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Might Be Worse.

A Wisconsin wool dealer writes to the "American Wool and Cotton Reporter": "Where is the McKinley prosperity on wool and wootens? We are buying today wool at 15 cents that was costing us last year 21 and 22 cents. How's this for a 12-cent duty and high protection?"

This may best be answered by asking another question: Where would the price of wool now be if it were not for the Dingley Tariff? Every wool grower in the United States has cause to bless that tariff. While the wool markets in all parts of the world outside of the United States have literally "gone to pieces," and while the wool growers depending upon the London market are forced to sell at the lowest figures ever known in the wool trade, the price in the United States is by the Dingley Tariff prevented from going below a certain point, and that point is anywhere from 7 to 12 cents a pound lower than the prevailing prices in the United States. So much for "a 12-cent duty and high protection!" Bad as the wool situation in this country is, it might be worse. It would be very much worse but for the protective duty of the Dingley Tariff.

The Plaindealer says there is talk of a remonstrance against the incorporation of Alturas. Better cut out that remonstrance, neighbors. You will never make any headway or improvement in your town until you do incorporate. Lakeview was a "wild and woolly" town until it was incorporated, and since that wise act was accomplished we have grown and improved steadily, and now have one of the most peaceable towns in the north—as well as good streets and a general air of decency and cleanliness.

Portland Telegram.—The time seems to be coming nearer when anything good being wanted the people come to Oregon for it. This is the intimation contained in the press advices of yesterday, in an Eastern paper which states that a South Dakota man, G. A. Pope, of Estelline, has been out through Eastern Oregon and has quietly bought up 6000 head of sheep, without making any noise about it. The South Dakotan will try the experiment of raising sheep in that country.

Suit has been brought in Marion county to recover \$5000, the amount of ex-School Land Clerk Davis' bond. It was reported some weeks ago that the bondsmen would pay the bond without contest, but they seem to have changed their minds, so it is not very likely that the state will recover even this fraction of Davis' stealings. Suits on official bonds are usually unsuccessful.

Senator Foraker scored the Democratic party severely in his convention speech in Ohio and probably did not say anything amiss in that regard, but isn't it a little like "jumping on a cripple" to assail the poor, disrupted, discouraged, bewildered, shattered, despondent fragments and remnants of the Democratic party? asks the Portland Telegram.

The last of the principal leaders of the lost cause of Filipino independence, or anarchy, has surrendered, and the work of organizing civil government and order in the islands progresses steadily and satisfactorily, all things being considered.

In announcing the loss by a Woodland belle of a bag of money, a modest California newspaper says the money was subsequently found in the bag sewed to an "unmentionable undergarment" that had been sent to a Chinese laundry. We can't understand it. "We're from Missouri."

Whiskey is a terrible thing to be sure. But there is one thing to be said to the credit of whiskey: It will let you alone if you let it alone, but gossip will hunt you up, whether you're in the game or not.

It is probable that dry grass seed, to be recommended by the Oregon Experiment station, will be sown on the Eastern Oregon ranges to replenish the feed for stock.

President McKinley will see the Northwest in 1902, and will doubtless call on Harvey Scott in The Oregonian building, Portland.

Wright Wants a Permit.

In a letter to Game Warden Quimby, S. R. Wright in jail at Klamath Falls for selling trout out of season, resigns his commission as County Game and Forestry Warden, which resignation is accepted with pleasure, and makes the unusual request for a permit to violate the game law by selling venison during the Summer, says the Ashland Town Talk. He also admits that he has not tried to enforce the game laws. His letter follows: "Please accept my resignation as one of the County Game and Forestry Wardens. I have not tried to strictly enforce the laws relating to fishing, as I believe them to be unjust. In a small border place like this I believe a man has a right to a mess of fish whenever he wants it, especially where the fish are so wondrous plentiful as they are here. I do not believe in allowing so called sportsmen to catch them by hundreds and then either pile them up, put pitch on them and burn them, as is done around Pelican Bay and other places in this county. Just as soon as your newly appointed deputy for this section got his appointment he warned the rich mill companies and others, and jumped rough-shod on poor people that have not been violating the laws to the one-hundredth part that these others have. He had me hauled up and fined for catching fish to be sent to the Fish Commissioner by a Mr. Wilson, of this place, which I had a perfect right to do, as I was Game Warden at the time, and the law states that I had a right to catch fish for exhibition purposes.

"You are authorized to grant permission to sell venison. As I sometimes get a large deer, and it is hard to handle all of it, will you grant me permission to sell venison in small quantities this summer."

Mr. Quimby is at a loss to understand where Wright gets his interpretation of the game laws, as he has no authority either to grant permission to catch fish out of season or sell venison at any time.

Reno Marriages.

The Bulletin has a very sensible editorial on "Reno Marriages," as follows: A sad event occurred the other day which illustrates the inconvenience attending a well founded doubt as to the validity of an act of the Legislature. Three years ago the Legislature passed a bill declaring illegal a marriage ceremony performed in this State within a year of a divorce granted either party to the divorce. There have since been conflicting decisions in different departments of the Superior Court as to the validity of the act. But the Supreme Court, which alone can determine as to which decision of a Superior Court department is correct, has not yet handed down a decision. Meantime there is no law under which parties interested may be guided. The case above referred to is that of the mother and the reputed widow of Thomas Graham, who are disputing the right to direct the interment of the deceased. The woman claiming the right of widow became Graham's wife by virtue of a Reno marriage. If that marriage is held to be legal, the woman is the heir of her late husband; if it is held not to be legal, the mother is the legal heir.

The law denying the right of marriage to a divorced party for a year after the divorce was designed to cover the period during which the divorce decree was subject to appeal. As but few divorce decrees are appealed, the law subjects to serious inconvenience parties not included in the purpose of the law. There is no good reason why a person divorced for cause should be denied the privilege of marriage a year after the divorce was granted. While it may become the duty of the Legislature to repeal the law, it seems to be the present duty of the Supreme Court to decide whether or not an act that has been on the statute books three years is a valid law or a bit of legislative fiction.

Torrid in York.

A dispatch from New York dated June 29th says: "Sixteen persons were killed today in Greater New York by the torrid weather. Forty seven persons were prostrated and many more may die. One man, overcome, fell into a sugar mixer and was cut to pieces. Another, crazed by heat, shot himself six times in the head and will die. Two others attempted to kill themselves while distempored by heat. Two hundred horses fell dead in the streets and hundreds more succumbed in harness, but were saved. Tens of thousands of persons fled from the city. Shipping and other business was impeded seriously. It was the hottest June 29 since 1874. The highest official temperature was 92.

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