

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, JULY 18, 1873.

Near its End.

The census report for 1870 is probably the most voluminous showing the enormous injuriousness of the principle and workings of the Adams tariff system of the United States. The Ninth Census Report is, as the New York World so aptly characterized it, the most efficient Free Trade document that could be published. Without any bias or free trade in its compiler, and being made up presumably with strict reference to a truthful exhibit of the condition of the country and its population, it may be made use of in the most effective manner to refute the heresies of protection. The census figures show luminously that protection, which claims to foster and elevate the skilled labor of the country, is merely a stalling-horse to cover the robbery of the capitalists engaged in the protected industries. The protected industries pay smaller wages to the laborer than the non-protected industries, so that the sole benefit of the tax which is laid upon the consumer is enjoyed by the protected capitalists. The ninth Census shows that in 1870 there were in the United States 12,305,923 persons engaged in all classes of occupations. Of these the number of 42,877 manufacturing capitalists reap the fruits of the sacrifice of the country foolishly made in the name of home industry! To this small and favored class the remaining 12,263,046 workers pay the exploitation tax imposed upon everything they eat, wear, or do. It is to these 42,877 persons that the 5,684,793 farmers and agricultural laborers of the country pay that element in the cost of producing and transporting their crops created by the tariff, and which often leaves nothing to the farmer for profits. It is to them that the 2,684,793 persons engaged in professional and personal services pay a daily tax out of the laborers' earnings of brain and body. And lastly it is to these 42,877 protected capitalists that their 1,554,670 employees—the dupes of Protection—pay so roundly, diminished wages and the enhanced cost of living. For the privilege of being protected. The 12,263,046 non-protected workers go about their daily tasks with the motto, *Sic vos non vobis*, while the 42,877 protected capitalists grow fat upon their folly. If it be true that a life can not live, Protection should surely be near its end.

Something About Women.

The Parson says that woman is always most resolute under the most favorable conditions, and that there is no state in which she is really happy except that of chance. I suppose this is the best reason in what has been called the "Myth of the Garden." Woman is a perpetual revolution, and is that element in the world which continually destroys and recreates. She is the experimenter and suggester of new combinations. She has no belief in any law of eternal fitness of things. She is even content with any arrangement of her own home. The only reason the Mistress could give, when she arranged her apartment, for hanging a picture in what seemed to be the most inappropriate place, was that it had never been there before. Woman has no respect for tradition, and because a thing is old is insufficient reason for changing it. When she gets into law, as she has come into literature, we shall gain something in the destination of all our vast and mighty libraries of precedents, which now letters our administration of judicial justice. It is Mandeville's opinion that women are not so sensible as men and not so easily touched by the touch of a good heart; being less selfish and having less imagination, they are more fitted for practical affairs, and would make less salines in business. I have noticed the almost selfish passion for their flowers, which old gardeners have, and their reluctance to part with a leaf or blossom from their family. They love the flowers for themselves. A woman raises flowers for their use. She is destruction in a conservatory. She wants the flowers for her lover; for the sick, for the poor, for the Lord on Easter day, for the ornamentation of her house. She delights in the costly pleasure of sacrificing them. She never sees a flower but she has an intense but probably single desire to pick it. —From *Warren's Back-Log Stories in Storyland*.

THE DURATION OF HUMAN LIFE.

Professor Friday has given it as his opinion that all who die before they are a hundred years old may be justly charged with self-murder; that Providence having originally intended man to live a century, would allow him to live if he did not kill himself by unwholesome food, allowing him to be exposed to disease giving license to passion and exposing himself to accident. The French savant Flourens advanced the theory that the duration of life is measured by the time of growth. When the bone epiphyses are united the body grows no more, and it is at twenty years that this union is effected in man. The natural termination of life is five removes from the several points. Man, being twice five in growth, lives, or should live twenty years, the camel is eight years in growth, and lives five times eight years; the horse is five years in growth, and lives twenty five years; and so on with other animals.

The annual election for a Chief Engineer and Assistant of the Salem Fire Department took place on Monday evening. Martin H. Haas and John Holman were the rival contestants for the honorary position of Chief, and Holman was elected by a majority of 22 votes. J. H. Haas was elected Assistant without opposition.

Heinrich Heine says: "If all Europe were to become a prison, America would still present a loophole of escape, and God be praised that the loophole is larger than the dungeon itself."

It is estimated that in 1872 \$100,000,000 were spent for bread, \$250,000 for tobacco, and \$600,000,000 for intoxicating drinks.

More Radical Bascality.

A Washington dispatch says that in view of the proposed action to be brought against General Howard, as Commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau, for deficiency in his accounts, search was made yesterday at the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury for his bonds, and also the bonds of twelve sub-Commissioners. The Act creating the Bureau provides that the Commission shall give bonds in the sum of \$5,000,000, the sub-Commissioners in the sum of \$20,000 each, and the chief clerks in the sum of \$20,000. The law also provides that these bonds shall be filed with the First Comptroller of the Treasury, and shall be approved by the Treasurer of the United States. Upon inquiry at the office of the First Comptroller yesterday it was ascertained that there were no bonds on file, either from General Howard or the sub-Commissioners. Inquiry was next made at the War Department, under the supposition that the bonds might have been filed there, but they could not be found. There are two theories about this. One is that the bonds never were filed at all; the other is that if filed they have been abstracted. The amount of money that he passed through Howard's hands is twenty millions of dollars. The whole matter is now shrouded in mystery, but it is thought by the officers of the Treasury Department that the bonds may yet be found.

A Good SONG-TELLER.—The New York Sun's St. Paul, Minnesota correspondent, "Wandering Minstrel," in a late issue of that metropolitans journal, says:

In Minnesota it is so cold that even St. Paul freezes up. The people out there warm their hands by a lamp of ice. It is an awful cold place. There was a friend of mine out there last winter; he went out to chase a bear, but the bear chased him. He wasn't afraid, only he climbed a tree to get out of the way, leaving his gun on the ground, the bear longed for a savory mess, and not knowing that he chewed tobacco and drank rum did his duty around that tree until my friend drew forth his whisky flask from his breast and poured it down on the gun. The whisky froze in one solid streak from the flask to the gun, and my friend took hold of that frozen streak of whisky and drew his gun up hand over hand, and shot the bear. For the truth of this, I refer you to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Poor Susan.—The Chicago Tribune has no sympathy for Miss Anthony in her failure to act as a man. "We do not know that there is any particular consolation we can offer to Miss Anthony in her sore straits, except that she has enjoyed for it, so far as we can see, the pleasure of being singular in this respect, if not indeed in every other." The Tribune also has the consolation of knowing that she has escaped with a lighter punishment than is usual in such cases. An unfortunate masculine wretch who should perpetrate this offense would in all probability go to the Penitentiary.

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