

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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A PUGNACIOUS PREACHER.

It has come to our notice that Mr. Driver, a Methodist preacher of this city, took occasion in a recent sermon to make an insulting personal attack upon the editor of this paper and some of our correspondents, on account of articles published in the paper concerning Thanksgiving proclamations. It is hardly necessary for us to repeat, what all our readers must be aware of by this time, that THE SCOUT is published for the benefit of the people, and its columns are open to all who have a reasonable thought to advance, regardless of their sex, color or condition in life, friend or foe, and that we hold ourselves in no way responsible for the sentiments expressed by our correspondents. The editorial department is our own and whatever merits or faults it may contain may be attributed to us alone. We conduct the paper as our judgement directs and believe we can do so in a manner moderately acceptable to the people without assistance or suggestions from Mr. Driver. We have not the slightest objection to his preaching from THE SCOUT instead of the bible if it pleases him to do so, but when he runs up against an article that he has not brains sufficient to refute or good judgement enough to pass by unnoticed, but must make a clown of himself in his pulpit and abuse us personally, it is quite another thing and he cannot hope to go unrebuked. Vituperation, as an argument, is not convincing, but it seems to be Mr. Driver's strong hold.

For the denomination of which he is a most unworthy member, we have the greatest respect. To it belong some of our dearest friends, and we would not, willingly, say anything to wound their feelings, however much we may differ from them in opinion. We believe as firmly as they in a future state of existence and that immortality awaits on every soul, but do not think that any barrier to this grand inheritance lies in theological dogmas or sectarian creeds. We accord to every man the right to think and speak for himself and expect the same consideration from him. It is quite evident, however, that the subject of this sketch is not of that way of thinking, but is built on the same plan as the generality of "one-horse preachers" whose predominating characteristics seem to be the desire to annihilate everything in opposition to them. Probably they are not altogether to blame for this inclination, for, without doubt, it is an hereditary insanity handed down through the generations from father to son. The ancestry of the Rev. Driver is, evidently, of the Cotton Mather breed and his contracted mind yet gropes in the darkness of the ages past. We would remind him of a few things that he has, probably, never thought of, and in doing so it is in no spirit of malice, but with a sincere desire to do him good. He should sit down and realize, if he can, that this is the nineteenth century; that Reason has become the guiding star for every human endeavor; that Science is the one great factor in the process of human development; that the Dark Ages have passed away and all that is left to remind us of them is a woeful page in history; that the Inquisition is no longer powerful; that the thumb-screw and rack have ceased to be moving forces in theological argument; that anathemas from the pulpit no longer have power to harm; that the free exercise of a man's reasoning powers is not now considered a crime; that the Universe is an open book spread out for everyone to read; that there is no limit to human attainment and knowledge; that our foremost thinkers and workers no longer look backward to the murky Past for inspiration, but forward to the radiant Future; that the world to-day, as never before, is free, is bright and happy, is buoyant and full of Hope. When the Rev. Driver fully realizes these things he will be a wiser and a better man.

So far as his attack upon our correspondent is concerned, Mr. Huffman is able to take care of himself. We think that Mr. Driver is not sufficiently advanced to teach him anything. We are intimately acquainted with the young man and feel honored by his friendship. He has been a close student, and though just entering the threshold of manly action, his mind is stored with knowledge gleaned from books and the experience of living, progressive and liberal men. He has

a love and a hope for every living thing, but loathes whatever he deems unjust and wrong. He possesses the gift given to but few men of making his feelings known in forceful sentences, replete with graceful words and most poetic imagery. Young as he is, his heart has a diviner pity for humanity, and his mind has sounded a deeper depth of philosophy than the Rev. Driver ever thought of in his dreams of an eternal fire and his maudlin efforts to keep some of us out of it.

The Methodist congregation of this city have been singularly unfortunate in the pastors selected to serve them for several years past and it is to be hoped that they will not always have to contend with similar obstacles.

If any of the thousands who will read this article during the next few days think that it is too lengthy for the size of the subject treated of, we can only say that the occasion seemed to demand it, but we promise not to afflict them in a similar manner again—will certainly not unless forced to.

HELP TO IMPROVE YOUR TOWN.

Every town desires, or ought to desire, to advance the value of its property, to increase its population, to add to its vote and to make itself known far and near as a wide-awake, thrifty and enterprising place. A person who comes from such a live business center is always proud of the fact and spares no pains to let people know it. A man coming from a slow, easy-going place where there is no enterprise, and the word "boom" has never been heard to echo through its streets, is seldom as anxious to tell where he is from. He takes no pride in the fact that he is a resident of such a place. If he does tell where he is from, he does so feeling that it is no credit to a man of a progressive nature to be a citizen of a dead community.

It is the people of a town that gives character to a place. If the people are wide-awake and energetic, full of a desire to see the town go ahead and build up with new improvements and offer inducements such as are calculated to induce people who are seeking a location, to settle and make themselves one of its number, the town will prosper. But if on the other hand the people are that class that drag along, who don't care whether the town improves or not, who would rather see a few hundred dollars in the treasury than to see good streets and sidewalks and other substantial improvements, such a town will always be shunned by those who believe in progress and desire to see business go with a rush.

If the residents of a town want to increase the business chances to build up a reputation for their town, and to add to its population, they must work together. They must be willing to spend their money to help on their town. They must pay to advertise it. They must pay to give it a reputation. In short they must work for the town just as they would work to enhance their own business. By so doing the result will at once be apparent in the prosperity of each individual as well as the community at large. Work for your town.

