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Many people lose sight of the essentials and are led astray by what seems to be the salient points of a question. So it is with the tariff question. It is something that the common people know little of so far as details are concerned, yet the effect of tariff legislation is felt by them more sharply than by any other class. We believe in protection, but when a protected industry becomes so strong that it is a menace to the welfare of the common people, then it is time to remove any protective tariff which may have fostered it. The cry has been long made that protection to any of our industries tended to raise the wages of the laborer, yet we find wages going down steadily in many cases, while the same rate of duty remains. The law of supply and demand has more to do with prices than all the tariffs in the world. The protection that is needed more than any other is a heavy duty levied on all foreign immigration. There is such an influx of cheap labor from other countries that wages are kept down. Again in defiance of law the big corporations go over to Europe and practically contract with a large number of laborers to come over to this country and work for a certain wage for a certain number of years. Place a duty on this class of immigration and apply it to the building of good roads. This would provide the right kind of protection and at the same time make the country richer, for every mile of good road adds to the assets of the country just the amount it takes to build it, in actual cash value, while the enhanced value of the adjacent property cannot be estimated. We are well aware that certain persons will say that the immigration laws of the United States provide a penalty for those who make contracts as above stated, but we know that these same laws are constantly violated the same as all other laws of the land. We also are aware that there is a severe penalty provided for the violation of the law "Thou shalt not kill" yet it is violated daily.

The Portland Journal says in a recent issue that there are few Normal teachers in the schools of the state, which shows how much the Journal knows about such things. If it will investigate it will find a large percentage of the Portland teachers are from the Monmouth Normal. It sounds a good deal like the rattlesnake story told in its columns a few years ago when a rattlesnake was found in a scow load of wood. It said that it was the first snake of the kind ever seen in the Willamette valley or

words to that effect, when the fact is that twenty years ago they were very plentiful in many parts of the valley. The Journal is a very good paper, but like the old lady frying doughnuts, when the grease gets too hot it is likely to splash over when she drops the dough in. It sometimes gets hold of something which it doesn't understand and takes a try at at any way. A paper of such general circulation as the Journal ought to get next to any proposition of such importance as the Normal question before letting go any heavy editorials.

Next Tuesday the legislature will test the matter of whether there is to be a violation of honor on the part of enough of the statement members to elect a corruptionist to the United States senate or whether the people will rule in Oregon. Indications point to the fact that there are more men than manikins in our legislative body and that there will be no valuable time wasted in quibbling over the matter, but the choice of the people will be ratified. We have heard it stated on good authority that one of the Multnomah Statement members was offered \$5000 for his farm if he would sell and go to California until after the legislature adjourned and then he would have his farm deeded back to him. No doubt such schemes have been tried, but we believe that the men who promised the people that they would abide by the majority vote, will stand pat and that no great opposition will develop to the election of Chamberlain.

The Daring Pike.

The boldness of a pike is very extraordinary. I have seen one follow a bait within a foot of the spot where I have been standing, and the head keeper of Richmond park assured me that he was once washing his hand at the side of a boat in the great pond in that park when a pike made a dart at it and he had but just time to withdraw it.

A gentleman now residing in Weybridge, in Surrey, informed me that, walking one day by the side of the river Wey near that town, he saw a large pike in a shallow creek. He immediately pulled off his coat, tucked up his shirt sleeves and went into the water to intercept the return of the fish to the river and to endeavor to throw it upon the bank by getting his hands under it.

During this attempt the pike, finding he could not make his escape, seized one of the arms of the gentleman and lacerated it so much that the wound took a month to heal.—London Fishing Gazette.

He Caught O'Connell.

Daniel O'Connell, the famous orator, when taking a ride in the neighborhood of his house had occasion to ask an urchin to open a gate for him. The little fellow complied with much alacrity and looked up with such an honest pleasure at rendering the slight service that O'Connell said:

"When I see you again I'll give you sixpence."

Riding briskly on, he soon forgot the incident and fell to thinking of graver matters, when, after traveling some miles, he found his path obstructed by some fallen timber, which a boy was stoutly endeavoring to remove. On looking more closely he discovered it to be the same boy he had met in the morning.

"What!" cried he. "How do you come to be here now?"

"You said, sir, the next time you seen me you'd give me sixpence," said the little fellow, wiping the perspiration from his brow.

Conscientious About It.

"Mr. Glizard," asked the caller, "are you carrying all the life insurance you can afford?"

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