

OAK CREEK, March 27, 1904.

Editors Democrat:

Having been invited by republicans to speak at the Oak Creek Republican Club, but denied the privilege after the house was called to order, I ask permission to answer some of the remarks made at their first meeting. The speaker consumed considerable time in showing that the U S had prospered since the war. We will admit here that the country has prospered in spite of bad legislation, but when we come to consider the advantages the country offered at that time we could hardly expect any thing else. There were vast prairies of fertile land awaiting settlement, and rich gold fields turning out their millions of wealth, but now that the country has grown older and falls to produce as it once did, it is only by the most careful and economical legislation that we may expect to prosper. The first speaker that took the floor touched lightly on the tariff question, but mentioned no article except wool, and said that our country would be ruined if wool was put on the free list. I will just say to that gentleman that if he will investigate he will find that, for the last 70 years, wool has averaged a better price under a low tariff than it has under a high tariff. The speaker then branched off on our state legislature and did not unmercifully score them for their bad legislation, and misappropriation of public money, and heaping taxation upon the people, very ably showing that republican legislation is not the thing for Oregon. Now, after 30 years of peace it is necessary to maintain the old war tariff and compel our people to pay extortionate prices for the necessities of life, while if we had absolute free trade there is only 7 per cent of the industrial part of our population engaged in occupations that would be brought into competition with foreign countries. Now is it justice to the people to tax 93 per cent of the population of the U S to allow 7 per cent to accumulate great wealth to the oppression of the masses of the people, for I want it distinctly understood that the tariff is a tax and that the consumer pays it, although it was denied by the republican speakers, yet they produced no argument to prove their point. We claim that when goods are imported into the U S the duty on those goods is added to the price and when the consumer buys those goods he pays the tariff, but should we buy of home manufacturers, then in that case the factory has raised the price of their goods as high as the tariff will allow, and instead of the tariff going into the treasury of the U S it goes into the pocket of the manufacturer. In regard to McKinleyism protecting the laborer, do my republican friends suppose that our factories can give employment to the thousands of foreign laborers that are flocking to our shores every year, while they depend alone on our home market for their manufactured goods? For several years we have had a surplus of laborers. Now, so long as this state of affairs exists, wages are bound to come down. If you would do anything for the working man, give to our factories free raw material, and enable them to compete with other countries; then with the world for a market they will be able to give employment to the unemployed, but the worst feature of this high tariff wall that we have thrown up around us, is the fact that it is injuring our market abroad. Foreign countries are getting tired of scooping sand from the sea shores to ballast their vessels, and sailing over here to buy our wheat and other produce that the farmer produces. The prosperity of the country depends upon our maintaining friendly relations of trade with foreign countries. Let us buy where we can buy the cheapest, and give in exchange for it that which we can produce cheapest. But listen to the inconsistency of the howl of the McKinley yets. The Standard Oil Co says if petroleum is put on the free list they will have to go out of business, but do we not know that the Standard Oil Co is shipping oil to all foreign countries and successfully competing with them in their own countries? The Pennsylvania coal mines say they cannot compete with the coal mines of Nova Scotia while in the last year \$2,000,000 worth of Pennsylvania coal was shipped to Nova Scotia. If they can ship to foreign countries and successfully compete with them in their own countries, can they not compete with them at home? One of the speakers in trying to defend the extravagance of the Harrison administration said that Cleveland's first administration was more extravagant than Harrison's, but he produced no figures to prove his point. When Mr Cleveland took his seat there was but a small amount in the treasury applicable to the payment of the national debt. Mr Cleveland during his first administration paid 355,270,260 on the national debt, and turned over a treasury containing \$100,000,000 to Mr Harrison. During Mr Harrison's administration he managed to pay \$273,072,360. Now what is the matter? Mr Harrison paid \$82,107,780 less on the national debt than did Mr Cleveland and turned over a bankrupt treasury. The present congress has already cut down their expense over 20 millions below the 52 congress. Now where is the extravagance?

The last speaker declared that Mr McKinley had increased wages in the U S, but did not mention a single instance where wages had been raised. Now has this increase in wages been the cause of all the dissatisfaction among laborers, for the last 3 years? Is this the cause of all the bloody riots and strikes that have taken place? Was this the cause of the Homestead riot? Ah my friend, it was because Mr Carnegie, the McKinley, pet proposed to reduce wages from 10 to 20 per cent? Does this look like increasing wages? The time was taken up at the last meeting of the club in reading a speech that Senator Dolph once made in the Senate, and the reading of a good old Republican Paper. Mr Dolph made a very good speech considering the subject but he was very ably answered in the Senate if you would care to read it.

A DEMOCRAT.

United States Internal Revenue Collector Henry Blackman has made the following appointments: United States storekeeper at Grant, where the Portland Distilling is located, George Herbert of The Dalles. Mr Herbert has been sheriff of Wasco county two terms.

United States gauger at Grant, M A Leslie, of Morrow, Sherman county, at present a deputy sheriff of that county. Both appointees have long resided in Eastern Oregon.

The clerks in the Chinese registration department of the United States Internal Revenue office here are generally rushed these days. They are now registering at the rate of 100 Chinamen per day. Since the beginning of the current year 6500 of the 15,000 Chinese in Oregon and Washington have complied with the Geary law, and the impression prevails that a very small percentage of the remaining number will refuse to register.

Scandal and corruption have been the constant fruits of protection. When the Government undertook to constitute itself a partner in business of certain favored industries it favored the money power to come in and take a hand in the administration of affairs. Under Federal patronage the greed of ill-gotten gain has become insolent and reckless. It has debauched the franchise and debased legislation. It has exalted the trust and fostered the lobby. It has dulled the public conscience and been fatal to a nice sense of propriety in official station. It has brought business into politics and set up the standard of the dollar to dominate public acts.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, administrator of the estate of John Grisham, deceased, has filed in the office of the clerk of the County Court of Lincoln county, Oregon, his final account and that said court has appointed the 10th day of March, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock a m of said day, as the time for hearing all objections, if any, to said final account and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this 26th day of February, 1904. EDWARD GRISHAM, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, executor of the last will and testament of Andrew Robb, deceased, has filed his account in the office of Andrew Robb, deceased, and that the county clerk of Lincoln county, Oregon has appointed the 10th day of March, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said date, and the county court house, as the place for the hearing of objections, if any, to said final account and the settlement of said estate. Dated February 26th, 1904. JAMES B. BROWN, Executor.

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