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## PROTECTIVE FREE TRADE.

"Ah, provident! Ah, sage! Ah, generous king!  
That sets the emaciated wolf to dog the flock."

FOR SOME considerable time the citizens of this great land of the free and home of the brave have been laboring under the impression that we are enjoying the privilege of living under a beneficent free trade tariff that invites competition of the whole world. We have been proud to think that we were not afraid to challenge the entire world to competition. (Without seeming to be irrelevant we would state that even the unemployed have been laboring under this impression.) We have been led to believe that the iniquitous high tariff walls of the more iniquitous Republican party were obliterated as completely as if they had stood the brunt of a German invasion.

Can it be possible that we have been hoodwinked, bamboozled and befuddled by the party which made such great promises to lead us out of the land of bondage into the land of milk and honey? Let us see.

The Department of Agriculture recently issued a letter of instructions for the information of customs officials and state inspectors collaborating with the Federal Horticultural Board in the enforcement of the plant quarantine act. The following amusing and highly interesting facts are elicited from a perusal of the reference list appearing in that document which was prepared for the purpose of showing the plants and plant products excluded from the United States by the various quarantine orders issued up to December 31, 1914:

"Irish potatoes from Newfoundland, the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, Great Britain, including England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, Germany and Austria-Hungary.—Quarantine No. 3.  
"All citrus nursery stock, including buds, scions and seeds, from all foreign localities and countries.—Quarantine No. 19."

Here we have—brought out in striking colors—the hitherto undiscovered microscopic difference 'twixt twiddle-dee and twiddle-dum. Schoolmaster Woodrow Wilson and his official family of democratic pundits are reducing the high cost of living; furnishing employment to the unemployed; bringing order out of chaos in Mexico, etc., etc., by wiping the protective tariff off the statute books and instituting instead thereof a system of quarantine orders minus the revenues derived from customs—far more drastic and inflexible than any protective tariff yet enacted and the delay and publicity connected with taking such a matter before congress is conveniently done away with and the making of protective tariffs becomes the function of the Department of Agriculture.

Then, too, under this new order of things, places and fat salaries are provided for an immense army of emaciated democratic officeholders to enforce and uphold the majesty of Woodrow Wilson's "New Freedom," otherwise known to us as "Quarantine Orders Nos. 3 to 19, Inclusive."

The grotesque incongruity and farcical absurdity of this entire procedure reminds us of the Harvard divinity student who was sent out to a country district to supply a pulpit one Sunday. On his return, his professor, who was much interested in him, inquired as to how he had succeeded. "Fine," replied the student. "Glad to hear it," said the professor, "and what was your text?" "Well," said the student, "I look for my text the passage, 'How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?'" "A fine text," said the professor, "and I am curious to know how you treated this interesting subject." "Well," replied the student, "I divided my sermon into two parts. I first told my congregation what a great salvation this was and then I told them how they might escape if they neglected it."

Having covered potatoes, cotton seed, seed cotton, oranges, lemons and other vegetable products behind a quarantine wall, the next thing we expect is to see iron ore quarantined to prevent a spread of foreign rust, to have wool goods quarantined to prevent a spread of foreign breeds of lice, to have foreign hides

quarantined to prevent a spread of the foot and mouth disease, and so on ad infinitum. The brain that conceived a quarantine wall to supercede a tariff wall is certainly to be complimented for its sagacity, if for nothing else.  
This tariff game is a great game—at which the consumer never wins.

## FAIR PLAY AND SELFISHNESS COMBINED.

A STATEMENT that should receive serious consideration was made by J. S. Medley at the recent meeting of the Commercial Club. The statement was in substance that there is but one railroad that has ever done anything for Cottage Grove, that without this railroad there would as yet be no city here, not a foot of our lumber could be marketed and all our supplies would have to be hauled in, that this railroad has for years employed a half dozen or more men at its station and has maintained a large crew at its plant, that there is no other railroad from which we can at this present time hope to get anything in railroad service, that regardless of what may have been its attitude before railway regulation began, this road is at the present time endeavoring to serve us to the best of its ability and to make whatever improvements the receipts of the local station and the condition of the company's exchequer warrant, that, whenever possible, we should spend all money used for railway tickets with the only railroad from which we can at the present time hope to get anything.

Many had not thought of the proposition from this standpoint, but it is a fact which cannot be controverted that despite the welcome it would receive were it to extend its lines here, the Oregon Electric has not as yet spent a dollar in Cottage Grove, nor do we know that it ever will. The only railroad that we have has no means of making improvements except with the money received from patrons or by borrowing money on securities whose values fluctuate as the earnings of the road fluctuate. From a spirit of fair play we may owe it to this road to give it whatever business we have, but it is certain that from a purely selfish business standpoint it is to our interests to do so.

