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FREE TRADE.

(Continued from last week.)

What then is this Protection that is necessary to sustain what is not self-supporting? Throwing aside all the complications and specious pretexts it just comes back to the original point—it is the farmer—the unprotected paying out extra coin to nourish the protected. If Protection were an overt and direct tax imposed upon the farmer, the whole agricultural body would rise en masse, and protest and vote against it. But because it comes indirectly, insidiously, the ravening, insatiable monster, Protection, is allowed to slich the hard earnings from the pocket. How is this? The goods bought are increased in price. The tariff excludes goods from the market altogether, or else runs them up to such a high figure that the domestic manufacturer can under sell him, and still realize enormous profits.

The advance which the consumer pays on the imported goods goes to the government; the advance which he pays on the domestic goods goes to the manufacturer. Thoroughly digested that fact, and it is evident that the higher the tariff, beyond certain limits, the less revenue the government obtains from it, and the greater the tendency to enrich the capitalist. Let us give a familiar illustration. A pair of good foreign-made blankets can be landed in New York for \$3. This is the natural price of the article. The specific and ad valorem duties amount to 85 per cent., figuring up say \$2.25. Thus the protection price becomes \$5.25. Hence the consumer in paying \$5.25 for his foreign-made blanket, pays really \$3 for the blankets and \$2.25 for the government. Of course to the patriotic citizen there is some satisfaction in this, as he is thus swelling the revenue of his country.

But, remember, he also pays \$5.25 for the home-made blanket, being \$2.25 for the manufacturer's tribute, and the Government gets nothing. Again, to carry this further, suppose the tariff is increased to \$3, being 100 per cent., the foreign-made blanket must sell for \$6 or not at all. The home manufacturer having enormous profit at \$5.25 can thus exclude foreign-made blankets from the country, and the Government does not receive one cent of revenue. Every time the farmer buys a blanket then, he simply donates \$2.25 to the monopolist manufacturer.

It is on record that last year (1879) the value of imported blankets was only \$1453. The tax thereon was \$1233. About \$20,000,000 worth of blankets bought annually. So the citizens paid in that year "to the dozen manufacturers of Massachusetts and Rhode Island" about \$17,000,000! Behold the beauty of Protection! Further: the home production of cotton fabrics for 1879 was about \$250,000,000. Average import duty 38 per cent. The tribute to manufacturers was thus about eighty-seven million dollars, i. e. when the government obtained one dollar, the dear, good helpless manufacturer obtained just seven. And the farmer, principally, pays it!

A Natural Railroad Pass.

CENTERVILLE, Umatilla Co., Or., Nov. 19. EDITOR STATESMAN:—As there is rumor afloat that the O. R. & N. Company contemplate sending out a survey in this county to make a final location for the line of railroad running from the Columbia river into the Grande Ronde Valley, and as previous surveys have not hitherto been successful in finding a good route, I desire to state in your columns, as the medium most likely to catch the eye of the magnates of that corporation, the fact that there is a good natural road to be found via the Cold Spring Canyon. This route runs as follows: Commencing at the mouth of the canyon a few miles above Umatilla Landing, then running up said canyon a distance of twenty-one miles to the Hamblerth place on the North Fork of Cold Spring, where there is a low cut leading into the Greasewood Prairie; thence down Greasewood to the Hale place where another low cut unites it with Holman Gulch, or Sand Hollow, as it is popularly known; from the Holman Gulch down to Spring Hollow on Wild Horse Creek there is the best kind of natural road all the way.

If the route outlined above should be surveyed and the final stakes located there the road would intersect the heart of the richest, largest and most fertile portion of the agricultural districts of Umatilla county, as it would have fifteen miles of solid settlements on either side of the track throughout the whole distance. Greasewood is already cultivated to the Summit, and over 200 locations have been made this summer on the Cold Spring Prairie, and from this time on there will be stamped there as those who know every foot of that country, from Vansycle to the Umatilla farm, are giving it a thorough advertising in the press of the State.

Furthermore, the location of the road over the route suggested, would facilitate the imports and exportation of the products of the rich scope of country surrounding Centerville and Weston, for those places have to ship goods up the river and receive them in a round-about way, over the Blue Mountain road, where, as there would be a saving of time, distance and freights, if these places could ship to or from a point below them on the Columbia river.

PENDLETON ITEMS.

PENDLETON, Nov. 24, 1880.

The snow on the hills is two inches deep and seems to stand the warmth of the sun well. The weather is quite cold, and all the men hug something, if it is nothing but an overcoat. Building still continues although the snow and frost tend to retard it. The people of the Baptist church have built quite a neat parsonage; and we learn that the Rev. Wm. Pruett will probably occupy the same. The M. E. Church has also built a parsonage. So it seems that the good people of Pendleton don't expect their ministers to live without houses, and subsist on the winds.

