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WHEN TO SUPPORT HOME INSTITUTIONS

Now comes the Oregon Manufacturers' Associations, with long articles and short editorials, asking space in the columns of the Oregon press and this institution, too, wants something for nothing, while it yells loudly and makes strong appeal why Oregon manufacturing interests should be patronized, or in plainer terms, should be protected.

The Canadian Reciprocity Treaty is the "screech owl" the members of this association are "scared of" and hence, this appeal for the citizens of Oregon to dance attendance while they whistle—the people can do the dancing and whistle too, if their ends are accomplished.

The HERALD advocates the support of home institutions, but it is not an advocate of highway robbery, and protection frequently brings about conditions which practically amount to high-handed robbery of the people.

Why does the manufacturer want protection? He desires it so that he can charge his home-people a greater price than he could otherwise charge, for were he not protected, similar articles and just as good could be shipped in and bought at cost of production with a fair percent of interest added, but where protection prevails this cannot be done, and the higher the protective tariff is placed, the greater is the amount which the manufacturer can fish out of the pockets of the home-people.

There are many instances on record showing the unequal conditions of protection. A few years ago, if memory serves us right it was at the time of the Chicago Exposition, protection was taken off iron so that bids might be secured and the cost of construction reduced to the lowest cost. This was done that foreign institutions might have a chance to compete with home-manufacturers. Did the foreigner get the contract? Not much; he was unable, because of distance and cost of transportation, to compete with American firms and the home manufacturer got the contract. At one time, and possibly yet, you could buy a Moline plow in Mexico at one-half the price paid for the same plow from dealers at home. It does not require much of a business head to determine that the Moline Company did not ship plows to Mexico at a loss to the company, hence, home people were robbed of about nine dollars which mostly went into the pockets of the manufacturers.

A German gentleman emigrating to this country sold his sewing machine of American manufacture, which had cost him \$30, because he supposed he could buy a new one cheaper when he came to the United

States, but he was surprised when he found that a machine such as he sold would cost him double what he paid for it in Germany. So we see that the manufacturer is protected and the home consumers are fleeced and this is the chief reason that Oregon manufacturers are fighting the reciprocity treaty.

We believe that the consumer should patronize and prefer home institutions, but we also believe that home institutions should deal justly with the home people, but when institutions exact exorbitant prices they have no claim to the support of those whom they are trying to exploit.

Home interests should be subserved by manufacturers and dealers as well as by consumers. We need more of the reciprocity spirit at home in order that we may build better, stronger and more successful.

The Whiteaker Oil Well

Promoters of the Whiteaker oil well are moving with the object in view of raising funds sufficient to buy casing and sink the well a few hundred feet deeper to determine whether or not there is oil to be found there.

Ten men who will put in \$100 each are now wanted to help out in the search for oil. Flattering reports have come out from time to time, of indications of oil at this well and it is odd that the promoters should be handicapped to any great extent if they can make a good showing of future prospects.

The well has been idle for some time, but if the indications are as good as reported, there should be no hardship in getting men who are interested in knowing what is under their lands to put up enough to insure the experiment, especially since they would be gainers in case a strike was made.

Polk County lands are valuable without oil under them, but they would more than double in value with its discovery.

President Taft assures the world that we have no ambitions toward the further acquisition of territory. We should say not! We have not even made any move toward the occupancy of the recently discovered North Pole. —Telegram.

Start Oil Well

The oil well on the G. W. Mc-Bee place was the scene of considerable activity last Monday morning, when the drill was started on its downward journey. A number of the officers and stockholders of the Polk County Oil, Gas, Coal & Land Company were on hand to watch the beginning. The machinery was in good working order and in five hours of drilling a hole 15 1-2 inches in diameter was sunk a distance of 25 feet. After reaching a depth of 100 feet it is the intention to start to putting down the casing. Twelve hundred shares at 10 cents a share have been sold, and it is understood that other shares will be put on the market and that the money as fast as received will be used in the development of the property. —Dallas Observer.

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