## RETURNING HOME.

EUGENE Guard: There is something strikingly pathetic about a brief despatch which came from Geneva, Switzerland. The first trainload of maimed German prisoners of war who are to be exchanged for wounded French soldiers arrived there from Lyons, homeward bound, Tuesday night, it states.

The flower of a nation—men who in the full bloom of life went forth to war—crushed and robbed of its glory has been discarded. No longer fit for life in the trenches these helpless cripples are to be permitted to eke out an existence at home.

A father, blinded by a bursting shell, returns to his wife and babies whom he cannot see. The sons of happy homes of a few months ago, with parts of legs and arms dangling from their bent bodies and with hideously disfigured faces, return to sweethearts they no longer can embrace, to a cloud and burden the lives of those whom the Creator had planned they should make happy. Such is the homecoming of these exchanged prisoners—a homecoming which should make the whole world shudder and its people cry out against war.

But it is not so. The people clamor for the blood of their fellowmen, against whom they can have no grievance, but with whom in the service of the Fatherland, they know not why, they are at war.  
Why are these men fighting? Nobody knows. What makes them fight? False patriotism, an emotion that causes men to attack men of another territory with every brutality simply because their rulers have quarreled. After the people get through maiming and killing, the rulers will meet somewhere and draw up a treaty of peace.

What a difference it would have made if this treaty of peace had been drawn first! What a difference it would have made in the homes most directly affected by this homecoming of helpless victims of war! What a difference it would have made to millions of homes in Belgium, France, Germany, Great



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Britain, Servia, Austria and Turkey! What a difference it would have made to the so-called civilized world!

The other day a British trench was blown up and Sir John French in his war office statement said: "Our loss was trifling." Two hundred and forty maimed Germans mentioned to be exchanged in the despatch from Geneva in the language of this belligerent are "trifling" in comparison with the hundreds of thousands who are counted among the dead and the millions more who are now being marched to the slaughter.

The world can only pray and hope that the carnage will end soon; that sanity will return; that when war is done there shall be no thoughts of war; that the final homecoming shall be sufficiently impressive upon all people that they may understand the blessing of an enduring peace.

Eugene is going after a lace factory in a manner that indicates that it intends to put on a few more frills.

## REGULATION NEEDED.

The recent failure of three mutual fire insurance companies in Oregon shows the need of more stringent investigation and regulation of the fire insurance business and more care on the part of policyholders in buying insurance. For two years these companies had been paying in losses more than they were receiving in premiums while making public statements that their affairs were in good shape. An investigation by the new Insurance Commissioner brought about a receivership. The future of these companies would not be so serious a matter if policyholders were not compelled to dig down in their pockets to make up the deficit. Those able to pay the assessment will be compelled to do so. Those against whom a judgment means nothing will have had cheap insurance at the expense of the other fellow. Those against whom a judgment is collectible will probably find that their insurance has cost them as much as if it had been taken in a company with a safe reserve fund while they have been encouraging unfair competition with safe business.

The Sentinel has no fault to find with the principles of mutual insurance, but it does believe in a square deal to those companies (mutual or otherwise) that are amply protecting policyholders, and believes that purchasers should take a care that they are not fooled as policyholders in these three defunct companies were fooled.

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## DENYING THE SON OF GOD PUTS DARKNESS FOR LIGHT

Billy Sunday Challenged—Does He Deny That Jesus Is the Son of God?

Darkness Masquerades as Light—Foolish Words Mislead the Ignorant. Christians Often "Babes in Christ." Few Have Their Senses Exercised by Reason of Use—Bible Study Never More Needed Than Now—"What Say the Scriptures?" Not, What Say the Preachers, Evangelists and Creeds?



PASTOR RUSSELL

They cannot resist the force of his Bible teachings, they misrepresent them and vilify his reputation, that thus they may hinder good people from hearing and from reading. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Master; and evidently many clergymen must be seriously wrong of heart; else they would not bear these unscriptural fruits—unmanly fruits—"works of the flesh and of the Devil."—Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 3:8.

