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EDITORIALS

IMPORT AND EXPORT DUTIES

Some people express the belief that an import duty cannot affect exports; that is to say, that an import duty cannot possibly help develop an export trade. It happens, however, that both experience and reason support the opposite view. America's export trade has risen with the imposition of import duties. Similar experience has been had in other countries. For instance, comparing the 4-year period 1890-94 with the 4-year period 1907-11, the exports of manufactured articles from free trade England increased only 64.5 per cent while similar exports from protected Germany increased 140 per cent and exports of manufactures from the United States increased 317 per cent. These figures are taken from a special article written from Berlin for the Christian Science Monitor, a paper that is not partisan in politics.

The facts demonstrated by experience having been stated, let us look for the reason. To be an exporter of any commodity, a nation must necessarily be a large producer—a producer of a surplus beyond its own needs. In this country, where we insist upon high standards of living, we cannot build up and maintain manufactures unless we protect those industries from the competition of cheaper labor from abroad. But, having been built up to large proportions by the aid of a protective tariff, factories are able to reduce the unit of cost of production by reason of the large quantities produced. Construction of a large plant and building up a large force of trained men is not practicable without assurance of a permanent business, but when such a plant has been established to manufacture for the home market, a surplus can easily be produced at a relatively low unit cost and this can be sold to foreign buyers in competition with other countries. The production of the salable surplus depends upon the large permanent establishment. Here, therefore, you have the reason why the United States and Germany surpassed England in the rate of increase of exports of manufactured articles.

IS IT RIGHT.

The four great railway unions engineers, firemen, engine men and conductors are now voting among themselves as to whether they shall demand an eight hour day instead of a ten hour, at present pay and time and one half pay for overtime. Press reports say the vote will be in favor of this demand. Now the question arises what right have they to make this ar-

bitrary demand and if their leaders say so tie up all the railroads of the country as well as thousands of other industries in connection therewith. This would not be called a working-men's trust.

Supposing the railroad heads would get together and say we will increase all freight and passenger rates 25 per cent and if the public doesn't wish to pay it we will stop the trains. This would be called a railroad trust.

The railroads would not be allowed to do this under our laws in fact, they can no longer change their rates as they wish, to meet varying business conditions but must get permission from different state and government commissions to either lower or raise their rates.

If under the law, railroads are no longer allowed to vary their rates to suit the best interests of their business why should not the law determine what wages their employees are entitled to and protect the roads from any unusual increase in expense from this source without an automatic increase in freight and passenger rates to cover the deficit.

To a fair minded man it does not look right to use the law to hold down the revenue of a railroad on one hand and turn right around and under the same law allow its expenses to be run up with no way for the road to protect itself.

If the government has taken from the roads the power to vary their rates as occasion demands it should at the same time take from the railroad employees the power to change the wage scale.

If some fair and equitable arrangement of this kind is not made industrial development in this country will be brought to a standstill at the hands of unscrupulous politicians and labor union leaders.

Our law making bodies should take steps at once to prevent any body of men, either railroad officials or railroad employees, from willfully tying up the transportation system of the United States to the detriment of the whole nation.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Hon. County Court of Wheeler County, Oregon, as administratrix of the estate of Thomas M. Price deceased; and all persons having claims against the said estate, hereby notified to present the same, properly verified, as by law required, to the undersigned, at the office of H. H. & Ford Hendricks, her attorneys, at Fossil, in Wheeler County, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Minnie E. Price,

Administratrix.

Date of the first publication of this notice is January 27th 1916. Last publication Feb 24th 1916.

Political Announcements.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized and paid to announce F. A. Hale as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Wheeler County Oregon, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the coming primary.

He proposes, if elected, to enforce the laws, strictly, and give to each and every citizen a square deal and will handle the office on the stipulated salary, furnishing his own deputy at his own expense.

Notice For Publication.
Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
Dec. 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Lena Kaser whose post-office address is Antelope, Oregon, did on the 13th day of April, 1914, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 012876 to purchase the E½ SE¼ Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$410 the timber estimated 340,000 board feet at \$1 per M. and the land \$70.00, hat said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 9th day of March, 1916 before H. C. Rooper, U. S. Commissioner at Antelope, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register
19-3-9

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department Of The Interior.
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
January 13, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Roy B. Shoun of Spray, Oregon, who on February 18th 1911 made Homestead Entry No. 08150 and on March 12th 1914 made additional Homestead Entry No. 012954 for NW¼ sec. 4, section 19, NW¼, N¼ SW¼, SE¼ SW¼ Section 20, Township 8 South Range 25 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter, U. S. Commissioner at Spray, Oregon, on the 26th day of Feb. 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: Fred A. Hale, Frank Robison, Ira F. Reed, Daniel A. Hawes, all of Spray, Oregon, Frank H. Woodcock, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Isolated Tract.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
Dec. 4, 1915

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the General Land office, under provisions of Sec. 3455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Jane R. Donnelly, Serial No. 014450, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but not less than \$1.25 per acre, at 10-15 o'clock A. M. on the 8th day of February, next, at this office, the following tract of land: W½ SE¼ Section 32, Township 9, South Range 23, East Willamette Meridian (80 Acres).

"This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation."

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making this highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any person claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

L. A. Booth, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior
United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, January 14th 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Eula Willis, whose post-office address is Richmond, Oregon, did on the 5th day of April 1915 file in this office Sworn Statement and Application No. 014696 to purchase the N¼ NE¼, SE¼ NE¼, NF¼ SE¼ Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 22 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the Timber and Stone Law, at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised \$400.00, the timber estimated 195,000 \$195.00 board feet at \$1.00 per M, 600 posts 5 cts at \$30, and the land \$175.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 25th day of March 1916, before Scott Sasser, County Clerk, at Fossil, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest, at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.
20-3-23

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