

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Whangdoodle mourneth for its tail feathers.

TENNESSEE and Kentucky gave increased democratic majorities last week.

THE Gainesville, Ga., Eagle comes asking to exchange. We comply with pleasure.

SINCE the death of Gen. Sheridan, Gen. Schofield, senior major general, has been designated commander of the army by the president.

SENATOR CHASE has introduced a bill consolidating the third and fourth classes of mail matter, and making the rate of postage one cent for each two ounces.

SEVERAL very interesting communications received this week are not published for the reason that the names of the writers do not accompany them.

WANTED.—3000 men to shake hands with the great-grandchild of his great-grandfather. Fare for round trip and expenses paid. Call at republican headquarters.

THE hardest shake Harrison has had so far, was handed in by the Federations of labor at Indianapolis on the 7th inst. It made his political vertebrae rattle like a tambourine.

THE San Francisco Examiner says whenever you find a man that is profiting by a trust that is skinning the people, you will find a man who is supporting Harrison and Morton.

FREE whisky or free wool—full jails or full stomachs—Chinese lepers or American laborers—protection to the rich or protection to the poor—Blaine or Cleveland. Voters of Oregon, take your choice.

JAY GOULD, Carnegie and the rest of that ilk are all republicans, and the way their hearts bleed for the laboring man, and the way they pour out their money to "protect" him, is truly humane and praiseworthy.

If you want to get rich, bribe the assessor to increase your taxes. If you want to get over the fence, lift yourself by the seat of the trousers. These are both republican recipes and all who vote for Harrison should believe they are correct.

MR. BLAINE will not come to this coast in the interest of Harrison and Morton. He intimates that if California is not safely republican that it will be useless to continue the fight. Then, too, there isn't enough of him to go 'round, and he is so badly needed elsewhere.

A FOI-DO-ROL story is being circulated in the prints that Levi P. Morton once fitted out a ship with provisions for Ireland at a personal expense of \$50,000. The fact is that contributions from all over the country fitted out the ship and Morton and others had the handling of the money only.

BLAINE knew, and his friends were aware of the fact, that the American people would not elect him president. And yet the only hope of republicans to-day is that the influence of the wily Blaine will elect Harrison. It is a brittle reed to lean on. It reminds us of the blind trying to lead the blind.

THE SCOUT is a complete epitome of county news, the happenings of nearly every section being written up each week by competent writers. Among our large corps of correspondents are ladies and gentlemen of extraordinary literary ability, whose letters are looked for and read by hundreds with eager interest.

In the Tippe-canoe ride now being taken by the republicans, they have evidently got into rough water and are becoming seasick. THE SCOUT dislikes to see suffering of any kind, but can offer no advice to the weary mariner other than to let go the tiller and drift back into the calm sea of common sense.

We are in receipt of letters from different persons asking how to proceed when a newspaper is being sent to them contrary to their wishes, as is the case now in this county. In answer we will say: Put it back in the post office and tell the postmaster you will not receive it. It will then be his duty to notify the publisher to stop sending it. If you take it out of the office you are held, in law, as a subscriber and will be made to pay for it.

At last, after these many years, there comes a ray of promise from Washington that the government will deal justly with Oregon and her citizens, by paying the equitable claims due ever since the Indian wars of the territorial period; also reimburse to the state the amount due on the account of the civil war—a total of nearly \$100,000.—Portland News.

THE Supreme court of Washington Territory has declared the woman suffrage law passed by the legislature of that territory unconstitutional. The court says that the form of every word in the constitution wherein gender is described, shows that males only are intended, and that the meaning of the word citizen, wherever used for voting purposes, applies to males only.

THE management of the Portland Mechanics' Fair has our thanks for a complimentary ticket and an invitation to attend. The fair will open October 4th and close October 27th. The yearly exhibitions of this institution are a great factor in building up and making known the resources of our wonderful state, and should have the support of all.

We would like to ask republican contemporaries how it is that last year we exported only about \$100,000 worth of woolen goods and imported \$44,000,000 worth, and that too, under the highest tariff ever known in this government? How could foreigners pay our high duties and undersell us in our own markets? Why did we not manufacture these goods? Why at the time these goods were being imported were many of our factories shut up and our laborers idle?

THE Republican tells the truth when it says: "Capital is becoming more and more alarmed by the tinkering of the tariff." Yes, alarmed for fear it shall be placed upon an equal footing with labor. The marked force that the republican nominees are being so earnestly supported by—capital, monopolies, trusts and combines of every nature—is the most convincing argument that can be adduced, that the republican party owes its life to them and they theirs to it.