In last week's Tribune, in reply to some statements made by a correspondent of the LEADER, from this place, I find the following: "We have failed to see any excitement yet about choosing city officers except among two or three men like the LEADER's informant." Well, now "bul" of the Tribune, is it true that you did not see a largely attended mass-meeting convene in the court house a few evenings prior to the appearance of the correspondence mentioned, for the avowed purpose of nominating city officers? Did you not see honest men stand up in that meeting and ask the question as to whether they would be considered morally bound by the acts of the meeting if they remained present? Did you not see a leading Republican stand up in that meeting and move that the Chair appoint a committee of ten whose duty it should be to nominate city officers. Did you not see an esteemed citizen have the moral courage to stand up in that meeting and say, "It may be that I was misinformed, but I understood that the ticket was all put up on the street corner and that we had nothing to do but come here and vote for that ticket? Don't you know that the meeting, after considerable 'jostling,' adjourned without accomplishing the object for which it was called, and without agreeing to anything except to do an indefinite thing in an indefinite manner at an indefinite time? Don't you know that all these things tended to and did create considerable excitement? If you do not know any of these things, please tell us, if you know, how much moonshine it will take to make a cow a bonnet.

In conclusion I would suggest that the self-efficient and far-seeing Tribune would be showing more wisdom to attribute "starry" correspondence to some other man than Mr. Walker; not that that gentleman is apt to care whether it considers his acts "starry" or moony.

No small amount of talk has been indulged in as to whether or not our union of states is a nation. In this connection it worthy of remembrance, as showing the design of the founders of our government, that when Alexander Hamilton proposed a strong government, after the model of Great Britain, Oliver Ellsworth, of Connecticut afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, moved, in Convention, to strike out the word "national" from the Constitution, and it was agreed to without debate.

FROM CENTERVILLE.

CENTERVILLE, Nov. 24, 1880. Editors Leader: There is a little talk of starting a newspaper at this place, but we are inclined to think it will fail if we judge our business men right. Messrs. Coppick and Adams are determined to keep up with the times, so they are having rustic put entirely around their large stable. The room belong to A. J. Lockard adjoining his store is being fitted up for a store-room also.

Mr. C. C. Myers began a writing school on Tuesday evening. It is said he has a good attendance. Judging by his specimens we would say he is competent for his profession. The Centerville Lyceum met last Friday evening. After considerable discussion the question was submitted and decided that fire is more destructive.

On next Saturday night they will proceed to discuss and decide the momentous question of the age; and, they expect it to be a final decision for all time to come. The question is, Resolved, "That there is more pleasure in pursuit than possession." Leading disputants are Mr. Moore on the affirmative and Mr. Lee Howell on the negative.

Since election it has been in order for those wishing office by appointment to be after it; and we find our little place is not without its silent worker. An intelligent, lighted, gentleman, has been trying to affect a change of postmasters at this place, but having neither influence at home, or friends abroad, his arms were a little too short and the result is, that a certain would-be postmaster "hop-in and trustin," as Nasby would say, goes about with guilty downcast countenance. Sonny, our advice to you is hereafter, when you want a postoffice let your friends work it up for you if you have any, if not, let it out.

W. T. Cook, our efficient postmaster, is honest and faithful; he numbers as many friends among the Republicans as among the Democrats, and it is not likely that the present feeble opposition to him will succeed in giving him the "grand bounce."

Doc Irvine contemplates a trip to La Grande during the coming holidays. We are ignorant as to the object of his visit, but suspect he is going to purchase machinery for his "Mills," which he expects to have in operation, early in January next.

She said to the stately and anxious bachelor "six weeks." He said with lugubrious countenance and a deep sigh, "Oh! that will be away along in December." Tableau closes.

Our school is prospering under the control of Prof. C. P. Davis. I understand he has been employed for the next term beginning some time in the first of December. The school numbers now about 50 and is constantly increasing.

STATE NEWS.

The Dalles operator has left his office and many creditors. A party of immigrants lately settled in the vicinity of Wapinitia lake. David Holmes, of Polk county, has been committed to the Insane Asylum.

Since the railroad is coming to Brownsville, there is quite a business boom at that place. People having grain stored along the narrow gauge road to Lebanon are impatient because they cannot move it away.

W. C. Myer, the stock breeder of Ashland, Jackson county, is thinking of removing to Eastern Washington Territory.

Dear and bear have come down into the foothills earlier than usual this season, and some predict a cold winter by reason of this fact.

A good deal of Fall wheat has already been sown, and that which has made its appearance above the ground looks good enough.

Harley, the assayer, still clings to the mud hole silver springs, and says they assay \$8,000 to the ton, and believes they will prove a big thing yet.

Mr. Brenner, of Albany, bought potatoes of Mr. Finlayson, to pay double price for them when Garfield was elected, and now he has discovered that potatoes has "rix."

