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A JABBERING SPOOK.

Antedating the war of the revolution there existed that provincial sentiment and purpose which, in a few years, became known as the doctrine of "State Rights." It was the growth of independent sovereignty held by the people of each of the original colonies.

After independence had been won this spirit well nigh defeated any attempt to maintain a central government. But for the recognized necessity of being united for the common defense it is probable the Articles of Confederation would not have held the states together as long as they did. Within six years it was apparent that the rights, powers and duties of the central government must be enlarged, clearly defined and be acquiesced in or the government would be destroyed, the states rent asunder and the fruits of their hard-won struggle for independence cast heedlessly away.

At this juncture a convention was assembled to revise the Articles of Confederation. It soon became evident that this could not be done in a way to give permanent and desirable results. No mere confederation of the states was strong enough to conserve what had already been won nor broad enough upon which to build, bind and fuse all the states into one harmonious whole.

It was seen that if a more perfect union was to be created and an enduring government of all the states organized it must be done on other lines. The convention then entered upon the almost hopeless task of forming a constitution and erecting a new government. Only a careful study of the daily journal of the convention gives one a just understanding of the nature and extent of the difficulties which had to be met and overcome before the constitution was agreed upon and referred to the states for their acceptance or rejection. The jealousies, fears, suspicions and prejudices arrayed under the banner of State Rights almost defeated its adoption by the states. It was ratified, however, and the new government set in motion.

There now appeared what is fairly designated as two schools of constitutional interpretation. One of these embraced those who were zealous for the maintenance of state sovereignty and jealous of power in the hands of the central government, the other composed of those who believed that a strong, vigorous general government should be maintained and that it could be without endangering the autonomy of the states.

It is somewhat remarkable that a Virginian, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, gave us the doctrine of "implied powers" to guide interpretation of the constitution and another illustrious Virginian cast the seed into the soil of State Rights from which it sprang up bearing the fruits of rebellion, secession and internecine war.

The democratic party became the party of State Rights. The republican party, following the Whig, as that party did the Federal party, became the party favoring a strong central government. This is the present relative position of these parties.

While the doctrine of State Rights has most prolific growth in the South it finds adherents wherever men adhere to the democratic party. It is this specious doctrine which makes it so difficult for the Federal government to grapple with and control certain corporations, trusts and mer-

gers. It dies hard, but it must cease its opposition to the exercise of that power which alone is able to throttle these enemies of the people. It is a survival of fear that once had some sort of excuse to cover it, but which, so far as it bodes danger to our liberties and to the constitutional rights of any state, is now become but a jabbering spook.

IS IT A TAX?

It is alleged against protection that it is a tax which is added to the cost of production and collected from the consumer of a product. If this is true of duties which are laid for protection it is equally true of those which are laid only for revenue. If the purpose of tariff is simply to raise revenue it not long escapes the charge that it is a tax added to the cost of production and ultimately paid by the consumer. Such a tariff approximates, as nearly as practicable, to absolute free trade. If for any reason European manufacturers can produce goods cheaper than we can they have unchecked entrance to our markets and soon put our manufacturers out of business. Having done this we are at the foreigner's mercy and are compelled to pay not only cost of production but the tariff plus a good profit besides. This is just what English manufacturers have done and are ready, on opportunity, again.

When our tariff is sharply on the lines of protection it excludes the foreign manufacturers from our markets and gives them to our own manufacturers who eagerly enter into competition to supply them. The American workman is employed, his scale of wages is maintained and competition forces economy of production and the lowest scale of prices. This it has invariably done or tended to do.

In 1882 steel wire nails paid a duty of 1 cent a pound and were sold at 8 1/2 cents a pound. In 1884 the duty was raised to 4 cents a pound, an increase in duty of 3 cents a pound. Now if this is a tax paid by the consumer the price of nails should have been 11 1/2 cents a pound. Within five years our production of steel nails rose from nothing to nearly 4,000,000 kegs and the price fell to less than 2 cents a pound. Now if the duty was a tax on the consumer, in all equity the manufacturer, to make the consumer whole, should have paid him 2 cents a pound for each pound of nails he bought.

We might cite many additional facts to show that protection preserves the home market to the American manufacturer, that it gives our workmen employment at the American wage scale, and that it fosters such competition as gives the product to the consumer at prices Europe cannot match and pay her laborers living wages.

