

WILFULLY BLIND.

The old saying that "none are so blind as those who will not see" never had a better exemplification than the following from the Baker City Blade—

"Democratic journals are busily engaged in increasing the cost of almost everything by comparing old and new duties. If they would compare the prices at which goods are sold to the consumer they would learn that the selling price of goods has not increased."

If the editor of the Blade will take the trouble to interview the merchants of his town he will find that the price of nearly every article of home consumption, particularly those used by the poor man, have been or will be increased in price from ten to thirty per cent. by reason of the passage of the McKinley tariff bill. Merchants who had good stocks on hand prior to the passage of the bill can sell them off at the old prices, but all goods they buy hereafter they will have to pay the increased duty on, and in consequence must raise their prices. We are connected with a mercantile firm in this city, and during the past week or two letters have been received from nearly every wholesaler with whom we deal stating that while our patronage solicited they are compelled to inform us that no more goods can be bought at the old prices, on account of the provisions of the McKinley bill. The prices they quote us vary, according to the article, and are increased from ten to thirty per cent. We know that every other merchant in town has received similar notifications. It is the natural outcome of the republican idea of protection and could not result in any other way. The McKinley bill prohibits competition and enables the manufacturer to charge an increased price for his wares. The wholesale merchant pays this advanced price and sells to the retail dealer with the advanced price added. The retail dealer is forced to mark his goods up accordingly, and the poor man walks up to the counter and pays his tribute to the republican party and the monopolistic manufacturers, while his wife and children are, in many cases, suffering for want of the clothing he cannot buy, and the bread he is unable to procure. There is no man so poor that it will not cost him several hundred dollars more each year to live than it has heretofore. But it seems that such a lesson is needed to bring the masses to a realization of the sophistries of the protectionists and we are really glad that the McKinley bill has been passed. It is a practical lesson and one that will open the eyes of the masses as nothing else could.

PRESS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

President L. Samuel, of the Oregon Press Association, has called a meeting of a special committee, to assemble in Portland at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, November 11th, for the purpose of learning the views of journalists respecting an appropriation by the legislature for an Oregon World's Fair exhibit. In selecting this committee, he has been careful that it shall be composed of gentlemen representing every section of the State and both political parties, as he is anxious that neither sectionalism nor politics shall be introduced into the question.

The following members will compose this committee: C. S. Jackson, East Oregonian, Pendleton; Amos K. Jones, SCOUT, Union; I. B. Bowen, Democrat, Baker City; John Michel, Times-Mountaineer, The Dalles; A. Noltner, World, Portland; H. W. Scott, Oregonian, Portland; O. P. Mason, Farmer, Portland; H. S. Harding, Telephone-Register, McMinnville; F. Conover, Gazette, Corvallis; F. B. Nutting, Democrat, Albany; C. Y. Benjamin, Plaindealer, Roseburg; Charles Nickle, Democratic Times, Jacksonville; E. Hofer, Journal, Salem; I. L. Campbell, Guard, Eugene; E. A. Weed, Astorian, Astoria.

The people of this State should awaken to the vast importance of having Oregon properly represented at the World's Fair. The opportunity is now presented for advancing the interests of the State, in a brief period, to a greater degree than could be done by half a century of ordinary endeavor. Let a proper exhibit of the vast and varied resources of our magnificent State be made, and the people of every part of the world cannot but look upon it with wonder and admiration. The just reward for our labors will follow rapidly and sure. This is a matter that should interest every resident of the State. Let the work commence at once.

A DELUSIVE HOPE.

The McKinley tariff bill has gone into effect and workingmen who have been led to believe that it would inaugurate an era of better times are beginning to realize that it is acting just the reverse. It will be another case of hope deferred making the heart sick. Already the beacons of disaster are flaming ominously in the sky. Europe is banding together in a practical boycott of American goods. Hitherto, we have both bought and sold with mutual advantage. The republican fiat has gone forth and we shall only sell. Austria and Germany have said that if we will not buy, we shall not sell. Holland and Italy threaten to join coalition, and it may not stop even there. The "home market," of which republican leaders have so loudly prated, seems likely to be our only one, or if we retain any foreign market it will be not by the grace of the "protective policy," but by making concessions that are directly antagonistic to its principles and fairly in line with the abhorred "free trade." Nor is the fact that the republicans are confining American consumers, who wish to buy, and American producers who wish to sell, to a limited market, where brazen monopoly regulates both the price paid and the price demanded to subserve its own behoof, the worst of it all. By closing our markets to European cheap goods, we throw European cheap labor out of employment, and it is beginning to pour into this country in a mighty stream to compete with the American workman in his own territory, to enter the struggle with him for employment and scale wages down to a starvation point. The new tariff law prevents the American workman from buying the cheap goods of Europe and compels him to pay monopoly prices, and then by robbing him of his employment, makes it impossible for him to purchase either the one or the other, but turns him loose on society, a pauper, a tramp, or a criminal. Great is protection! Great is republicanism! Great is humbug!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Union Board of Trade is now in good working order and if the proper interest is taken in it by our people there is no reason why it should not become a powerful organization and be the leading factor in the up-building of the entire county as well as our beautiful city. Let every man do his duty in the matter.

THE editor of the Republican has concluded that he will treat the whole SCOUT outfit with "silent contempt," hereafter. He never came to a more sensible conclusion in his life, and his discretion will serve him well. No man can be blamed for harboring a feeling of supreme disgust for a saw mill after he has once "shuck hands" with a buzz saw.

THE initial number of the Grande Ronde Chronicle, a new paper just started at La Grande, by McComas & Devine, is on our table. It is a neat 7-column folio and starts out with a fair amount of advertising patronage. La Grande is a town of sufficient size to support two good newspapers, and no doubt the new venture will prove a success. May it live long and prosper.

