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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE present law of Indiana allows parties to have as few men on a jury as they please. One man will do if they can agree on him. This is getting rid of a great deal that was objectionable in the jury law, and if it works well there, we may expect to see it introduced elsewhere. In time they may do away even with one juror and have courts based on a principle of arbitration. Justice is something the world has tried to compass for thousands of years and it has often been true that the more justice a man paid for the less he got.

SOME MEN have an idea because "business is business," and any man who uses the fact of any friendly social relaxation to advance his own ends at the expense of yours should be "fired." This is no excuse for your cold ill-natured behavior and boorishness. A gentleman is a gentleman inside his place of business as well as out of it.

NEXT YEAR every farmer in the United States will be visited by a paid and accredited officer of the government and asked to give statistics of his farm, crops, stock, etc., for the previous year—that is the year 1889. The suggestion has been made that in order to be prepared to give the census taker accurate information, farmers should begin now to keep account of all farm operations and keep it up through the year. In this way only can the agricultural statistics of the census report be made to have any practical value. Keep an accurate record of the number of bushels of all kinds of grain raised, of hay and root crops, of butter and cheese, also of cattle, sheep and hogs, not forgetting chickens and eggs. Attention to these details will make up a good showing for our county.

We notice that several men, who owe more or less money, are disposing of their property to their wives or some other relative. This is not a safe proceeding, as those sales can and will be set aside for fraud. Courts of justice will not countenance such dishonest attempts to defraud creditors, and have rendered decisions adversely to that kind of business. The court of appeals of Maryland has also recently decided that in case of property held by a woman the proof must always be at hand that it was paid for out of her own money, and if that is not furnished it is taken for granted that the husband furnished the purchase money. This decision has caused consternation there, as it involves titles to one-third of the property in the state and leaves that property all liable for the debts of the husband. Good lawyers hold that this decision has foundation in common law and is applicable to all the states.

WHEN Randall had finished his "Life of Jefferson" he sent a copy to Macaulay. The latter, in a letter acknowledging receipt of the book, said:

I do not believe it is possible to establish institutions that will be permanent based upon the votes of the people counted by the head. That proceeds upon the supposition that the rich and the poor, the wise and the ignorant, the virtuous and the vicious are all counted as equal and endowed with equal political power. That is the fatal vice of your institutions that Jefferson founded. Now, your country can prosper so long as you have great spaces of unoccupied land; a great West for your surplus population; but the time will come in your history when New England will be as thickly populated as Old England; when there will be no more fertile, unoccupied land for your expanding population. Then will come the real strain and test of your institutions. There will be periods of scarcity and distress. Thousands of laborers will be out of work, and men will begin to say there is no justice in allowing one man to have a million while another has not a meal; no justice in letting one man ride in his carriage and dine sumptuously while another hears his children cry for bread; and when that hour comes your government will be brought to its final and fatal test.

THE railroads of the country are said to have come to the conclusion that the "scalping" business must stop. A scalper, says the interstate railroad commission in its second report recently issued, is a person "whose income comes from the purchase at one price and the sale at a higher, of tickets which the company have once sold but which in the hands of the purchaser have been availed of in part only, or perhaps not at all." The commission says with entire truth that if all such unused tickets were redeemed by the roads, the scalpers would disappear. The commission has in its report another suggestion even more valuable. It is that if the railroads can afford to pay commissions on tickets sold, they can afford to lower their prices by just the amount thus paid, and the commission has accordingly had a hearing on the subject, and may probably make a ruling that the roads must reduce rates in proportion.

REV. EDWARD ROBERT FAIR, in The Cosmopolitan, writes in favor of a compulsory life insurance for everybody. The plan is for men and women alike, as soon as they are old enough to work for a living, to begin to pay the state an annual insurance fee. The payment would continue up to the time the payer was 65 years old, then he could retire on his pension and live without work the remainder of his days, if his payments had been large enough. At any rate he would receive a regular fixed amount, which would prevent his becoming a public burden. The state would invest the funds paid in, and get returns from them, as private insurance companies do at present. There is in Germany a law requiring the insurance of the lives of factory operatives. There is also a compulsory accident insurance in which all Germans are included. These laws were favorite measures with Bismarck.

