

ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1912

Rewarding Fraud.

In a recent speech in the senate on the duty on wool, Senator Morgan of Alabama said the manufacturer was frequently the importer also, and that the real competitors with the wool growers of this country were the foreign producers, represented by the importing manufacturer. He illustrated how it was done as follows: "When we come to fix a tariff the first thing we do is to place a specific duty on manufacturers, which is an equivalent, or a little more than equivalent, for every dollar that the manufacturer pays for wools, on which he bases the manufactured product. We tax the product of a sum equal to the cost of the wool and make the consumer pay it. He goes to Australia to purchase his wool and he comes home by way of the Hawaiian Islands. He can there price his wool down below the American market in spite of all we can do under the existing laws, merely by unloading his cargo or changing the manifest. We give him a two-cent reduction of tax if he will do that, and then give him a tariff on his manufactures, based on the value of the wool in the American market. We reward him for a fraud upon the treasury by telling him that if he can find a market where his first-class wools are less than thirty-two cents a pound, and will bring his wools there and ship them from that point to the United States, he shall have his tariff rates at ten cents a pound instead of twelve."

THE advocates of the silver dollar are not afraid of any legislation at this session to limit or reduce silver coinage. Jones, of Nevada, says that any measure to stop or limit the coinage of silver dollars would be "overwhelmingly defeated in both houses. This is the same old fight against silver that has been waged by the east for years. It will not become a political question in the next presidential campaign. There is no danger of that. Neither party is a unit upon it. Eastern Republicans and Democrats are almost a unit against silver, while the western and southern men are almost a unit in its favor. This attempt to strike at the coinage of silver is the old fight for a single standard. The talk about silver being cumbersome and inconvenient is all nonsense. Nobody wants silver money; but the certificates which it represents are as good as any other money, and just as convenient."

By the Columbia yesterday we received a consular report which like its predecessors, furnishes valuable information. From its engrossing pages, which to us have all the charm of fact and fiction combined, we learn that the consul at Rochelle has discovered that what is called French brandy, and unsuspectingly drank as such in this country is nothing but the juice of potatoes and beets. The consul at Morocco says that when he sells a pump he has to work the handle to make the ignorant Moors understand. The book is of exceeding value.

The Walla Walla Union assures us that our regrets at its course are thrown away. The knowledge only occasions still more regret. The Union cannot actually expect any serious argument on such baseless assertions as it advances. It denies our propositions relative to the improvement of the bar. But denial however sincere does not constitute proof of opposite conditions. Say something and we'll consider it.

CONTINUED rain at the headquarters of the Ohio has occasioned still greater floods and wide spread ruin. The country on both sides, including Cincinnati is in the deepest distress; the loss of life and property is incalculable.

Drop it. We would again suggest to the glittering pageant that daily march themselves in the Seattle Herald that information to be reliable must be accurate. We have no objection to the editor of that paper touting his own even if he doesn't sell a clam, but when he makes such astounding statements as the following, we respectfully submit that a course of primary instruction is for him requisite. The annual shipments of produce and merchandise from the Columbia, do not exceed a total of 275,000 tons, including grain, of which 75,000 tons come from Eastern Washington, and salmon of which two-thirds of the canneries are on the Washington side of the Columbia.

In the same issue the editor of that meretricious publication says that his editorials are "the productions of a master hand." Tut, tut; leave that for others to say when you have demonstrated the fact. Of all the state exchanges that come to our desk the Standard devotes the most space and attention to politics. Whatever may be said as to the correctness of its views they have at least the merit of sincerity. One always knows just where to find it, which is a merit of itself.

EASTERN papers regretfully announce that "there is a great deal of drinking done in congress this winter."

JAY GOULD says he is "going to have a little play," and will begin by taking a trip around the world.

EX-GOV. MORGAN died at his home in New York last Wednesday, full of years and honors.

The London News says that this year's European wheat crop will be short.

NEW TO-DAY

Annual School Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VOTERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 will be held at the school house on Main street, in Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, on Monday evening, March 5, 1912, for the purpose of electing one Director for three years, and one clerk for one year. Also to levy a tax for a school for the ensuing year in said district; also a tax to pay interest and incidental expenses of said district; also a tax to be applied to building a new school house, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors. G. H. HUSLER, Clerk.

By J. BOZORTH, Deputy. Astoria, Feb. 17th, 1912.

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