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The O. R. R. and N. Company shows its true colors in the new tariff announced on bar and river towsage yesterday. This company has had many friends and defenders in Astoria in times past, and it may need them again some day. There has always been a large class of liberal and fairly disposed people here who scouted the idea of Portland's unfriendliness to Astoria, and who have often gone out of their way to try to prove that Portland was big enough and far-sighted enough to really desire Astoria's development in the interest of the growth of the whole state.

McKinleyism means the protection of American industry and provision for ample revenue, a policy that gave us a generation of peace and plenty, good will and good times; it means the best money in the world for everybody, all dollars national, and the equivalent of gold coin behind it to make solid our credit; it means not cheap money in the sense of debased currency, which is the dearest of all money to those who have to accept it as compensation for labor or goods; but money that is loaned cheaply, at a low rate of interest, because solvency is evident and credit perfect; and, above all, it means that we, the people of the United States, have confidence in the constitution on which rests the glorious structure our fathers reared, and a long succession of patriotic presidents have honorably administered the chief executive public trust, and that we shall stand forth fully by the government, whose charter and flag are still good enough for us.

INFLATED MONEY AND WAGES.

In 1893 the finance committee of the United States senate made an exhaustive investigation of prices and wages for a period of fifty-two years. Its report, in which both Republicans and Democrats concurred and the accuracy of which has never been impugned, shows that in 1862 wages were about 3 per cent higher in paper than they had been when paid in gold, while at the same time the cost of 233 articles of merchandise averaged nearly 15 per cent more than the former gold prices. In 1863 paper money was worth only 49 cents on the dollar in gold and the cost of things that workmen had to buy was 49 per cent more, on the average, than it had been when the country had the gold standard. Wages had risen only 10 per cent. In 1864 a paper dollar was worth only 49 cents in gold and the average cost of the merchandise a laborer had to buy was 90 per cent more than it had been on the gold basis. Wages had gone up not 50 per cent, but only 25 per cent. In 1865 the average value of the paper dollar was higher, because the war being ended there was greater confidence in the ultimate redemption of the paper currency. Then wages had risen 43 per cent above the level they were on when they were paid in gold, but the cost of the merchandise they were spent for had advanced much faster and averaged 117 per cent. In 1866 paper money was worth 71 cents in gold and as it came down wages advanced to 52 per cent more than they were when the country did business with gold. The prices of commodities fell to 90 per cent more than they had been before specie payments were stopped. It was not until 1869, when paper money was rising and dollars would exchange for

more of the necessities of life, that the advance in wages equalled the average rise in the prices of things workmen had to buy. Thus the wage-earners were at a continual disadvantage during nearly the entire period of depreciated paper money. A repetition of this experience would inevitably come with the free coinage of silver. As soon as descent to the silver basis was assured prices of commodities would rise and the workman would find that his wages would buy not more than 60 per cent of what they will now buy. If the pay of labor advanced at all it would be slowly, but the strong probability is that it would not advance, while as the result of the financial and business disorder that would be produced a large addition would be made to the army of the unemployed. Let it be assumed, however, for the sake of argument, that the wage-earner who is now getting \$2.50 per day would have his pay increased to \$3 in depreciated coin. When the latter sum would purchase no more and perhaps less than \$2.50 does now he would realize that his wages had really been reduced about 70 per cent. What rational workman will vote for a policy that would thus rob himself and his family, compelling him to practice a severe economy in order to make ends meet and deny to wife and children much that they can now enjoy? What sensible wage earner will deliberately cut down by 10 to 50 per cent the purchasing power of the money he now earns? Yet this is what free silver means and this would be its inevitable effect.

PROGRAM FOR TONIGHT'S MINSTRELS.

Grand Minstrels, first part, introducing choruses, quartets, solos and funny songs. List of singers: 1st tenors—J. W. Belcher, J. R. A. Bennett; 2nd tenors—Jno. McCue, Jas. Clancy; 2nd bass—H. Vidain, Mr. Levy, Wm. Laws; 1st bass, Mr. Philbrook, End men, A. Dalgity and F. Dusey. Interlocutor, Terry McKean. Second Part. Stump Speech (Money Question)..... F. Dusey. Quartet, "The Bridge"..... Belcher, Bennett, Vidain, Garner. Recitation "Whitcomb Riley's Jim"..... T. McKean. Duet, "Lost, Prescribed," (from Martha)..... Belcher and Vidain. Stump Speech on Science..... A. Dalgity. Bass Solo "King on Land and Sea"..... F. Dusey. Swede dialect sketch..... J. W. Belcher. Baritone solo, "Come to Me," H. Vidain. Recitation, "The Tragedy," T. McKean. Tenor Solo, "For All Eternity"..... J. W. Belcher. Recitation, "The Frenchman vs. J. L. Sullivan"..... H. Vidain. Quartet, (selection)..... Belcher, Bennett, Vidain, Garner. Burlesque sketch..... F. Dusey, H. Vidain.