A CHEAP coat indicates a cheap man, says Mr. Harrison. That is precisely Mr. Harrison's idea of a man; unless he is dressed in broadcloth and wears kid gloves, he is a cheap creature—about on a level with mules. It was some of these "cheap men" that Mr. Harrison was disposed to shoot down in 1877 for daring to assert their rights, and resist the oppression of the railroad corporation, of which Mr. Harrison was attorney. But cheap men have votes.

THE Republican says: "The anti-labor press is without exception in favor of free trade. This fact ought to set workmen to thinking. Take the principal free trade organs in New York—the New York Times, Herald, Harper's Weekly, Evening Post, Pack; and you will find that every one is a bitter enemy of labor." This is a double-jointed falsehood. Neither of the journals mentioned are the enemies of labor, nor do they advocate free trade, and the expectation that the statement will be believed carries with it the presumption that the reader is a fool.

HUMILIATING it must be to intelligent republicans to have such a nonentity as Harrison for their presidential nominee. In the extremity they are now reduced to, they rarely think of him and look to him for no counsel or help, but turn for their only hope to Blaine. They made a mistake after all—Blaine should have been nominated. Late events have demonstrated that if Blaine could not have succeeded there is no chance for any other man in the party. And yet, Blaine knew that his own chance for election was hopeless, and wisely declined. It is mighty cold comfort the republicans are able to get by reviewing the situation.

THE editor of the Whangdoodle is still worrying along under the antagonistic influences of his two hats. Last week the Harrison hat had decidedly the best of it. To tell the truth about the matter, we don't like to be outdone in this way, and suggest to our friends the propriety of purchasing us a new black silk tile—we already have a pearl diadem—so that we may be able to compete. We would then be able to cover a larger area of ground, so to speak. If our veracity should be stretched proportionately the defect would doubtless be counterbalanced by our ingenuity in trying to make black appear white and white appear black. At any rate, if we become too obnoxious, you can take the hat away from us. If it don't cost more than eight or ten dollars we will be satisfied, but we want it by next week, if convenient.

THAT "PROMINENT QUESTION."

Under the above head the E. O. Republican of last week says:

Until the revolution was made by Grover Cleveland the people were in blissful ignorance of any particular grievance to them arising out of this surplus.

This is certainly a very glaring statement, equally devoid of both sincerity and truth. Read the reports of the secretaries of the treasury from Sherman down. Read President Arthur's message to congress. Read the Morrison bill and the speeches of congressmen in support thereof. Read the platforms of both the democratic and republican parties of 1884 and you will find this surplus pointed out, discussed and condemned as the fruits of an unjust tax on the consumption of the people.

Don't fret and wonder if the president meant what he said in his last message to congress, when he characterized our monetary system as "a vicious, inequitable and illogical source of unnecessary taxation, which ought to be at once revised and amended," for he understood and meant just what he said. You ask:

Has the government been immoral and wicked in its financial plans all these years since rebellion flew at its throat?

We answer, yes, in its plans of taxation since 1866. Since 1866 the government has rested the whole burden of national taxation on the consumption of the people and not one cent on property or income. In 1866 property, capital and income paid over \$200,000,000 in national taxes. Since then not a dollar. These taxes were repealed as being "odious and inquisitorial," and the burden of paying our billions of national debt left as a tax on consumption. Are the democrats alone in characterizing this system as vicious or unjust? Mr. Sherman in the Senate in 1872 said, concerning this system:

The public mind is not yet prepared to apply the key to a genuine revenue reform. A few years of further experience will convince the whole body of our people that a system of national taxes which rests the whole burden of taxation on consumption and not on property or income is intrinsically unjust. While the expenses of the National Government are largely caused by the protection of property, it is but right to require property to contribute to their payment. It will not do to say that each person consumes in proportion to his means. This is not true. Every one must see that the consumption of the rich does not bear the same relation to the consumption of the poor as the income of the one does to the wages of the other. As wealth accumulates this injustice in the fundamental basis of our system will be felt and forced upon the attention of Congress.

Intrinsically unjust taxation is vicious and inequitable taxation. We wonder if Sherman really meant what he said, or was he ignorant of the meaning of the terms he used.

A VOICE FROM ENGLAND.

To show the English idea of the American protective tariff, we quote a passage from a speech by Gladstone to the manufacturers of Leeds:

I will say this, that as long as America adheres to the protective system our commercial primacy is secure. Nothing in the world can wrest it from you while America continues to fetter her own strong limbs and arms, and with these fettered arms is content to compete with you, who are free in neutral markets. And as long as America follows the doctrine now known as that of fair trade, you are perfectly safe, and you need not allow any of your own lightest slumbers to be disturbed by fear that America will take from you your commercial primacy.