THE TARIFF ON WOOL.

The Opinion of a Wool Grower on This Important Subject.

EDITOR OREGON SCOUT:—

So long as the wool grower listens to the argument of the republican demagogue, just that long will he be deceived and led to erroneous conclusions. The proposition that the tariff on wool protects the wool grower is a fallacy. Why? Simply because of two things: First, the wool manufacturer fixes the price of the domestic article, and while exercising this prerogative he takes care to make the domestic producer pay him enough in reduced prices in domestic wools to offset the enhanced price of the foreign article by reason of the tariff. For instance, 1,100,000 pounds of foreign wools are imported on which the tariff is on an average 8 cents per pound. The manufacturer pays an enhanced price of \$80,000 by reason of the tariff, for this wool. He buys, say, 2,500,000 pounds of domestic wool which is actually worth 20 cents per pound, but in fixing the price thereon he takes into consideration the enhanced price of 8 cents on the 1,000,000 pounds, which equals 3 1-5 cents per pound on the 2,500,000 pounds, consequently, instead of paying 20 cents per pound, the manufacturer pays only 16 4-5 cents per pound for domestic wools. Is this possible? Does the manufacturer do this? Where is the wool grower that will say that the prices of domestic wools is not fixed by the manufacturer? Echo answers, where? If it is a fact—if it is possible—that the

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Second: The home production is entirely inadequate to supply the home demand and consumption, as is clearly proven by the fact of the importation of foreign wools, raw and manufactured, amounting to 2,500,000 pounds yearly. Now so long as this is a fact the tariff cannot assist the home producer, especially when he is at the mercy of the manufacturer in the fixing of prices, on the contrary the tariff is actually and absolutely against the interests of the home producer under the existing laws and regulations.

Ponder over these propositions, ye wool growers, and compare them with the situation, and answer that the tariff is a boon for you if you can. W.

AN INTERESTING CONTEST.

Two American Girls Engaged in a Race Around the Earth.

The most interesting contest on record is now in progress, it being the effort of two plucky American girls to see which can travel around the globe in the shortest length of time. Each is bent on beating the record of eighty days made by "Phileas Fogg," with the aid of Jules Verne's vivid imagination, but this is a secondary consideration compared with the determination of each to outstrip the other in the novel race, which began Thursday, November 14th, from New York City. The contestants are Miss Elizabeth Bisland, and Mrs. N. B. Cochrane, known to the newspaper world as Nellie Bly, of New York. Miss Bisland is a Louisiana by birth and is recognized as the head of an exclusive set of artists and literary people who do a great deal toward making the eastern magazines. For a long time she was the literary editor and book reviewer for the World and then went to her present position. She is one of the best writers in the city, and her magazine articles on home life are marvels of word painting. She is about 24 years old and extremely handsome. Before she came to New York Miss Bly was a Pittsburg girl, and did work for the Smoky City newspapers. Then she went to Mexico, came back, wrote a book, exposed the inner-workings of the insane asylums. She is described as being slimly built and the casual observer would wonder how she has been able to stand all that she has gone through. In a word, she is a plain every-day girl, with a wonderful head and warm heart. She is twenty-three years old, with a slim yet shapely figure, oval face, smiling mouth, topped by a cute little retroussé nose and wonderful pair of eyes, with heavy eyelashes, the whole framed by hair of a peculiar brown, so dark that it looks black at times.

One thing that makes the race more interesting is that the girls are going in different directions and will pass each other somewhere on the opposite

side of the globe, Miss Bisland is traveling toward the west and Miss Bly toward the east. Two brighter, truer representatives of the thoroughbred American girls with dash, push, bright womanhood and beauty never went abroad. They will both do their best, and that best will be away above the ordinary. Trains will be hired and steamers chartered, for both are in earnest. It is thought that the trip can be made in about 70 days, and during that time the race will be watched with interest by the entire world.

LETTER FROM MONMOUTH.

A Student from Union County Writes Concerning the College, etc.

EDITOR SCOUT:—The following is a brief description of Monmouth and the school situated here, which I thought your readers would be interested in reading:

Monmouth is situated in the vicinity of the coast range of mountains and about forty miles distant from the Cascade range. It is a lively, business town, having a drug store, two dry goods stores, a large opera house, a bank and no saloons. The inhabitants number about five hundred. They are devoted to the cause of education and the welfare of the Oregon State Normal School which is situated here.

The beautiful scenery attracts many to this place. On the east are Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson and the Three Sisters pointing upwards toward the heavens, two miles in verticle height. In riding over the valley you will see the graves of men who have lived and died in building up their country. They certainly have succeeded for the beautiful homes and artificial landscapes furnished by them are second only to these mountain ranges.

Monmouth is the central town of Polk, Benton, Linn and Yamhill counties in the way of education, although all the counties are represented except Klamath and Lake. The college here is a magnificent structure. It is brick, the first part being built in 1871 and the new one is being built now, when finished, which will be soon, it will be a credit to the town, county and state. A good gymnasium is one of the additions to the school, where muscular development can be cultivated. Even the fair sex have purchased dumb-bells for their use and are led by one of the faculty.

The climate in this part of the valley is very mild. On the 4th of this month a handful of ripe strawberries were found. The flowers were also in bloom and everything is green. The farmers here sow most of their wheat in the fall, finishing about Christmas. The county seat question has been bothering the good people here. One town is struggling to retain the seat of the county, the other to capture it, yet so far they have failed in taking it. Trusting that I have not used too much of your valuable space, I remain Yours truly,
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