REWARD OF MERIT.

It is said that Herman Wise sold more men's suits last week than had ever been sold in Astoria by any store during one week; his \$11.50 special suit sale is said to be the reason of it.

Men would go from one store to another to price suits and then buy one of Wise's now famous \$11.50 suits. Good judges say that Wise's \$11.50 suits are equal to \$15 and \$17.50 suits sold elsewhere. These suits are lined well, sewed with silk, they fit well and Mr. Wise keeps all suits bought at his fine store in repair for one year, besides Herman Wise has always shown the most enterprise, and Astorians appreciate enterprising people; and it is well that they do, else enterprise would be at a discount and gratitude a by-word.

THE "THREE FRIENDS"

Washington, August 17.—Up to the hour of closing the department, the treasury office had not received sufficient information in regard to the seizure of the suspected filibuster Three Friends to warrant them in ordering her release. The future action of the officials hinges entirely upon the question whether or not the Three Friends carried arms. Her captain has made oath that to his knowledge and belief there were no arms aboard, but the government officials are not satisfied with this statement and have asked the collector at Jacksonville to furnish more positive information on this point.

SPANISH MAGNANIMITY.

Madrid, August 17.—Senor Canovas, minister of foreign affairs, in an interview today, said that the Spanish people had no cause to complain of the policy of President Cleveland, but that Senators Sherman and Morgan were to be blamed for their speeches in the United States senate. He concluded by advising a policy of prudence at the present time, since an explosion of feeling would be disastrous.

O. AND O. STEAMER ASHORE.

San Francisco, August 17.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has received a cablegram stating that the "O. and O." steamer Gaelic from Hongkong for San Francisco via Yokohama, went ashore yesterday morning near Shimonesaki, Japan, and was not floated until today. She was towed to Nagasaki and will have to go on the dry dock. Her cargo will probably have to be discharged for there was 12 feet of water in her forehold.

THE OREGON.

Special to the Astorian. San Francisco, August 17.—We have nothing special on the Oregon tonight. She will probably take in all the northern ports and may be presented with the silver service at Astoria.

OUT OF THE FIELD.

Atlanta, Ga., August 17.—The Republican state central committee today decided to put no state ticket in the field this year.

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SUPPORT FOR MCKINLEY. Clubs Organizing in Support of the Republicans. Canton, Ohio, August 17.—According to telegrams received here the McKinley forces are organizing all over the country. Here are sample telegrams noting the organizations: "Canton, Ill.—The ex-soldiers, traveling men, plow factory men, cigar makers and a majority of the citizens of Illinois, organized McKinley clubs, and send greeting and pledge their energetic support in the campaign for the preservation and advancement of American institutions and American interests. C. E. Sively."

AFRAID OF BRYAN. New York, August 17.—Bids were opened today for \$2,422,000 of 3 per cent gold bonds of the city of New York. Of the total amount of bonds \$1,519,300 are non-taxable and for these there were tenders aggregating \$3,897,342, while of the other bonds amounting to \$2,913,763, the tenders footed up only \$1,361,500. The highest bid was 1.0125. Two tenders which named prices below par were thrown out under the law. No award was made. No course is open but to readvertise for bids for the bonds, and that will be done.

THE MARKETS. Liverpool, August 17.—Wheat—spot, quiet; demand, poor; No. 2 red winter, stocks exhausted; No. 2 red spring, 4s 11 1/2d; No. 1 California, 5s 4d. Portland, August 17.—Wheat—Valley, 51c 1/2; Walla Walla, 49c 1/2.

SAWMILL EXPLOSION. Salisbury, N. C., August 17.—At Troy today the boiler of Terry's sawmill exploded, killing five men and injuring four others.

PROPOSALS FOR BRIDGES. Office of the County Clerk of Clatsop County, Oregon. Bids will be received by the County Court of Clatsop county, State of Oregon, until Tuesday, August 20th, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the construction of bridges across Skipanon Creek and Hill's Slough, at points where the county road running from Main street, Warrenton, to Lot 3, Sec. 24, T. 8 N., R. 10 W., crosses same; and also for a bridge across McEwan's Slough, at a point where the County Road running from Daggett's Point to Lewis and Clarke Bridge crosses same. All bids to be in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the County Clerk. Bids to be enclosed in sealed envelopes endorsed "Bids for Bridges" and filed with the county clerk. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. By order of the County Commissioners. F. I. DUNBAR, County Clerk. Dated, August 12, 1896.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows' Land and Building Association will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday, August 27th, at 2 o'clock p. m. By order of the president, A. J. MEGGLE, Secy.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed proposals will be received until Wednesday, August 19th, at 3 p. m., for construction of a two-story frame building on Commercial street, for Shanahan Brothers. Full information at office of J. E. Ferguson, architect, 179 11th street.

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