ROCKPILE FOR CARRIERS.

What Happened on One Highway - Benton May Lose R. F. D. Service - Carrier's Letter.

It is required by the Postoffice Department that roads on which rural delivery service is established, shall be in condition for convenient travel at all times of the year, and so maintained.

The rural delivery was established at Corvallis nearly five years ago. The roads were not in condition for the service but the people promised to get them in shape, and it was thought at the time that they would appreciate the service enough to see that this was done; some of them tried, and others worked against it in a way.

In District No. 3, two years ago, the people met and voted a five-mill tax. Specifications were drawn for rock and gravel to be put on what is known as the French grade. The rock was put there, ninety loads in all, and owing to a slight difficulty between one of the residents of that district and the supervisor at that time, work was stopped and

the rock was not covered, although there was plenty of money on hand for gravel; but the supervisor wanted this man as well as the carrier to travel the rock pile. It went on this way till harvest and then they could not get teams to do the hauling, so three months of that winter I could not get over the rock pile. In December, 1906, they voted another five-mill tax and last spring the rock was covered and more new work done. More work could have been done, but delay was caused waiting for the gravel-ferry to be put in repair, until it was too late to do all the hauling for the farmers had to go to cutting their hay; so we had money left over that we might just as well have had the use of this winter. About one-fourth of the grade is gravelled, and the remainder is M-U-D.

On December 30, 1907, the people met at the Witham school house to vote another five-mill tax, which under present conditions could have been used to good advantage, for last year's work was well done, as far as it went, and plans for this year's work was to begin where work was left off last year.

All the farmers present at the meeting voted for it, men representing approximately 5,000 acres of land. But the men just outside the city, representing probably 100 acres, voted it down. These people have sidewalks into town, and most of them get even their groceries delivered by the city delivery wagons, and also get their mail delivered at their doors. Why did they vote it down? Because their taxes would be six or eight dollars higher. These people should be inside the city limits where they belong, and then see what their taxes would be - more than five mills extra I am sure, judging from my own experience.

Part of the road over Cemetery hill is in such a bad condition that I tie my horse to a tree, take my sack on my back and walk, for I can make better time. Carrier No. 1 also walks from the Bicknell place, west to the end of the route; Carrier No. 2 walks from J. E. Thompson's place over to Beaver Creek school house and back; No. 4 would walk but his bad road is not in a place where he back tracks. His worst road is from the Carrier lane to Ziseman's farm and also back of Jess Foster's. He frequently comes in with the double-trees or single-trees broken, thanks to baling wire and halter ropes for R. F. D. carriers of Benton county.

Our county judge promised the people of Benton county, before election two years ago, that if elected he would personally travel over the roads of said county, so he would be acquainted with the condition of the roads, so the county funds would be spent in places where most needed. There is only a little over two years left to make this promise good, and we rural carriers hope that these inspections will be made during the rainy season, so actual conditions can be noted. Far as every Oregonian knows, in summer time all roads are good. Places where mud is axle deep at the present time, we can ride on bicycles, "In the good old summer time."

If every farmer would spend one hour each week with a shovel opening the ditches and draining some of the mud holes along his own farm; or make a King drag and hitch on to it once or twice a month, when he happened to have a team har-



Scene from "The \$10,000 Beauty," at the Opera House next Tuesday.

Parents' Meeting and Farmers' Institute.

Wells, Saturday, February 8, 1908. Artisan Hall.

[PROGRAM, 10.30 A. M.]

- Singing..... R. N. Williamson
Talk..... Miss Viola Fields
How can the Pupils Help the School..... Miss Viola Fields
Singing..... Prof. C. I. Lewis
Horticulture..... Prof. C. I. Lewis
Compulsory Educational Law..... Mr. Virgil Carter
Singing..... Dr. James Withycombe
General Agriculture..... Dr. James Withycombe
Some Elements Essential for a Successful School..... Supt. Denman

LITERARY PROGRAM

This part of the program will be furnished by the pupils of the Wells School, under the direction of the teacher.

