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THAT UNPLEASANTNESS.

It may have been noticed by some of our readers that a slight unpleasantness has existed between Rev. S. M. Driver and ourself for several weeks past. Regarding this matter we will say that the gentleman, whom we had never before met in person, called on us this week and we had a candid review of the whole matter. Mr. Driver assured us that whatever the impression may have been, that was made upon the congregation by his words, it was not his intention to insult us or to abuse us as an individual; that he thought we had us much right to express our views as an infidel as he had to express his as a christian, and because a difference exists between us was no reason why we should engage in war and bitter personalities. In this we entirely agree with him. We certainly thought that the language which it was reported to us that he had used, justified us in the course we pursued. If Mr. Driver's statement is true those reports were greatly exaggerated and his language misconstrued. While quick to resent what we deem an insult, no man would be slower in repulsing the hand of an opponent when offered in a spirit of amity and reconciliation, or more willing to correct an error, when convinced that one has been made. We doubt not that Mr. Driver and ourself will get along quite peacefully hereafter. It may be that the animal nature in neither one of us is developed to such an extent as to unfit us for the society of our fellow beings.

UNION.

The business outlook for Union, as the approach of a new year draws near, is exceedingly bright and cheerful and every indication points to a rapid increase with the new year. New business are seeking locations, new buildings are being decided upon, new enterprises looking for openings and a general new infusion of blood and energy in all directions is apparent, which is especially gratifying. With the beginning of 1890 we may expect to be fairly started in the direction of an energetic display of business vigor, which will make a most favorable showing before the year is one-third advanced. There is enough outlined in the way of progress to demonstrate that the coming year will be the most prosperous in the history of Union, and it may be safely estimated that the population will double itself in the next twelve months, judging from the present outlook.

A CONTRAST.

President Harrison recommends mail subsidies for ocean steamship lines. This is to become a feature of the republican policy that will fitly go with protection of the industry of the country. It is a policy to be put in contrast with the democratic policy of inertia and mossbackism.—Oregonian. A policy of high protective tariff to run steamship lines out of existence, and subsidies to bring them back. A tariff to keep foreign goods out of our ports, and subsidies to bring them in. Will it be the policy of the republican party to kill the carrying trade of our steamship lines by a continuance of the tariff, and pay them to run empty? Tariff and subsidies! twin robbers of the producing classes. This maintenance will truly never be called "inertia and mossbackism" but rather energetic, progressive thievery.—Ochoco Review.

FREE tobacco and heavily taxed clothing and food. The president says he would remove the tax from tobacco and spirits used in the arts, but would leave the high tariff tax on the farmer's jute sacks and binding twine, on the necessary clothing and food of the laboring man and mechanic. What do farmers and labor people who were cajoled into voting for Harrison last fall think of this proposition to make tobacco, a luxury, free, while maintaining a high tax on the poor woman's blanket and shawl, and, in fact, on all the necessities of life. But the people were warned against this folly, but they believed the president would never recommend it. It is an eye opener.

The Union board of trade should meet at once and make preparations for active work. Such a body is of incalculable benefit to a town when in good working order.

INGERSOLL ON IMMORTALITY.

Colonel Robert Ingersoll, writing to the author of a recent book on immortality makes this liberal statement of his belief in the possibility of a life beyond the grave: "If we admit the existence of a God of infinite wisdom and compassion we must say that there must be a world better than this; but how do we account for one worse than this? That is to say, if injustice triumphs here, why not there? If honesty goes without dread in this world, why not in another? Certainly God will be no better than now. Still, it may be possible that a God of infinite love and compassion will reward those who suffer.

"Love and hope are universal. As long as men hope there will probably be in heart and brain a splendid dream of immortality. It may be that we live no more; that we go back to unconscious dust, and yet the heart will always say: 'Perhaps there is another life.' But whether there is or not, let us all paint on the canvas of the future a picture that delights and satisfies the soul. We know that in this world after joy comes grief, as after day comes night, and it may be that there is some world where after grief comes joy, as after night comes day."

The Daily Reveille, of Baker City, has been enlarged to meet the demands made upon its space. It is a splendid paper and deserves success.

SENATOR MITCHELL has our thanks for numerous valuable public documents.

THE TARIFF ON WOOL.

"W." Replies to "J. G.'s" Recent Article on the Subject.

In a recent issue of THE SCOUT we undertook to show that the tariff on wool was no protection to the wool grower. "J. G." in last week's SCOUT refers to our letter, and without attempting to refute any of our propositions therein set forth, dishes us out several doses—broken—most of which have been heretofore prescribed by the Oregonian, from where "J. G." no doubt procures his medicine.

As he has virtually admitted the worth of the conclusions reached in our former letter, we shall devote a few lines to the analysis of what he has to say, generally, on the tariff question. He says on the outset that, "the democrats talk and write articles for free trade. They proclaim it from east to west, no matter whether it is called tariff for revenue or tariff reform, it signifies no protection to American industry." Tariff for revenue is free trade; chicken pie is pork pie; a turkey gobbler is a turkey hen; black is white and a nigger is a white man. A close observer of "J. G.'s" style of treatment would no doubt conclude, and justly, that he had adopted that system known as christian science, and all the patient must do is to believe a thing no matter how absurd or unreasonable it is and it is therefore true. Nobody advocates free trade nor will it be advocated by any considerable number of our people until there is a radical change in the present system of collecting revenues. Any per cent of tariff levied on imported goods of which the same kind are manufactured in our country, to that extent is a protection of our home manufacturer. The principle is the same no matter whether the rates be high or low, general or restricted.

The present tariff on tin plate is one cent per pound or about 70 per cent. ad valorem. "J. G." would have tin plate taxed so high that the consumers of tin would reel as they tread the ground, in order to build up another monopoly in this country in the manufacture of tin plate. In the interest of the farmer, the mechanic, the laborer and all others who are obliged to and do use a great many tin vessels, tin ought to be on the free list and cheapened us much as possible. In the interests of the home manufacturer there should be a killing tariff.

"J. G." says, "the laboring men are flocking from free trade countries to get the benefits of the tariff." Great Jehovah! Harvey Scott outdone! Laborers flocking from free trade countries! Germany, Italy, France, thou art jewels in the free trade constellation. "J. G." is entitled to the belt and a chronos besides. Do farmers want free trade? "No, they need their products protected more." Ah, that is just what they do, "J. G." and pray how are they going to get it? Is it within the possibilities for farmers to be protected by means of a tariff on their products? Answer that, "J. G." and you can have another chronos.

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