

**THE OREGON SCOUT.**

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**TARIFF AND TRUSTS.**

The New York Post says: We place above and before all economical arguments the right of every man and woman to possess an exchange his or her earnings without deduction for the encouragement or protection of anybody else. The world's history is a continuous battle to establish and secure this right. On one side has been caste, privilege, mastery; on the other penury, submission, slavery. By power at one time and by craft at another the masses have been kept at work for the classes, as they are to-day in this country. The most insidious device to "fertilize the rich man's field with the sweat of the poor man's brow" is indirect taxation, which conceals the tax in the price of necessary articles of consumption.

The duty on raw sugar, for example, is about two cents per pound. It yields \$58,000,000 of revenue to the government on an annual importation of about three thousand million pounds. The tariff is arranged to give the sugar refiners a profit of one and a quarter cents per pound as a private tax for their encouragement. This tax, like the other one, is levied upon people, not according to their means, but according to their use and consumption of the article. In order that this private tax might not be lost through the competition of the refiners, a trust has been formed to hold the price of refined sugar at the highest figure that the tariff will permit, and the trust has been successful in accomplishing that result.

This is only one of numerous trusts which have their foundation in the tariff. It is only one among a vast multitude of instances and illustrations of the way that the many are made to pay tribute to the few through the device of indirect taxation.

We hold that taxes for the support of the government should be levied in proportion to the means of the taxpayers as nearly as human contrivance can bring it about, and that all taxes for private and personal ends should be abolished. It is said that taxes of the latter class got back in some mysterious, roundabout way to the taxpayers. We deny this, and we challenge anybody to show a dollar that ever got back to its proper owner in this manner. No such instance can be found from the beginning of the American republic to this day.

**DIVIDE UP.**

Most of the prosperity and valuable immigration which has so characterized California for the last five years has mainly been attributed to the dividing up of large land holdings. Counties containing a population of seven or eight thousand for years, without any material increase, under the large land interests of a few persons, have been known to double their population within twelve months from the time of dividing up the large tracts into small tracts of a few acres. To add to the value of large tracts of land, to increase the home makers and the general business of our towns and country it is necessary to divide up the large holdings so that a person can own from five to one hundred acres. There are many large tracts of land in this section which pay very little to the owner because they cannot be cultivated so as to produce anything near what they ought to. Cut them up and sell to people who will make small homes and devote their time to diversified farming, and the country will soon become very populous. If a man has five hundred acres of land that he cannot judiciously cultivate, let him sell off four hundred acres to persons who will build new fences, new houses and barns, and more school houses. He will soon find that his own hundred acres left are more to him than the five hundred were. He will make a living easier and better than before, and will soon wonder why he did not learn this before. Good roads and new bridges will be made, and yet taxes will be materially reduced. The sooner this is seen and acted upon, the sooner will real, genuine prosperity and general improvement be seen in every direction.

It seems that the Greenback party is coming to the surface, in a small way, after a long enforced idleness. The party will meet at Cincinnati Sept. 12th.

**COMING TO OREGON**

We believe the population of Oregon will be increased 19 per cent before the first of next July. No state in the union is attracting more attention among home seekers than ours at this very moment. Literature is being circulated and eagerly read all through the eastern and middle states, while the people of the cold and prairie region of Iowa, Dakota and Minnesota are looking westward. Thousands of people who located in California two years ago, induced there by the big booms, are leaving that state and coming north. The exodus of people into Oregon and Washington Territory has set in and the stream will continue to flow until every inch of tillable land is occupied and our resources thoroughly developed. Each train leaving California is crowded to its utmost capacity, and the railroad company is seriously considering the question of putting another train on the route. These people are not only residents of California who have disposed of their property there and are moving to the north, where as good and cheaper land can be secured, but also people from the east who have been induced to go to California only to find how badly, in some respects, the country had been misrepresented. Without doubt, California is one of the most fertile states in the union, but the people there have foolishly advanced the price of lands to a figure that is unreasonable, and which the quality of the land will not justify. Consequently people of moderate means cannot afford to purchase, and this fact prevents wealthy people from buying for the purpose of speculation. The price that is asked for land in Oregon is reasonable, and in some instances astonishingly so. It is this that attracts immigration, and will continue to do so, unless the property owners of this state refuse to profit by the experience of Californians and demand outrageously high prices for their lands. This we do not believe will be the case in this state, although land will continue to increase in value, for in many cases it is actually worth double the price asked. Oregon offers inducements that are within the reach of every industrious person. Homes can be provided for thousands more.