L. N. Liggett writes from Hackleman's ranch, Ochoco county, to the Albany Democrat about turkeys 30 to 35 inches around, and says they can raise anything there but a mortgage.

We understand, says the Democrat, that the Lebanon railroad has been a paying investment for its owners so far. It will have the effect of largely increasing the acreage sown to grain in the Santiam valley.

R. P. Boise, judge of the District, has gone East to attend the annual session of the National Grange. When such men as Judge Boise give their time and talents to forward the interests of the Grange the final result cannot help being beneficial to our farmers.

There is no community however prosperous but will at times feel the need of borrowing money. Ours is no exception to the rule. But owing to the action of the late lamented Legislature, those having money to loan are indisposed to part with it on the terms it provided. It is an undeniable fact that nearly every one in our midst having any money to hire, avails himself of the more liberal law of the adjoining Territory on this point, and loan their money there. This necessitates those in need of the "needful" to go to Walla Walla for an accommodation. The extra expense thus incurred makes the price of borrowed money a hardship to the people of our county, and a benefit only to our neighbors. Besides this they will be obliged to pay their share of the loss arising from the reduced interest on the school fund. Thus it is a detriment all around, with no redeeming feature in it that we can see, unless it is to make a usury law so obnoxious that our next Legislature will wipe it from the Code entirely.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 13, 1880. The return of the twelve tribes of Israel to Jerusalem will be nothing to the inroad of politicians on Washington the coming winter. The movement has already begun and minor lights by the hundred and major luminaries by the dozen have put in an appearance. Among the latter are the Hon. Wm. Kasson, Minister to Austria, and Congressman elect from Iowa, and Mr. Porter, Governor elect of Indiana. It is said that Mr. Kasson has come ostensibly for the purpose of receiving orders from the State Department previous to his departure for Europe, while wiseacres assert that it is solely to lay pipes and pull wires having the Speakership of the next Congress in view. It is thought that his chance is a pretty good one, but politics are very uncertain just now. As for the appearance of Governor elect Porter it is conceded that he has come here on general principles, as being the best thing he could do under the circumstances.

The report of General Schofield in the case of Whittaker the West Point Cadet, the subject of an alleged assault meets the approval of army officers generally in this section. It will undoubtedly have the effect of preventing to any extent the appointment of colored cadets to the Military academy. The whole testimony goes to show that the whole thing was a fabrication on the part of Whittaker and exonerates the cadets from any complicity in the matter. The President and his Cabinet have been at Fort Monroe for the past few days to witness a review of the Navy in Hampton Roads—although a very complimentary account of the affair appears in the New York journals, yet it is a source of dissatisfaction that our Navy is such as it is, useless for either offense or defense. It can neither run nor fight, being slow in speed and weak in the components of warlike efficiency.

The blacks who were convicted of the murder of an inoffensive man by the name of Hirth will expiate their crime on the gallows next Friday. It was feared that Executive Clemency would be invoked to prevent their execution, but the President has declined that to interfere except in the case of one whose sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life. It is a very fortunate thing for the safety of life and property in the District of Columbia that these men are to be made a dead example of. Had such not been the case one's existence here would hardly be worth the asking, as there are so many reckless men among the blacks in Washington who only want the opportunity to either rob or murder in order to take advantage of it.

The bronze statue of Admiral Farragut executed by Mrs. Vinnie Ream Hoxie and erected on Farragut Square of this city will be unveiled on the tenth day of December next. There will be a large attendance of the Naval Attaches to take part in the ceremonies.

The approaching society season will be a long one, and promises to be remarkable for gaiety as well. Lent does not begin until March 2d, but even then the season will not be considered closed, as so many of our citizens do not observe that as an occasion for any special change in their demeanor. Then again, as the inauguration takes place on the 4th of March, it is certain to be followed by festivities of various kinds, both public and private. Already talk is heard of an inauguration ball, and should it take place it will doubtless be one of the most splendid of its kind ever given here. As if in anticipation of what is coming, Pennsylvania avenue and all the fashionable up-town streets already present a most animated appearance, filled as they are every fine day with elegant equipages, while the side walks are thronged with handsome men, beautiful richly dressed ladies, and lovely children, out for the enjoyment of such a climate as is possessed by no other city in this country and by few places in any part of the world.

The Assessor of Multnomah county makes the following report of taxable property: Total value of land, \$1,322,965; City lots, 3,978,130; Merchandise and implements, 3,598,870; Money, notes and shares of stock, 2,967,488; Household furniture and carriages, 501,740; Horses and mules, (1,934 head), 103,155; Cattle (5,083), 67,325; Sheep and goats, (2,345), 2,180; Swine, (2,150), 5,940.

Total value of all property, \$16,585,688; Indebtedness, 4,690,445; Exemption, 384,185; Total taxable property, \$11,511,058.

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