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Bryan is all right but his party is in bad repute.

Free silver will not go without protection with it.

Free silver doesn't mean free wool or free lumber.

A division of the silver forces means a walk-over for McKinley.

All parties will promise to build the Nicaragua canal, but will they do it?

Why don't the democrats lay stress on tariff reform as they did 4 years ago?

The pops are tired of helping elect democrats and being shut out from the feast.

The populists are not likely to allow the democrats to swallow them boots and all.

The people are not going to trust a nominee of the democratic party another term.

If the democrats had endorsed Teller, the campaign would have been an interesting one.

A democratic president will give the pap to democrats. Even the populists can't stand that.

We protect our manufacturers to exclude foreign goods. Why not run our own financial boat?

We licked England and set up a government of our own. Why not run it without foreign influence?

Who would wonder that the democratic platform is weak on tariff reduction when it declares for free silver?

If this country is so rich in gold and silver mines, why send it all to Europe as fast as it comes out of the ground to pay interest on bonds? The same interest money is used by foreigners to buy up more bonds and mortgages here.

Free trade and free silver are two different things. The first invites and enables foreigners to do our manufacturing, and to prosper at our expense. The latter will be like a wall of protection, practically shutting out foreign trade until foreigners adopt the same standard.

Messrs. J. G. Dutcher and A. D. Farmer were probably the only Mexican war veterans that attended the celebration at Woods, as we heard of no others. They are getting well along in years now but seem quite strong for their age and are as patriotic as the American eagle; are always found with the stars and stripes when floating on public occasions. Should there ever be a call for men to defend the flag of the free from insult, they would be the first to enlist if they could do so.—Ocean Wave.

The Woodmen of Brownsville, Oregon, made it hot for Ju Loy, a Chinaman, who was initiated, or

thought he was last week, says the Brownsville Times. He was lambasted, swalla whacked, boom fized and yankee doodled, and quietly submitted, until it was proposed to abbreviate his queue, when he made a break for the door, knocked down the guard, run over the sentry and cleared the stairs in three leaps. He says Woodmen heap foolie; no gooddee, allee samee slum of a guneee Mellican man.

NITTLE NESTUCCA TOLL ROAD.

ED. HEADLIGHT:—In your paper of July 2d there appears a sensible and well timed article in regard to the Little Nestucca toll road.

Many people call it the elastic road, as no one knows how much toll they will have to pay until they reach the gate, when Mr. Baxter calls his eight miles of road either ten, fifteen or twenty miles long, according to the way he feels toward a man.

Those who whimper like whipped curs usually get off at half price, but to those who have the temerity to make a vigorous kick at his peculiar methods of discrimination and extortion, as the saying goes "he socks it to 'em."

The most vigorous kickers are the old settlers who did most of the work in building this road as a county road and who have been robbed of the result of their labor.

When the road was almost built Mr. Emmett expended a few hundred dollars on it, finished the road and put up a toll gate. He never bought any right of way but said the Secretary of State gave him the right to build the road and that was title enough.

Many settlers along the road have pre-empted and homesteaded 160 acres of land from the government, and in those cases have deeds for the land where the road is and have to pay taxes on the same, yet Mr. Baxter claims it belongs to him and compels those settlers to pay toll for traveling over their own land.

This is not all; he collects toll over the Grand Ronde Indian reservation where the road was built 40 or 50 years ago, long before the war, and before Gen. Phil. Sheridan was at the Grand Ronde Post.

Such authority as Senator Mitchell and ex-Senator Dolph say he has no right to collect toll there; nevertheless it costs the a verage settler every year more than the whole of their state and county taxes combined, to get over this road, which instead of being improved is degenerating.

Where the bridge rotted away last winter and fell down, a few shovels full of gravel have been thrown in among the boulders to replace it.

The court will not allow him any rates of toll, but this does not seem to disturb Mr. Baxter much, and he undoubtedly thinks Jack is as good as his master, in fact decidedly better.

Anyway this man seems to have bluffed the whole county, and it is hard telling how much longer this infernal plundering will be allowed to continue.

Unless you think it necessary I would rather not have my name to the above, because they will double up the charges on me for toll. Anyway use your own judgment and I shall be satisfied.

Yours Truly,
S. H. Rock.

[It is right that those interested should bear the responsibility, so we publish Mr. Rock's name. He should not hesitate to express his honest convictions, as it will do good, and this letter will have much more weight with the name of the writer appended. No doubt everyone of Mr. Rock's neighbors would heartily join him in signing the above letter, and a few such remonstrances would effect something. Mr. Rock says that Baxter collects toll against the order of the court. Well, what's the matter of the settlers "standing in" and going through the gate against the orders of Baxter, paying him nothing!—EDITOR.]

TAX PAYERS FOOT THE BILL.

The Ocean Wave of recent date said:

"Last Monday evening Mr. John Malaney, senior, was arrested by constable S. V. Anderson of Tillamook. A warrant had been sworn out in Justice Sappington's court, by Albert Malaney charging him with drawing a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Albert has had suits in Union and Hebo precincts but they have all been decided against him, so he takes the present suit before Justice Sappington, of Tillamook, where he is not so well known. Mr. John Malaney, the person under arrest, is an old resident of this valley, having resided here for nearly twenty years. He is a straightforward, honest, peaceable, quiet, law-abiding citizen, and has the respect and good will of all his neighbors. He makes no trouble with anyone, deals honorable with all and is a good citizen. He is getting quite old, has a nice little family to support which is depending upon him and it is to be regretted that he has been so ruthlessly drawn into litigation of this character without any just cause or provocation."

In another place the same paper has the following item:

"Albert Malaney concluded he wanted to milk his father's cows on the 4th of July, and in the evening called at the corral for that purpose. He found his father there milking as usual, and did not need any help. Albert was very much mortified and offended and has been up at Tillamook several days trying to get justice."

The case was dismissed for want of evidence, after a long, tedious, and expensive trial before Judge Sappington. Of course both sides are out considerable for attorney's fees, and the county is out nearly \$100 for costs to settle this family row. There was no way according to law to assess the costs against the complainant in this case, or it should have been done.

We are satisfied Judge Sappington and the prosecuting attorney would never have entertained or allowed the complaint to be made had they known at the beginning what they know now regarding the matter, and we are also confident that these gentlemen will endeavor to prevent malicious and frivolous prosecutions, for which they will receive the plaudits and praise of all worthy taxpayers in the county.

When young Malaney started home, he couldn't get his team out of the livery stable on account of some \$14 charges on it, some old charges. A. W. Severance, one of the attorneys, finally showed his generosity by standing good for the livery bill, and young Malaney departed for Ocean Park a sadder and further humiliated man.

Claude Thayer and A. W. Severance prosecuted, and T. B. Handley defended.

We are informed on good authority that the trouble between the old man Malaney and his boys would be much less, but for the acts and talking of some meddling neighbors.

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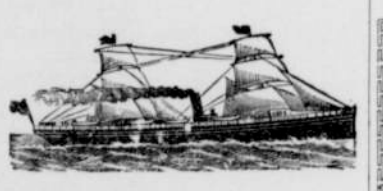
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