**JUDGE THE FUTURE.**

The eloquent Patrick Henry said: "We can only judge the future by the past." Look at the past— When Egypt went down 2 per cent. of her population owned 97 per cent. of her wealth. The people were starved to death. When Babylon went down 2 per cent. of her population owned all the wealth. The people were starved to death. When Persia went down 1 per cent. of the population owned the land. When Rome went down 1800 men owned all the known world. For the last twenty years the United States has rapidly followed in the steps of these old nations. Here are the figures: In 1850 capitalists owned 37 1/2 per cent. of the nation's wealth. In 1870 they owned 63 per cent.— Boston Progress.

WHAT Union needs more than anything just now is eastern capital to come in and assist in building up the city. There are numerous enterprises that can be built up if we can secure the capital and we believe the first way to secure such capital is to advertise the city and county in the east. An edition of one of the home papers, properly prepared, sent throughout the east in large numbers, would do more to bring about the desired results than almost any other means. The people ought to be in earnest about this matter and an endeavor made to let people in the east and elsewhere know what we have in the line of investments.

IT APPEARS that Bismarck has overreached Blaine in diplomacy, and that the Samoan treaty is very much in the interest of Germany. The State Department has at last found this out, and that is why they keep the treaty so secret. This is lesson No. 1 to the American people on Blaine as a diplomatist.

CITIZENS containing 5000 population and upwards will be allowed to make their own charters, and county seats can be changed by a majority vote in the county under the new constitution being prepared at Olympia for the new State of Washington.

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GOVERNOR PENROVER will be a candidate for re-election next June, and the main question at issue will be the great one raised at the last session of the legislature—shall municipal bonds go without taxation. The governor is a strong man and despite the fact that the state is heavily republican, his chance of getting a re-election is as good as anybody's. He is the people's man, and, unlike many politicians who make pretenses of being the friend of the people, he has the advantage of the people knowing and believing and knowing it. This is the secret of his success.

WHEN Wannamaker put up his money for the republican party, success followed; but when he publicly prayed for the prohibitionists they went into the soup, which shows that money is more powerful than prayer in politics.—Ex.

**Oregon Scenery.**

A large sized engraving of the beautiful Grande Ronde valley and the city of La Grande accompanies the July number of the West Shore Magazine as an art supplement. Grande Ronde valley is situated in the Blue mountains, in Eastern Oregon, and possesses a delightful climate and fertile soil, and is one of the most inviting portions of the Pacific coast for those seeking homes in that region. The magazine contains a carefully prepared descriptive article of the valley; also an article on the Hunt Railway System, the City of Dayton, Washington, and of Ashland and the famous Rogue River valley. Taken as a whole, it is one of the finest and most instructive numbers of that excellent magazine ever issued, and contains, in addition to the above, a mass of information about all portions of the northwest, as well as excellent stories, poetry, etc. Published at \$2.50 a year, by L. Samuel, Portland, Oregon. Single copies, 25 cents.

**Oregon on Wheels.**

And yet we are asked daily, why all these long trains of immigrants pass here with their faces turned towards Oregon and Washington territory. The solution of the question is a very easy one. Because Oregon has advertised herself, and in doing so has also advertised her sister, now on the eve of adoption into the great family of states. A car called "Oregon on wheels" has three times made the trip into the older states, and on its last voyage went all the way to New York to exhibit the products raised by the descendants of the plain old people who camped on the "great American desert" forty-five years ago on their tedious six month's journey across "the plains."—Helena Journal.

**A Woman's Discovery.**

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Lathur Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Brown's drug store, Union, Oregon.

**Land Contests Decided.**

The following land contests for this district have been decided. The names of the successful parties are printed in capital letters: Thomas E. Hoffman vs OSCAR R. HINDMAN. SYLVESTER LONGWAY vs E. R. Strohecker. JOS. W. CLEAVER vs F. M. Alford. M. S. RYAN vs C. W. Dunston.

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