The foregoing from the speech of the greatest statesman England has produced, shows what England's smart men think of America's foolish system of taxation, and it shows further that should the Mills bill, placing raw material on the free list, become a law, that American manufacturers would drive English goods from the markets of the world. If those lunkheads who go around shouting that British free trade will ruin the workmen, had the intelligence to read and the honesty to tell the truth about what they do read, they would tell the voters that there is not a statesman in Great Britain to-day who is not in sympathy with the republican party in its efforts to saddle on the American people a system of federal taxation that is destined to entirely rob this nation of its foreign commercial industry. They would also tell them that nine-tenths of the pretended clippings from English papers favoring the democratic policy of tax reduction are forgeries and that the one tenth are editorials bought and paid for by republican's money, wrung from the protected manufacturers of this country.

By placing raw materials on the free list and leaving a fair protection on the manufactured articles, the democrats propose to place our manufacturers on an equal footing with their foreign competitors—for commercial ascendancy in foreign markets and at the same time leave him sufficient protection at home to enable him to supply his home market without competition, so long as he will do so at a reasonable percentage above cost of production, and with but a moderate duty on the manufactured goods they propose to prevent the establishment of combinations and trusts which rob the consumers of manufactured goods. And this is what fools and liars choose to call "British free trade."

ATTITUDE OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

As an indication of the sentiment among the working classes of the people, the action of the labor organizations may be taken. Resolute Assembly No. 4870, Knights of Labor, of Portland, Oregon, passed the following, among other resolutions on August 1st:

Resolved, That we will help to defeat any party who favor Chinese immigration to this coast.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every labor man or labor party in this order, or whatever order that has labor for its motto, to keep the Chinese from our doors.

Resolved, That as the labor party prefer cheap food and clothes in preference to cheap whisky and tobacco, and this assembly cannot vote for any party who has free whisky in its platform; therefore

Resolved, That this assembly will work hard for the election of Cleveland and Thurman next November so that labor may have a hearing and not be trod down by railroad kings.

This is as it should be, and shows that the workmen of this State are getting their eyes opened rapidly. There is no reason why the vote that elected Gov. Penneyer should not be cast for Cleveland and Thurman. The issue is almost identical. If the people look at it in that light, and we do not see how they can fail to do so, Oregon will go democratic.

The Californians are also awakening to a full realization of the situation. At a monster mass meeting of anti-Chinese workmen held at the Metropolitan Temple in San Francisco on the 16th inst. their expressions were emphatic and not to be mistaken. They declared for Cleveland and tariff reform with great enthusiasm. The meeting was addressed by numerous speakers, among them Dennis Kearney, who promised to make things "red hot" all over the State if he could raise sufficient money to defray his traveling expenses. He said that if Harrison had his way he would have 250,000 pestiferous Chinese marching to the polls in November and casting their votes for Harrison and Morton.

Speaking on this subject the Indianapolis Labor Signal says: We have on our exchange list more than 100 labor papers. Of this number less than a dozen advocate a continuance of the present tariff, while about one hundred and thirty-five favor tariff reform. This is a fair index to the sentiment of organized labor on the tariff issue.

The county elections in Tennessee last week settled two questions. In every county party lines were closely drawn, and the contest was hot, because it was known that on the result of these elections would hinge the result of the legislative, state and national elections this year. The republicans made a desperate effort to capture the office of sheriff, as in Tennessee the sheriff appoints all election officers and has control of the election machinery. But in every county there were substantial democratic gains. In many counties a democratic sheriff was elected for the first time in 25 years. In Davidson county, which went republican in 1886, the democrats had nearly 4,000 majority. Shelby county, which once was close, went overwhelmingly democratic.

It was a log cabin in his grandfather's time; now it is a Chinese wash house. How we progress.

The death of Louis Hart, a farmer living near North Powder, occurred last Monday. The illness of the deceased was of short duration and the cause of death was cholera morbus. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. He was highly respected and many friends in the county will be pained to hear of his sudden demise.

Why buy from immigrating agents of whom you know nothing, either of their responsibility or the character of their goods, when there are responsible dealers located near you, who carry full and complete lines of all farm and mill machinery and implements, and whose success it is for your best interests to support with your patronage? Frank Bro's Implement Co. of Island City request your consideration of their claim, and refer you to your neighbors who have had dealings with them. 3

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