But the Pastor would not slack his efforts to make known the true character of the God of the Bible, so in contrast with the Satanic god of the creeds. Thousands of letters from all parts of the world tell him of new life, new joy in the Lord, through his efforts; and he is encouraged to go onward in the narrow way which the Master and the Apostles trod. He would not render personal abuse in retaliation. To do so would be contrary to the Word and Spirit of the Lord. But the creeds and false doctrines he would continue to smash with all the power granted him, that thus hungering, thirsting souls might be delivered from error into the joyous liberty of the children of God.

Denying the Son of God. Billy Sunday has named other evan-

gelists and preachers in the slanderous misstatements that Pastor Russell denies that Jesus is the Son of God. By such false statements, said the Pastor, they seek to prevent people from coming to hear me and from reading my Bible expositions. Yet how foolish it is for them to make such deliberate misstatements; for eventually their falsehoods will be found out! People who learn of the gross misrepresentation realize that only desperation, attempting to support a weak cause, could lead men professing to be ministers of the Truth to thus do it violence.

Really, it is I who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, while the great majority of preachers and evangelists do not clearly so teach. They confuse their argument and bewilder their hearers by telling in one breath that Jesus is the Son of God, and in the next breath that He is His own Father.

According to them, He is Jehovah God, who sent His Son into the world to die, and He is the Son who sent Himself, as God. When He prayed to the Father it was a mockery; for He was the Father—"one in person." When he said, "The Father is greater than I," He misrepresented the facts, according to these preachers, evangelists and creed-makers. He spoke of the Cup which the Father had poured for Him, and said He could do nothing of Himself, and that He would return to the Father. He prayed, "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" and said to Mary, "I have not yet ascended to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God." But these wiser-than-the-Bible teachers contradict Him, and feel like saying, "Jesus must have been a Millennial Dawner! But we know better!"

Such teachers make void the Word of God through their traditions. In claiming that Jesus is Jehovah God, they really deny that He is the Son of God; for common sense tells everybody that a son receives his life from the father. This is exactly what the Bible tells us respecting Jesus.

Truthful Criticisms Invited. I invite truthful criticisms of my teachings; but my opponents know that to treat me fairly, justly, would be to turn all thinking people to my side—the Bible side—the reasonable side. For thirty years they ignored my presentations, lest people should find out; but as my sermons now reach millions, they are alarmed for the safety of their musty creeds, and resort to rank falsehoods, misrepresentations and slanders—the weapons of moral cowards, who realize their own weakness.

If they would charge me with disbelieving the doctrine of the Trinity—that three ones are one—I would cheerfully admit it, and point them to the fact that the word Trinity is not found in the Bible, and that the thought of a trinity is not there, except in one passage, which all scholars of all denom-

inations admit is a forgery of the Seventh Century—1 John 5:7, 8. See Revised Version.

I believe in the Heavenly Father, Jehovah God. I believe in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who left the Heavenly nature, took the human nature, died for our sins, and was afterward highly exalted to the Divine nature. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Truth, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ. My crime is that I do not believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are "one in person, equal in power and glory," neither one existing before the others, neither one the Son and neither one the Father, really. The Bible says nothing of this kind; and I am glad that my head is not so illogical as to lead me to deny the Bible and common sense for the sake of being in harmony with creeds made in the Dark Ages.

"Who Art Thou, Lord?" "Jesus!" The Bible makes no mystery of who Jesus is; and we would not have been in confusion had we relied solely upon the testimony of Jesus, the Apostles and the Prophets. Our misleading came during the twelve hundred years when the Bible was ignored, because it was believed that the living bishops were Apostolic and had the plenary powers of the original Apostles. This serious error Jesus emphatically warned against in advance—Revelation 2:2.

The Bible tells of Jesus' present glorious station, "far above angels," "partaker of the Divine nature." But many ignore this, and claim that Jesus is a man in Heaven, completely out of touch with His surroundings; for a man, according to the Bible, is "a little lower than angels," whereas the Apostle declares that Jesus, at His resurrection, was exalted far above angels. This glorious One, although of a different nature, is the same One who, while on earth, was "the Man Christ Jesus," "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." St. Paul tells us how Jesus left the Heavenly glory, how He humbled Himself to take a bondman's form—to take the same nature as humanity, which had come into bondage to sin.

The Bible explains how Jesus could be of our race, and yet be "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners." It tells us plainly that Jesus had a human mother, but that His life came not from a human father; and that therefore He was perfect, and able to be the Ransomer of the race by giving to God sacrificially a full corresponding price for Adam, whose life was forfeited because of sin. Thus the Bible explains that Jesus' death is sufficient for Adam's sin and the sins of the whole world; for the world was not condemned individually, but merely partook of Adam's condemnation to death.

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