

Daily Democrat.

CAN NOT ESCAPE.

The Oregonian reminds us very much of George Primrose, the man in Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield," who went to Amsterdam to teach the Dutch the English language, without recollecting, until he arrived, that he, himself, should know something of Dutch in order to teach. That paper, a few days ago, castigated democrats in its usual coarse way, for not being consistent in their political views. This it did without recollecting that in order to teach democrats consistency it must know something of consistency itself. Not knowing anything about consistency itself, its lesson to the democrats, like all lessons coming from ignorant teachers, was a miserable failure. The DEMOCRAT showed the inconsistency of that paper in this, that from 1880 to 1885 it uniformly taught the doctrine of "free trade" and as uniformly supported protectionists for office. This criticism it makes a very feeble and sickly attempt to answer by saying that it is a free trade paper in principle but a protectionist in policy. There is so much evasion, such a bungling attempt to mystify its own vulnerable attitude in this that it provokes only a smile of disgust among its party friends. What a consistent attitude for a public journal to occupy!! Free trade in principle and protection in policy!! Shame upon such a manifestation of lack of independent manhood in the treatment of a public question. That paper says that the DEMOCRAT whose editor it calls "stupid" "can not be expected to see how or to know why a newspaper, though believing in free trade as a principle, nevertheless could refuse to support the tariff proposition submitted by Cleveland, Mills, Carlisle & Co., and rejected by the country in 1888." But the Oregonian walks right into a trap. When it was writing its "free trade" articles from which the DEMOCRAT quoted, Cleveland had not yet been thought of by many for the presidency. It was three to five years before Mills had introduced his tariff bill. The editor of that paper was then speaking the honest convictions of his mind and heart, and at no time while writing these articles did he ever say that "since protection is to be maintained it ought to be maintained on a fair basis." From 1880 to 1885 that paper published free trade articles without any qualifications whatever, and by its own words it can be utterly confounded. It now says that the Mills bill was not a free trade bill, and yet during the campaign of 1888 it denounced it as free trade in season and out. It says the bill was gotten up in the interest of eastern manufacturers and southern planters and at the expense of the producer of materials in the north and west. In connection with this it declares that the DEMOCRAT knows nothing whatever about the tariff question. Of course this is the only weapon left to the vanquished, and its use is proof conclusive of strained circumstances in contention. But let us see. The Oregonian supported the McKinley bill because it did not cater to the interests of eastern manufacturers as the Mills bill did. Fake woolen goods as a class. The Mills bill reduced the duty from an average of 67 per cent to an average of 41 per cent while the McKinley bill increased the duties from 67 per cent to 91 1/2 per cent. The Mills bill left New England maple sugar on the free list where it had been since the foundation of the government and the McKinley bill provides a bounty of two cents a pound for it. This bounty has to be paid out of the treasury of the United States. The Mills bill put jute sacks for grain on the free list while McKinley imposed a duty of two cents per pound. Mills put binding twine on the free list but McKinley put seven-tenths cents per pound duty and thus we might continue showing how much the Oregonian knows about the tariff. It is a fact known to every one who has taken the trouble to investigate the matter that manufacturers fared much better under the McKinley than they would under the Mills bill. We do not propose to permit the Oregonian to escape from the charge of inconsistency which we have made against it. We, therefore, append herewith a few more choice free trade excerpts from the columns of that paper. At one time it said: "The lumber duty is the most inexcusable folly and iniquity of the whole monstrous bundle of iniquities and absurdities called the tariff laws." Again it said: "The unprotected classes not only support the whole country with their products free of bounty but exported a surplus exceeding \$800,000,000 last year, turning the balance of trade heavily in our favor, paying off our foreign indebtedness and diffusing prosperity over the land in defiance of the high tariff handicapping of pampering greed, which cries always for more." But we desist. The Oregonian's indefensible insincerity on the tariff question is so notorious that it is remarked by nearly every one within the limits of its circulation. No man who is honest and candid in his politics will ever do as the Oregonian editor does in declaring his belief in free trade as a principle and protection as a policy. To do this is to be worse than ignorant or stupid. It is to be hypocritical, demagogical and dishonest. The Oregonian should not forget that people everywhere it is known have "flashed" over its inconsistency. This characteristic of the paper is discussed by all who read it. It is common to hear the remark made that it has been "planted" by Mitchell and Simon or that from selfish motives of greed it is too cowardly to attack these men as it did in the days when it had the confidence of the public. But as a newspaper, by its vacillating course it has now reached the point where it is not feared by the bad nor respected by the good. This all comes of its parasitism for money-getting.

Governor Penney, notwithstanding the elaborate attempt of the republican members of the legislature to put him in a "hole" comes out of all the ordeal of the session with flying colors. The people, by a large majority, endorse his veto of the wagon road bills whether based upon the grounds of unconstitutionality or that of a vicious legislative policy. The Democrat has no doubt of their unconstitutionality and hence gives in a full endorsement of the veto. Over two years ago it entered a most earnest protest against the validity of such laws and feels a just pride in being sustained by the governor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the regular annual school election in school district No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, will be held at the Central school building, in said school district on Monday, March 9th, 1891, for the purpose of electing one director, to serve three years, and one clerk to serve one year. Said election to begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day and continue until 6 o'clock p.m. of said day.

Dated February 25th, 1891.
C. G. BURKHART, District clerk.
J. K. WEATHERFORD, Chairman Board of Directors.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the legal voters of school district No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held on the first Monday, being the 2nd day of March, 1891, at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. of said day, at the court house in the city of Albany, Linn county, Oregon, in said district, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the directors and clerk of said district, and to levy a tax for the support of the schools for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds of said school district and the second installment of the principal of said school bonds, due and payable June 15th, 1891, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Dated this 16th day of February, A. D. 1891.

C. G. BURKHART, District Clerk.
J. K. WEATHERFORD, Chairman Board of Directors.

ANNUAL MEETING.—Notice is here by given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Building Association will be held at the office of the Albany Electric Light Co., on Broadway street, in Albany, on Monday, March 16, 1891, at 7:30 p.m. for the election of directors, and such other business as may come before the meeting. Dated Feb 20, 1891. N. D. ALLEN, Secretary.
W. C. TWEEDALE, President.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Contractors and builders desiring to bid on the construction of the new United Presbyterian church building, to be erected at the site of the old building, will find the plans and specifications for the same, at the store of Stewart & Sox. The date of opening bids will be announced hereafter.

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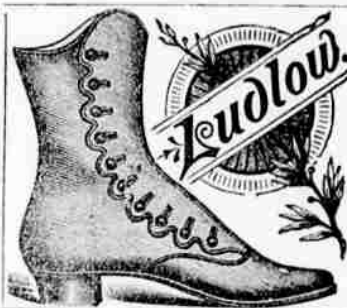
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STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING.

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