

THE CORVALLIS GAZETTE

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UNDERVALUATION FRAUD.

Dishonest people resort to various means to defraud not alone their neighbors and patrons, but their government as well. Our tariff laws are in the nature of a tax for the purpose of maintaining our government; but the tariff has an additional duty to perform, that of protecting our manufacturers, our producers, our laborers, from the manufacture of cheap-labor countries.

Some party has always been in evidence with some scheme to defeat every just law that ever was passed. The Dingley tariff, just and equitable as it is, has been evaded and its end defeated on many occasions since its passage in 1897.

The scheme of undervaluation was the one that did the trick for a time, but the call down given George Borgfeldt & Co., New York City, is likely to be productive of good. This company import vast quantities of pottery, glass and chinaware each year, and in order to avoid the payment of just duties, it became a fixed policy with them to have their importations undervalued when shipped.

Lesley M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, undertook to secure a fair administration of the law and force importers to place a correct valuation upon their importations. This did not suit Borgfeldt & Co. and they enlisted the Merchant's Association of New York against the findings of the treasury department. Affairs went from bad to worse until finally it was referred to President Roosevelt.

Believing in a "square deal for every man," the president listened to both sides of the question, March 30. It is very gratifying to note that he very promptly gave his opinion in support of the treasury department in its effort to put down an attempt to defraud the government by an evasion of the payment of tariff duties. This is another instance when our president has "stood pat."

ARE NOT RECOGNIZED.

The management of the Lewis and Clark Fair certainly have little desire for an educational exhibit from their own state. The accusation that said management is not informed regarding the merits of the various educational institutions of the state would be a reflection upon the intelligence of this board. But if well informed, why so little attention to such an educational exhibit as could have been produced by the schools and colleges of the state?

The Oregon Agricultural College, located in this city, is the largest college in the Northwest and for more than a year has been at work preparing an exhibit for the Exposition. For such an exhibit as OAC can make considerable space would be required, as our college does nothing on small lines. It is now understood that OAC is to receive a floor space 8x16 feet.

Think of it! A whole year for such a space—there never was a time during the past fifteen years that OAC could not have crammed such a little "cubby hole" full on fifteen minutes notice, and never have missed it. OAC is not the only college cut down on space. We have heard mutterings to the effect that our college will not send an exhibit, but have heard of no definite plan of action for such a course.

WHO WILL GO?

We are at present riding on a wave of reform and general industrial advancement. In this Corvallis is not alone; the citizens of many other towns are awake and doing. So it is a plain case

that if we would keep pace it is necessary that we hustle in every conceivable way.

We have our Citizen's League and everyone connected therewith are doing their utmost for the community. Next Wednesday and Thursday there is to be held in Portland the second annual convention of the Oregon Development League and Corvallis should send a representative delegation to the metropolis on this occasion.

Other towns are going to have large delegations on the field and the reason that other places in the valley are taking so much interest in this convention is because they consider it to their interest to do so. If it is of interest to people of other towns to be on hand for business on this occasion surely it is to the interest of us to be in evidence. Who will go? How many can spare the time? Will our delegation need a special car?

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

MONROE.

The Monroe Camp M. W. A. have changed their meetings from the 2d. and 4th. Saturdays to the 1st. and 3rd. of each month, that the members belonging to both the M. W. A. and W. O. W. may attend both lodges.

Mrs. Emil Howard was in Monroe, Monday.

Wash Ray, of Bellfountain, was in town on business Monday.

Benard Wilhelm recently returned from a visit to Corvallis, the first time in four years.

E. Brimmer, with his crew, commenced work at the Whitaker farm, Monday. They are going to remove the deck roof and put on shingles and are also going to build a large woodshed.

The Monroe boys worked Sunday forenoon making a base ball ground in Mrs. Garlinghouse's field. In the game played at Junction Sunday the score was 9 to 7 in favor of Junction.

Grace Rickard and Mrs. Bennett were visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

A pipe has been laid from Wilhelm's water tower to M. Wilhelm's house.

Harvey Rodgers, of Eugene, came down Friday, April 7th, to Otto Braham's.

Clifford Rolls and Werley Hinton are putting up a wire fence in front of their house.

Emmet Hinton and wife moved to Eugene recently. They will reside in Mrs. Ray's house.

Mrs. George Rickard has been ill the past few days.

BEAVER CREEK.

Ben Ireland and Ed Hawkins were visitors at the Benton County Saw Mill last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffy were visiting friends in the valley last week.

Lester Mercer has returned to Portland, where he is employed.

Fred Arrants and Palmer Buntin were fishing on Beaver Creek last Friday.

The scholars of the public school observed Arbor Day last Friday with appropriate exercises.

Grandma Mercer is gaining gradually in health.

William Gates has been troubled of late with an attack of la gripe.

John Daniels has been making garden the last few days at a rapid pace.

Charley Armstrong helped J. S. Ireland, build some wagon bridges up the Henderson canyon last week.

Sherman Gleason's telephone line was disabled a short time ago by a tree falling across it.

SUMMIT.

Bruce Hamar, Justice of the Peace, and Miss Stella Norton were married, Sunday, at Nashville.

A baby girl was recently born to the wife of Jasper Pettit.

George Sheldon's brother-in-law and family arrived at Blodgett, Saturday, from Nebraska. They will be a very desirable addition to the school, as there are eight children.

Mrs. Mollie Morrow visited her mother, who has been sick at the home of Austin Hulbert, near Corvallis.

Mrs. Van Alstine and daughter, and Mrs. Marion Van Alstine, of Blodgett, visited here last week.

Claude Zumwalt is slowly convalescing from the fever at the home of his father-in-law.

Max Winkler sold his farm three miles from Summit, to a German who arrived Saturday with his family and chartered car from Nebraska.

BELLFOUNTAIN.

Mr. Van Dodge is slowly recovering from an almost fatal attack of blood poisoning arising from a scratch on the hand by a rusty wire. A few of the neighbors have kindly lent a hand where

his was wanting and finished his spring seeding for him.

The people of Simpson chapel have organized a League Society with about thirty charter members.

Mrs. Ingram, who has recently moved to her farm home, from Corvallis, is attending a sick grandchild in Linn county at present.

Both Simpson chapel and the Bellfountain church people are preparing Easter exercises for next Sunday and although the exercises are not very extensive they are expected to be good.

The Parent's Meeting held in the Bellfountain Grange Hall last Saturday was enjoyed by every one present. While some were not present, who were to have a part in the program, yet the time was well filled by those there and it was a successful, helpful day to all.

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