BASKET DINNER

The following ladies have been designated by the teacher to have charge of the arrangements for the dinner: Mrs. E. M. Dodele, Mrs. E. C. Stellmacher, Mrs. A. A. Williamson, Mrs. F. E. Dodele and Mrs. H. Lewis. Through the committee the patrons of the schools will be solicited to bring their baskets with them. We do not wish it understood that the committee is to furnish all the dinner. We invite all to join with them in this part of the program, thereby making it lighter on each one.

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to put aside your work and join with us at this time in trying to arouse greater interest in our schools and place them on a higher plane. Lend us your presence. You may not be able to make a speech, but your presence will help make the meeting a success. Remember the hour for beginning. We must begin promptly to finish the program at an early hour. We are going to begin promptly on time. Help us by being present at the appointed hour. Bring your family, your friends and your baskets.

Very truly, GEO. W. DENMAN, County School Supt.

Dr. M. Markel Magnetic Healer Electrical and Hydro Therapeutics HERB DOCTOR

A Graduate of N. Y. Institute of Science, Rochester, N. Y., and also a graduate of the great Healer and Catholic Priest, Dr. Kneipe, of Beiren, Ger.

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Warts, Moles and Marks Removed by Electricity

I wish all people suffering from any complaint would call on me. Will also treat at the home if required.

Call or phone to the Doctor at Mrs. Mamie Clark's residence, corner 3rd and Adams Streets.

nished for other work, it would help more than anything that can be done for clay roads in winter.

As one of our speakers said, in the good roads meeting held in the Opera House a year or two ago, "Mud is the fundamental process of mixing water with dirt," drain off the water and you will have no mud.

It is almost time for road work, so let every farmer in Benton county and especially those on the R. F. D. routes, also the county court of Benton county get busy, if you wish to maintain Rural Delivery for "it is up to you," and we hope to see a

change for the better next winter. What greater calamity could befall Benton county in the way of an advertisement, than to have the Rural Delivery discontinued on account of bad roads? Do you think Eastern people would wish to settle here? I guess not.

This is not written as a bluff, but these are facts as they now exist. I am merely placing the facts before you so if you want Rural Delivery, you must do something, before the Department takes the matter up; for under the present conditions you know well what the result would be. H. M. CUMMING,

INVITE A TEST.

Graham & Wells Ask Catarrh Sufferers to try Hyomei on Their Guarantee.

Graham & Wells invite all who suffer from any form of catarrhal troubles to get a Hyomei outfit from them with their absolute guarantee that if it does not give perfect satisfaction, the money will be refunded upon request.

There is no other treatment for catarrh that in any way resembles Hyomei, none that gives such quick curative results and lasting satisfaction, no medicine that can take its place, none that can be sold on a guarantee like this, to refund the money unless it cures.

Catarrh is a germ disease and can be cured only by breathing Hyomei, so that the most remote air cells in the nose, throat and lungs are reached by its antiseptic healing powers. In this way all catarrhal germs are killed, the irritated mucous membrane is healed and catarrh is driven from the system.

This wonderful medicated air treatment does not drug and derange the stomach, but is breathed through a little pocket inhaler that goes with every dollar outfit.

The unusual way in which Graham & Wells sell Hyomei attests their confidence in the remedy.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Benton County, Oregon her final account as Administratrix of the estate of C. H. Lee, deceased, and that monthly, on the 25th day of January, 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day has been held and appointed by said Court as the time and the County Judge's office in the County Court House in Corvallis in said county and state as the place for hearing objections, if any, to said account and the settlement thereof. All persons interested in said estate are notified to file their objections thereto in writing with the Clerk of said Court and appear at said time and place. J. H. F. LEE, Administrator of the Estate of C. H. Lee, deceased.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for Benton County.

Donald Lucas, Appraiser and Plaintiff vs. Elizabeth Rowland, Polly Mitchell, heirs-at-law of Andrew Hancock, deceased, Sara M. Sturman, Charles Sturman, F. M. Sturman, and others, executors, and estate of said deceased, and all whom it may concern, Defendants. All are notified to appear at the Court House in Corvallis, Oregon, on the 25th day of February, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day to answer to the petition filed in said Court by the plaintiff and to show cause why the same should not be granted. The petition is in and to the effect that the said Andrew Hancock, deceased, owned certain real property in Benton County, Oregon, and that the said Elizabeth Rowland, Polly Mitchell, Sara M. Sturman, Charles Sturman, F. M. 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