DURING the next decade we may expect prosperity in Oregon such as has not been witnessed for many years. From the trend of public sentiment it may be considered certain that the natural resources will be developed and the water ways opened to the producer. The era of mossbackism is past and the future will display an unanimity of sentiment regarding everything which will tend to advancement.

ADVISED from Chicago of the 1st inst., say that the severance of the relation between the Union Pacific road and its eastern connections, except the Chicago & Northwestern road, in the matter of billing freight through, has went into effect, freight, whenever possible, being forwarded by other routes. At Council Bluffs, Iowa, it must be rebilled over the Union Pacific. This break applies to and from points between Omaha and Salt Lake and does not extend to coast freight.

THE Cleveland, (Ohio) press has been notified by postoffice authorities that its paper would not go through the mails, because of an advertisement it contained. The advertisement in question was from a prominent clothing house and offered a pony to the purchaser who would guess its weight. The authorities held that it came under the provisions of the lottery law. At this rate how far are we removed from a censorship of the press and governmental supervision of the business of the people?

OREGON TAX LAWS.

The senatorial committee on assessment and taxation, which was in session in Salem for two weeks, closed its session Friday evening. The bill prepared by them covers fifty-four pages, regular house bill size, and is now in the hands of the State printer. To be issued one copy to each member of the house and senate and for newspapers, etc. The bill in its scope covers the following points: The county assessor or shall appoint an assessor for each precinct, or where the precincts are small, assessors can do one or more precincts, independent of county officers, and must give bonds. They must complete their work each year by May 15, all property to be assessed to owners up to April 1 of each year. These assessors shall return their roll to the county assessor who is to have five rolls made. The county court is made a board of equalization of all except road taxes, and its decision is final. The assessment is doubled for those failing to fill lists. The State board is composed of one member of each judicial district, to be appointed by the governor until the next general election, to report to the secretary of the State, who reports to the county clerks when the changes have been made, when the clerk will make the proper changes. Taxes are to be levied by the county court in September of each year. The sheriff collects all taxes except the road tax. Taxes are delinquent after January 1, after which the clerk adds 5 per cent, which goes to the county. The mortgage tax law, including the Black amendment, allowing the exemption of taxes on mortgages, is repealed and all mortgages are to be assessed, not in the form of mortgages, but as personal property in the form of notes received at the place of residence or business of the lender. No household exemption of \$300 or any sum or no deduction for indebtedness for any form is to be allowed. Church property held or used for pecuniary profit is to be taxed. Railroads are taxed as now. National banks are taxed on the actual value of the capital stock; private banks not incorporated, on the actual value of property, and banks incorporated on the value of shares of stock; all stock to pay taxes at the office of the bank and not elsewhere. Electric light, telephone, insurance, plankroad, turnpike, wagon road, bridge, express, telegraph and sleeping-car companies pay on their gross earnings at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum to the state treasurer, and capital stock in the hands of the stock holders is not taxed. School taxes are payable at the same time as county taxes, to the sheriff.

The commission recommends that all bills relating to assessment and taxation be made privileged questions by the rules of each house, so as to give precedence over any other measure. The law is to take effect immediately on approval by the governor, and the 1891 assessments are to be made under its provisions.

AND now it seems that the world's fair is to be classed with the numerous things injured by the new tariff law. The latest European advices say that the majority of manufacturers refuse to send any exhibits to Chicago, taking the ground that it would be a useless expenditure of money for them to do so, as the duties imposed by the new tariff law are so high as to practically shut their goods out of the American markets. Without foreign exhibits the world's fair will be but a traversery upon its name.

A TAX, properly speaking, is a burden with a benefit. You pay so much water, police or school tax, and receive its equivalent in aqueducts, watchman and education. But when you pay \$1 on a thing and another dollar as duty on it, what do you get on that extra dollar? Strictly speaking, therefore protectionist orators are right in saying the tariff is not a tax. It is a burden without a benefit, just as if the money had been lost or stolen.

Mr. Hayes says that the McKinley tariff is "the most terrible blow that has been struck at the Republican party during its existence." If he had said the "business interests of the country" He would have been exactly right.

NOTICE. God's Blessing to Humanity—So Says an Oregon Pioneer, Ninety Years Old. FOREST GROVE, Or., March 19.—I have used the OREGON KIDNEY TEA and obtained immediate relief. It is God's blessing to humanity. I take pleasure in recommending it to the afflicted. I am now nearly ninety years old, came to Oregon in 1842 in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and since I began using the OREGON KIDNEY TEA I enjoy good health. DAVID MUNROE.

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UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF AN order to me directed by W. T. Carroll, requiring me to sell certain personal property under a certain chattel mortgage, wherein J. R. N. Stansell is mortgagor and the said W. T. Carroll is mortgagee, given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note executed and delivered by said J. R. N. Stansell to said W. T. Carroll bearing date January 24, 1890, for the sum of \$283.00 with interest from date at the rate 10 per cent. per annum, I will, on Saturday, Nov. 8, 1890, at 2 o'clock, p. m. of said day, at the Elkhorn livery stable, Main street, in Union, in said county and State, in pursuance of the terms of said mortgage, proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, the property described therein, to-wit: One bay mare, about 6 years old, branded S 9 on left hip, also A on left shoulder; one bay mare, 3 years old, branded S 9 on left hip; one gray mare, 4 years old, branded S 9 on left hip; one bay mare 6 years old, branded S 9 on left hip; one bay mare, 5 year old, branded S 9 on left hip; one gray mare, 4 years old, branded S 9 on left hip; in satisfaction of said note and expenses of this proceeding. J. T. BOLLES, Sheriff. By W. R. Usher, deputy. 10-30-90

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