

MCKINLEY AND THE FARMERS.

There are a good many contemptible features in the new McKinley Tariff Bill, and when we say this we mean that its concocters have made a good many attempts to swindle and deceive. None of these attempts is so flagrant and so mean as that which is intended to induce the farmer to believe that he is profited by a tax upon all that he consumes in his house and business by putting alleged compensatory taxes on foreign products similar to his own, but with which his own products are not brought into competition.

The farmer supplies most of the commodities which make up our foreign commerce. He, of all others, is interested in enlarging our market. He is concerned in securing low-priced foreign goods in payment for his wheat and corn. He is compelled, under the present tariff law, to pay to the government part of the price which he receives for his goods, by way of a customs tax, and his price is that which obtains in the London market and is fixed by the wheat grown by the ryots of India and the poorest peasantry of Europe. He competes with the pauper labor against which the imported miner is protected. And to compensate the wheat-growers and corn-growers for their trials and tribulations a few hens along the Canadian border are to be protected.

The present tariff on important farm products is useless to men who grow more than the country can consume, and who must look abroad for that market which the protectionists promised them at home. Last year we sent abroad \$42,000,000 worth of wheat, \$45,000,000 worth of wheat flour, \$33,000,000 worth of corn, \$17,000,000 worth of cattle, more than \$2,500,000 worth of butter, and \$8,000,000 worth of cheese. The farmer is to be protected by the McKinley bill from competition with similar foreign products. Having supplied his own market, protection having failed to give him that generous demand which it promised to him, he sends this large surplus abroad, and yet Mr. McKinley has faith enough in the farmer's ignorance to tell him that he must have more protection, that he is suffering from foreign competition in the visionary home market.

We imported last year less than one-thirtieth as many cattle as we exported; less than \$4,000 worth of wheat, about \$1,200 worth of corn, less than \$6,000 worth of wheat flour, only \$18,000 worth of butter, less than one-fifth as much cheese as we exported. As to potatoes we exported about as much as we imported. In other words all our agricultural importations are in inconsiderable quantities along our borders, and constitute a smaller trade than might have been expected to go on between neighboring farmers.

The attempt to delude the farmer is likely to turn out as useless as it is dishonest. It is a desperate effort to mend the chains of a slavery which were first voluntarily assumed and which are now rapidly breaking.

There is a good woman in Glynn county, Georgia who has spoken to nobody but two women and a little girl in sixteen years. She lives within two miles of a railroad, and can hear the whistle of the engine every time it passes her house, yet she has never seen an engine or ridden on a train. She has been living on the same place for sixteen years. There's good material for the right kind of a mother-in-law.

Pans of water placed in fruit and berry patches will keep birds from eating the fruit. An English naturalist claims that the reason birds eat cherries and strawberries is because in the blazing heat they get dreadfully thirsty. If the birds can easily get at water they soon leave off taking the fruit.

Representative McDonald, of Michigan, has presented a bill to congress placing binding twine and all the raw material for its manufacture on the free list.

GREEN BACK.

The farmers are very busy these pleasant days; some plowing, some seeding, while others are interested in gardening.

Mr. Clarendon McBride intends moving over in the Coast Range mountains this fall, where he has bought a stock ranch.

Mrs. Dr. Gaff is slowly improving.

A gentleman in this vicinity who has something less than a hundred acres of land rented, a distance of fifteen or twenty miles from his residence, put the necessary implements into his wagon (as he supposed) and with his better half started to commence his daily labor of plowing. As he drove slowly along, singing and whistling as happily as a jaybird, one could witness a picture of contentment and happiness. When within a short distance of his destination all at once his gentle music ceased. "Why C—," said his wife, "what under the shining sun is the matter?" "My dear, here I am, ready to go to plowing, and I have no plow." "Unlucky man; he had forgotten his plow."

Dame Rumor says a wedding is long. That's right, young man; if, at first, you don't succeed, try, try again. Almost any young man would be proud of a pet coon.

Our school commenced on the 7th and is progressing nicely, with about twenty-five scholars in attendance.

NELLIE BLY.

Spring and summer woollens just received at Zieher & Son, opposite Post office.

The Statesman speaks of the experience of John Minto of that county as a legislator, and urges that as a reason why he should be elected again to that body. Well, let us see, Yes, he has had experience. He was a member of the legislature in 1868 and then and there entered into a political conspiracy with fourteen other members of the house by which the fifteen resigned their seats as members in order to break a quorum, and how well their iniquitous scheme was carried out was better understood afterwards by the tax payers. Breaking the quorum prevented the passage of the appropriation bills. The state had to be run for the next two years on depreciated warrants which drew interest for that entire time while there was \$250,000 or 300,000 lying idle in the treasury. This little conspiracy of John Minto's cost the tax payers of Oregon not less than \$40,000 or \$50,000. Oh, yes, Mr. Minto has had experience and so have the tax payers of the state. It would be a great wrong on the part of the republicans of Marion county to put such a man in the legislature. No telling what kind of a scheme for resigning he might concoct.

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COMING EVENTS.

April 15. State Sunday School convention at McMinnville.

April 16. Republican State Convention at Portland.

April 22. Benton County Democratic Convention.

April 24. State Democratic Convention at Portland.

June 2. State and County elections.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST.—A valuable horse scarf pin, with diamond settings, some where in the city. Return to John Schmeer.

DISSOLUTION.—Notice is hereby given that the firm of McNeil & Morris has dissolved partnership, Mr. Morris retiring. All accounts should be paid to Mr. McNeil by whom all debts will be paid. The business will be continued by McNeil & Hill. J. S. McNeil, A. Morris.

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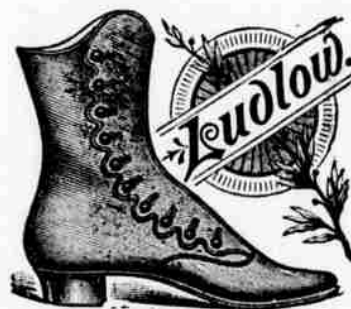
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