

The Daily Astorian.

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The "Protected" Farmer.

What is our tariff? Our tariff is a system of duties paid at our Custom houses in money on goods brought into the country from foreign countries.

The objects of tariff are twofold. (1) One object is to raise money to carry on our government. This is a good object.

Of course, says the Free Trade Bulletin, our people who want a certain kind of goods must either buy them abroad or make them at home; and it is an inducement to make and sell them here, if the goods brought in from abroad are taxed by duties, while the goods made here are not taxed.

Now, who gets the benefit, and who suffers the harm of these high prices? The man who gets the benefit is surely the maker of the goods, who sells them at the high price; and the man who suffers the harm is the buyer of the high-priced goods.

Let us give a very simple example. A pocketknife could be brought over from Sheffield, in England, and sold in Chicago, if there was no tariff tax, for, say, thirty-five cents.

Therefore, to make a profit, a knife must evidently sell for thirty-five cents, plus fifteen cents, that is to say, fifty cents, when it reaches Chicago. Now, seeing this, the American maker of pocket-knives says to himself: I can make my knife at a cost of thirty-five cents. I will then take my knife to Chicago, and as there is a tariff tax of fifteen cents on the Sheffield knife, but not on mine, I can sell my knife for forty-five cents, and still make a profit.

But, presently, the man who brought over the Sheffield knife finds that he cannot pay the tax of fifteen cents and compete with the American knife maker, who pays no tax at all. So he imports few or none of the Sheffield knives, and the American maker is left with a clear field. The government is consequently deprived of revenue, and the poor farmer must pay what prices the American knife maker chooses to exact.

Now, let the farmer reflect that this American knife, which he has paid so high and unnecessary a price for, is the symbol of almost all the goods which he buys for his farm and household.

paint for his house twenty-five per cent. more, the clothing for himself and family twenty, thirty or forty per cent. more. Everything is dearer which he has to buy, while the wheat which he sells is not advanced in price one penny.

For his wheat is not and cannot be "protected." The price of grain is fixed in the world's market and cannot be ruled by the tariff of any particular country.

For whose benefit, then, is the tariff of this country maintained? The manufacturers may profit by such an unjust arrangement, but certainly the farmer does not. He is taxed that others may grow rich.

What are you going to do about it? RECENTLY a memorial was introduced in the lower house of the Washington Territory, reciting in general terms the fact that there was no present indication that it was the intention of the N. P. R. Co. to construct the Cascade branch of that road, and praying congress to vacate the land grant heretofore granted to the N. P. R. Co. for the purpose of constructing said Cascade branch.

A Harbor in the Open Sea. THE New Orleans Democrat tells of a place in the Gulf of Mexico between the mouth of the Mississippi and Galveston, about ten or fifteen miles to the southwest of Sabine Pass, which is commonly called "the Oil Ponds" by the captains of the small crafts that ply in that locality.

Disputable parties are offering and selling under FALSE PRETENSES A cheap, trashy imitation of our Finlayson, Bousfield & Co's GENUINE SCOTCH TWINE.

NEW TO-DAY. Summons. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE State of Oregon, for Clatsop county.

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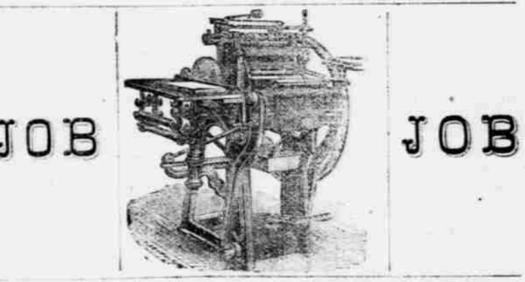
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