TAXATION.

The system of taxation appears to be badly muddled in Oregon. The figures of the last assessment roll of this State show that Multnomah county only returns \$1,355,935 under the heading "money, notes and accounts," etc., while Umatilla shows nearly a quarter million more, Yamhill only a about one quarter million less, and Wasco county \$850,000. There are very few who do not believe that Portland has a larger valuation than this with all her banks and capitalists; but it lessens her proportion of State taxes, and throws this burden on other places. If the same system of valuation was followed in the different counties of Oregon, says The Dalles-Pines Mountaineer, the levy would have to be increased materially to make up the necessary amount of State expenses. This is all wrong, and some method should be pursued to equalize valuation. We understand that twelve counties in the State returned a less valuation of property last year than the one previous, and hardly anyone will believe that there has been any decrease in property in the last few years; but on the contrary a large increase. There is something radically wrong in all this, and there should be some kind of system adopted by all assessors. Where there is an unequal valuation there must be justice done to some taxpayers.

NO MORE COMPROMISE.

Mr. Samuel J. Randall thinks the democrats can secure the next president and the next House, if they can "get together." The malicious New York Sun takes this up and urges the "getting together." Of course this means the abandonment, by the great majority of democrats, of their principles, and going over to the Randall minority. It means the sacrifice of the cause of the people in order to gain the support of the plutocrats. We desire no such success as that.

The democratic party coalesced altogether too much last year—altogether too much in the Mills bill. That bill was only a slight step in the right direction. We might as well take the whole step and plant ourselves squarely on the right ground at once, and fight there, win or lose; and that ground is: the utter destruction of the "protection" robbery.

The Louisville Courier-Journal seems to favor fighting the battle in 1892 on precisely the same ground occupied in 1888. This is surprising (simply), it seems to us, in that sturdy advocate of the people's rights. The Courier-Journal says that "the mills bill is not a free trade bill; it is not a bill to reduce the tariff to a purely revenue basis. It is simply a bill to reduce taxation. It reduces the tariff on pig-

iron from \$6.72 to \$6, instead of \$3; it reduces the tax on steel rails from \$17 to \$11 instead of \$5. It continues a vast number of privileges and bounties for the benefit of the few. It is a compromise in which the tariff reformers yield nearly everything and the Sun's satellites nothing." And yet it would go into battle again with this miserable, faint-hearted compromise, yielding nearly everything and gaining very little.

The democratic party will not deserve success until it dare proclaim, defend, and battle for the Truth and for Right; and that, as the Courier-Journal well knows, requires it to yield nothing to the false doctrine of protection—East Oregonian.

We endorse every word of the above. It expresses our sentiments exactly. No compromise of any kind should be made but an aggressive and unrelenting warfare should be kept up until the Right prevails. The unparalleled robbery of the people under the guise of a protective tariff must be stopped and it is the work of the democratic party to stop it. If the party falters or goes back on the principles enunciated during the last campaign, THE SCOUT, for one, will have no more use for it.

Oregon Timber.

"Six hundred and seventy-four years old!" gasped the judge, and he dropped his torch to the ground. "My God! these trees were older than the landing of Columbus, older than Magna Charta, older than the first translation of the bible into English, and last week they stood with a thousand years of life ahead of them, and these loggers of Knappa have leveled them to the earth with as little sense of what they are doing as the Vandals had when they overturned the immortal sculptures of Rome, and trampled the triumphs of art under the hoofs of their chargers! It is simply brutal. But the trees will have long and sure revenge. Boston would give a million of dollars to have two such trees, growthful and strong, with six centuries of growth and ten centuries of life ahead of them, on her common."—From an eastern letter.

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