Street, Dallas.

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