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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.

WHY THEY FAVOR IT.

Occasionally some one asks why is the Salem coterie of printers so anxious to fasten a flat salary law upon Oregon. The reason is plain. The present state printer has refused to sign a contract with the International Typographical Union for a closed shop, declaring, rightly, that a state plant, doing public work, should be open to every citizen of Oregon who is competent to do the work required in the shop regardless of his labor affiliations. This has aroused the ire of the Salem printers who would greatly profit if the shop was closed to all but union members. In order to show to what extent the men would profit and thereby greatly increase the expenses of the office, The Observer herewith prints the following interview recently had favoring the union printer of Portland as to the benefits to accrue to the members of the printer's union in case the closed shop bill drawn by a bunch of Salem printers shall become a law. We asked him to be absolutely square with us, as we had always been with him, and tell us honestly whether the law was to benefit the state or the union; and then his attention was called to a statement printed in a Salem newspaper by one of the most rabid supporters of the law in which he declared that he would favor "the very highest scale" which he could "get the state printing board to stand for" and that he "favors a very different division of the legitimate proceeds of the state printing than that favored by Mr. Dunlavy, the present state printer."

This union printer finally spoke as follows, and his reasons for favoring the closed shop law are such as are held, without doubt, by others of his union. He said substantially the following (we try to quote him correctly): "Well, the new law would increase the salaries of employees from \$21 per week as a minimum to \$27 per week and make room for nearly three times as many printers as at present. Of course those paid above the scale would be increased in like proportion. The employees are to be paid by the month under the proposed law; therefore there would be no lost time, as holidays and lay-offs would be paid for as full time. Also, as state employees, we would have two weeks' vacation each year on full pay, and Saturday afternoons off during the summer. The pay roll would easily run to \$50,000 or \$55,000 a year, which means that under the present force we would have at least forty men at the increased scale. Can you blame us for favoring the flat salary bill?"

The new law provides that only union men will be benefited, as the State Printer will have to contract with union men only. Other state-owned plants do not have contracts and can therefore employ any printer who applies, union or non-union. It is expected that under the contract clause in the law non-union men need not apply for work at the Oregon State Printing Department.

"In printing offices there is usually a fund collected from employees to pay for towels, soap, laundry, etc. This fund is replenished by an assessment of from 25 cents to \$1 per month for each member. When the new law goes into effect the state will pay this bill. Added to this will be free postage, letterheads and envelopes to all employees, which I understand was the case until the year 1907."

"The Secretary of the new Printing Board is a member of the I. T. U., and is under oath to aid his fellow members, so we can look to him for all kinds of favors and assistance. His oath of office to the state need not have been taken, for he cannot keep it."

"(This printer is in error here; the Secretary of the Board is not required to take an oath to the state.) "In case the State Printer should get away and require an employee to do a day's work, the employee can appeal to the Secretary, whose obligation and duty it is to uphold his fellow member. The officials who comprise the State Printing Board know nothing about printing, and we can easily connive to hoodwink them, with the assistance of the Secretary of the Board, who is bound to help us."

"The Secretary of the Board is to designate all materials to be used, so it is a foregone conclusion that the office will be supplied with large quantities of type and materials needed. It is not likely that much machine composition will be used, as each shift on a machine does the work of four or five men, and machines would deprive a great many members of the union of positions. The Secretary of the Board will certainly work in the interest of members of the union. The new law promises so much financial benefit to us that we naturally will work and vote for it."

So far as the efforts of the union men are concerned, The Observer does not blame them from their standpoint in their efforts to better their condition, and if we were to view the matter from the narrow viewpoint of the I. T. U., we could only say, support the bill. We do not have a fight on the union. The writer has been a member of it for years, and believes in union organizations, and the right of men to band together for mutual protection. But when the organization interposes its rules and its purposes between the people and their rights, then we do object. The writer believes he is competent to discuss this subject for he has spent 30 years in a printing office. Our fight in opposition to the flat-salary printing law is based upon honest motives, and from the conviction that the law would greatly increase the burden of the taxpayers.

Everybody does not understand exactly what this means, but they should, for failure to understand the difference in 1882 when the struggle between the old parties was waged along similar lines, resulted in the closing of a great many American manufacturing institutions, a substantial cut in wages all along the line, the stopping of the wheels of industry and the creation of "Coxey's Armies" and the opening of a good many soup houses. The tariff of 1893 was the Wilson tariff, favored by a Virginia college professor. The tariff supported by the Democratic platform this year is advocated by another able and eminent college professor also, coming from New Jersey. Experience has shown that the college professor isn't a success in tariff making, and history shows no instance where a tariff promulgated by such an individual and constructed upon theories, has been of benefit to this country. Rather have they proved failures and ruin and financial disturbances have followed in their wake.

The difference between a protective tariff and a tariff for revenue is ideal. The former, as its name implies, is a law which protects American industries and enables American workmen to labor for a remunerative wage and protects them from the cheap foreign labor, or the products of the cheaper foreign shop. President McKinley explained this, and the voters of the country understood and supported him. He was elected, his policies and those advocated by the Republican party were placed in force, and immediately the country emerged from a long period of depression under Democratic rule and entered upon an era of prosperity such as no country ever before experienced. The Democratic platform declares in effect that the government has no right to protect the American wage-earner the American shop, or person, or the prosperity of the American home, by putting a tax on the products of foreign labor.

