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HER OWN FAULT.

To those who have made a study of Russia and her history the present state of affairs fail to excite surprise to any great extent. In fact, as one disaster after another became a portion of the czar and his people, the reading public of the world at large settled down and viewed the matter in a most philosophic manner.

On the outbreak of hostilities a little more than a year ago, but few could be found bold enough to back the sons of the Flowery Kingdom to win. Russia was too powerful, they said. We are a firm believer in the everlasting fitness of things, and Russia was unfit. Her form of government was bad to start with and those to whom affairs of state were entrusted have, during a long term of years, become more and more corrupt.

For years it has been a case of "big fish eat little fish" right along the line from the czar down. The high official made demands upon the one next beneath him, and so on, until the little fish was reached. Everything was for God and the czar—mostly for the czar, and ungodly means were resorted to in order to accomplish this end.

The individuality of the people was smothered; on account of no educational institutions for the children of the common people, illiteracy was on every hand; national pride under such conditions naturally fell into decadence; individual hope and national pride have died and with them patriotism. Having nothing to live for, what mattered it to the Russian in battle whether he lived or died? Win or lose he was no better off, and he went to war with the same kind of fire and spirit that inspires an ox.

On every hand almost was corruption, if half we read be true, and for many long years the accounts of the policy of the Russian Empire have contained much of a sameness. Those who had the brains and courage to rebel against an unbearable condition either lost their necks or took up a residence of considerable duration in Siberia.

Little by little have the mills of the gods ground in this case, but finer and finer. And today the "Little Father" of all Russia is not only confronted by almost certain defeat at the hands of a foreign foe, but his own children are turning against him. What else could be expected? Who is to blame?

DO NOT REVISE.

Some men seem to be of the opinion that tariff revision is largely an agreement among localities. They declare that certain corrections are necessary and can be executed without any disturbance of business and with very little ado in congress.

Far from it! Herein is the great difficulty. The fact that locality needs or demands enter into the question of tariff revision is what really makes it most difficult to handle. If, for instance, the producer of a certain article in the East is to be given free trade in the raw material he requires, people in the West are almost certain to demand free trade in the finished product.

The West also wants a reduction of tariff on certain manufactures, notably in the steel and iron schedules. The latter interests would in turn demand a reduction in the agricultural schedules. So it is readily seen that the matter of tariff revision cannot be figured on and settled according to the demands, requirements, or needs of the various localities.

The attempt to harmonize these local differences will only provoke uncertainty, and might lead to a change which would be ruinous. Who is bold enough to guarantee that any satisfactory agreement among localities could ever be reached?

If an agreement between these localities is so desirable, and so extremely necessary, there is but one thing worthy of trial and that is to let the matter of tariff revision sleep for awhile. It is of too vital importance to handle lightly. Bear in mind that it is inevitable that lower tariffs are followed by lower wages.

WHY NOT DO IT?

It seems to be definitely settled that the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Fair are not to be open to the public on Sundays. Without commenting in the least on the wisdom of this decision, it might be in order to turn our attention in another direction and profit thereby.

Why could not arrangements be made for a regular Sunday excursion to be run out of Portland and up the West Side to Corvallis, thence across to Albany and down the East Side to Portland? Or vice versa, for that matter. If the railroad officials took up the matter and went at it with a will there is not the least doubt but they could carry 1,000 excursionists over this route every Sunday, particularly if they made a satisfactory rate.

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This would be a great advertising scheme for the valley. Everything would be at its best at this season of the year and by this arrangement the S. P. could make a good sum and materially assist in showing our guests what a considerable portion of the state is like.

Another Veteran Gone.

The death of Rev. Wm. A. Kemp occurred at his home in St. Johns, Or., March 3. The remains were brought to this city for interment and were buried from the West Side train on its arrival on Sunday. Interment was made in Crystal Lake cemetery.

Wm. A. Kemp was born in Maryland, Dec. 13, 1835. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company 8, 3rd Minnesota Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge in July 1865.

Deceased came to Oregon in 1878, and came to Corvallis a few years later. He was here for three years, and while he made his home here answered calls to fill various pulpits in the M. E. churches in this state.

He was an invalid for about seven years prior to his death. He is survived by a wife, two sons and one daughter. Two sisters and three brothers are left behind, two of the latter, Albert and Taylor, residing in this city.

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JOHN QUINCY RENFRO, H. E. No. 12573 for the SW 1/4 of sec. 4, T. 11 S. R. 7 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Cyrus R. James, of Blodgett, Oregon; Harve Herron, of Blodgett, Oregon; William A. Gelatly, of Wren, Oregon; Alfred R. Duncan, of Summit, Oregon.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register

Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 188 for the construction of a sewer through Block 14, Old Town of Marysville, (now City of Corvallis), Oregon, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 177 in which the following lots were entered in the City Lists of Corvallis on the 14 day of February 1905, and is due and payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Corvallis in United States gold or silver coin, and if not paid on or before the 17 day of March, 1905, the Common Council will order warrants to be issued to the Chief of Police for the collection thereof together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, from date and costs of collection:

Block 14, Old Town of Marysville (now City of Corvallis), Block 14, Lot 1, Wm. Sechler, is assessed at... \$33.34 Block 14, Lot 2, Wm. Sechler, is assessed at... \$33.34 Block 14, Lot 7, Wm. Groves, est. is assessed at... \$33.34 Block 14, Lot 10, J. E. Halliday, is assessed at... \$33.34 Block 14, Lot 11, J. E. Halliday, is assessed at... \$33.34 Block 14, Lot 12, J. E. Halliday, is assessed at... \$33.34 City, 30 feet of Street, is assessed at... \$46.00 By order of the Common Council of the City of Corvallis. E. P. GREFFOZ, Police Judge of the City of Corvallis. Dated this 7th day of March, 1905.

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