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TARIFF AND BUILDING SOCIETIES.

The statement is made that over 400,000 houses have been erected in the United States through the agency of building and loan associations. This is a very remarkable achievement. It is well to bear in mind that their usefulness and success are due to the economic policy which has developed the great resources of the nation, covered the country with shops, furnaces and factories and afforded employment to millions of men and women at lucrative wages.

Obviously this is true. Plenty of employment and fair wages enable the prudent and industrious to secure homes of their own—to get on in the world. And as an auxiliary of this praiseworthy purpose, building and loan associations are remarkably efficient. These organizations are essentially for wage-earners, and their earnings must exceed the bare cost of living before they can avail themselves of the opportunities afforded.

The ignorant clamor for cheap goods on the part of people who do not know what they would involve to the masses here, and the selfish demand for them by rich people who live on fat incomes and care little whether labor is half paid or not, should be resisted by tollers whose wages depend upon the economical policies of the government.

There are but two ways to get cheaper goods. One is to make a heavy cut in the wages of American workmen. Food and clothing were never cheaper than today, but people who are never satisfied want prices still lower. The other way is to adopt free trade or Wilsonism. This would open our ports to the products of pauper labor abroad, and give our people cheaper goods by discharging or diminishing the employment of hundreds of thousands of wage-earners. These two ways are in effect but a single way after all. With a policy of adequate protection guaranteed, wages will not be disastrously reduced; if obstructions or radical reductions in duties on importations are made, either loss of employment or a cut in wages is inevitable. These propositions are so plain that any thoughtful wage-earner ought to understand their strength and reasonableness.

The following from the Portland Telegram of Thursday shows how the Democrats are coming to their senses on the McKinley tariff. "The action of the senate on the sugar schedule makes it apparent that the trusts and monopolies are going to have their way about it. There is absolutely no hope of substantial tariff reform from this congress, for the simple reason that congress is organized in the interest of the trusts. Hence tariff agitation has ceased to interest the country. The existing McKinley law is a better tariff measure than that bastard tariff reform bill that is being fixed up in the senate, and the country will so declare at the next general election. The result here in Oregon merely foreshadows the result in the November elections."

There is no lack of real sympathy felt at this end of the river for Portland, in the terrible calamity which has overtaken her, but the conscienceless wretch she numbers among her citizens who, out of a spirit of envy because of Astoria's fortunate exemption from all liability to such disasters, started the report that this city had been devastated by a tidal wave from the ocean—which lying report has since been telegraphed all over the country—deserves the execration and malediction of all good people.

Portland owes it to a friendly sister city to hunt out and expose the scoundrel, as a warning to others who may be disposed to go too far in the habit that prevails there of defaming and depreciating this city on every possible occasion.

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ADAM'S NAIVETE. A Woman Defends the First Man From Charges of Cowardice. And the Lord said, "Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee thou shouldst not eat?" The man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me—she gave me of the tree and I did eat." This, it has been held for centuries, was Adam's great sin, for which he was driven out of the garden and his descendants, even to the present generation, compelled to work for a living.

In addition to bearing the consequences of his error Adam has been denounced through all succeeding centuries for his cowardice and lack of gallantry in trying to throw the blame upon the woman who had been given to be with him—"God's first, best gift to man."

We are glad, therefore, that even after 6,000 years of unmerited condemnation which the memory of our great progenitor has had to bear there has arisen one person who dares to speak for him. And it is all the more fortunate that that person is a woman—a member of the sex whom Adam's words, by a wrong interpretation, were held to have maligned. This person is Mrs. Caroline F. Corbin, a distinguished authoress. In her latest book she says of Adam's plea: "This is not the expression of cowardice, but of the innocent and native belief that anything which this lovely being, fresh from God's hand, proposed must be right, and right or wrong must be done. It is a trait which has come down in unbroken continuity of inheritance to the latest born of Adam's sons."

The thought is a new one, but there is not a man alive and capable of appreciating Mrs. Corbin's argument who will not indorse it. Where is there a man today, barring a few crusty old bachelors, who would not have done the same thing under like circumstances? The woman was beautiful, the apple was good, and Adam was an unsophisticated, ingenious young man unaccustomed to the little social arts and deceptions that the daughters of Mother Eve have learned from her example.

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