Vice President Sherman And His Cheery Helpmeet

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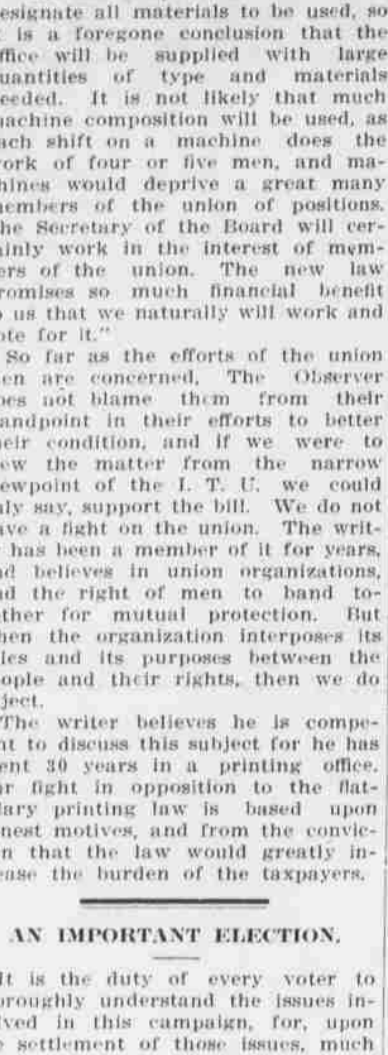


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THOUGH her health has not always permitted her to take an active part in the social life of Washington, Mrs. Sherman, the wife of the vice president, is one of the most popular women in the capital. While her husband was still a representative in congress she was mainly instrumental in forming the Congressional club, which is made up of the wives of senators and representatives. She is small in stature, has gray hair and, like her husband, has a youthful face, which usually wears a smile. Mrs. Sherman through her many years spent in Washington has obtained an insight into politics that few of her sex possess. She is abreast of the times and is an interesting conversationalist on events of a public character. Mrs. Sherman was the daughter of General Elakim Babcock and was married in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have three sons.

County Fair and Festival this year a grand success.—Independence Enterprise.

A "BOOB" CONVENTION.

The Bull Moose state convention at Salem this week has not helped the cause in Oregon. Instead it comes dangerously near making the movement a joke. Theodore Roosevelt received 22,000 votes in the Republican primaries. There have been no primaries, not even the soap box variety, held since locally organized a Roosevelt party in Oregon. Instead a few self-selected delegates have constituted an assembly of their own and by practicing all the political tricks of the discarded conventions, named a ticket that has no endorsement outside of their own number, declares the Medford Mail-Tribune.

There were 125 delegates at the convention, mostly from Portland. Sixteen out of thirty-four counties were represented by small delegations. The other counties were not represented. Most of the nominees are Portland men. As a whole the ticket is decidedly weak and will insure, rather than help, Roosevelt's chances. The entire affair was a mistake, from a Roosevelt point of view, but highly satisfactory from a Taft and Selling standpoint. No wonder a delegate pronounced the convention controlled by "boobs."

But what could anyone expect from a gathering of the self-anointed captained by such a "progressive" cross-breed as L. H. McMahon, who thinks Crater Lake a "local affair" and unworthy of being made accessible by the state of Oregon?

Let's see—what was that about Senator Bourne and the Oregon question? If our memory serves, it was Oregon's responsibility for the system and was loudest in proclaiming the primary which made it possible for "all the people" to have a voice in government, among which was the right to choose whom they wanted for United States senator. That primary appealed to Jonathan, so long as he was able to manipulate matters to split the Republican vote and secure his own nomination. The people emphatically said, in the April primaries, that they didn't want Jonathan but, in place of bowing to the great and wonderful primary, he now announces that he will still be a candidate at the November elections and will run as an "Independent Progressive" whatever that is. This decision comes after his flirtation with the Rooseveltites failed, and another was selected as the Bull Moose candidate for the senate. Like a certain stoutheaded individual who wants to be elected president for a third term, it appears that the will of the people is all right so long as he is their choice. When the opposite result comes then it's the "bosses and the interests" that have spoken.

"Lafferty to Get Moose Support," says a headline in a Portland newspaper. Wouldn't it have been funny if the composite had grabbed a "Z" instead of "M." Of course "Z" should also be substituted for "S" but, in any event, it would have been quite near enough to be apparent.

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Commercial Club Meets.

The Dallas Commercial club will meet with the Independence Commercial club on Tuesday evening, September 24, to urge co-operation in making the Polk County Fair and Harvest Festival Oct. 3, 4 and 5, a grand success. Let every member of the local club be present.

There is no reason why Independence should not be well represented at the fair this year. Harvest and the rush of work will be over, and the farmer and business man owes it to himself and his family to take a day or two off and enjoy the fair.—Independence Enterprise.

To Deepen Channel. Salem and Albany are interested in the movement on foot to have the government deepen the channel of the Willamette river from Portland to Eugene. The commercial bodies will bring the matter to the attention of congress and it is hoped to increase the depth of the channel six feet by proper management of the water by building wing dams and dredging.

Invest in Oregon Timber. Eastern capital is seeking investment in Oregon timber. It is stated on good authority that over \$12,000,000 has been invested in Oregon timber bonds since January 1. These bonds are now said to be in favor with Eastern investors and the ability to realize on standing timber by the bonding method has proved of benefit to the Pacific Northwest.

Club Chorus Meeting. Mrs. Gilbert MacGregor desires a full attendance of the Euterpean Chorus on Friday, September 27, at 4 o'clock. A new chorus is being organized for the coming season and all the old members as well as the new who have been invited to become members are urged to be present.

Big Walnut Orchard. The planting of a 250 acre walnut farm will be begun in Yamhill county. The culture of walnuts has proved one of the most profitable industries for the farmers of Yamhill and a company proposes to go into it on a big scale.

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