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THE TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.

Editorial Snap Shots.

The Albany Democrat has asked Mr. Booth to explain how he came into possession of so much timber. It is now in order for the Democrat to ask Free Trade Chamberlain how much tax money he has received to support himself.

As Washington County received \$10,000 for the Rex-Tigardville road from the State road fund, we don't see why a similar sum cannot be obtained from the same source for the Bayocean and Necarney Mountain road.

Bro. Trombley takes a peculiar position when he advocates state wide prohibition and boosts for Free Trade Chamberlain, who is known to be fond of the cup that cheers. We remember on one occasion when Governor Chamberlain was so loaded that he had to be assisted to the train at Astoria.

Will somebody, please ask Senator Chamberlain why he was opposed to free wool—but voted for it—and was not opposed to free milk and cream? Bro. Trombley, who is boosting Chamberlain, can explain to the dairymen of the county why Chamberlain is so inconsistent and unconcerned about the dairymen's interest and so concerned about the wool growers.

Every time the snap shot man takes a trip to Necarney mountain he feels greatly disappointed that the small stretch of road to connect with Clatsop county is not completed. The snap shot man had that kind of a feeling again the first of the week, and he feels like taking off his coat and make a strenuous effort to bring this long delayed improvement to a climax. Every citizen in the county should lend us their support and cooperation, for where there is now only a few visitors buying beach property for the purpose of erecting summer cottages, there would be hundreds if that road was put through to Clatsop County.

There is no disputing the fact that the large auto trucks carrying 3 1/2 yards of gravel, do considerable damage to roads, especially dirt roads in wet weather. As auto trucks have come to stay, something will have to be done to meet the new conditions of auto travel and auto freighting, and the additional cost of maintenance of roads. Take the main highway through Tillamook county, for an illustration. It is plain to every observer that some other method or material will have to be used—either oil or hard surfaced—as the cost of maintenance is on the increase owing to auto travel and heavy trucking.

We are wondering how the women will vote on the eight hour law at the next election. Should it carry, no employee or servant will be permitted to work more than eight hours. Of course, the hired man and the hired girl will vote for the measure; in fact most every employee will do the same, for it means less hours of work for them. But what about the employer, where does he get off? The Oregon System, which many of our politicians boasted about, is responsible, but it is dollars to dough nuts that not one of the candidates will say much about it at the coming election. They will have another stunt to fool the people for the purpose of catching votes.

This is tough on Free Trade Chamberlain: "Why should we be worried about Chamberlain?" asked Secretary McAdoo. "He threw us down on the canal tolls bill. We could afford to lose several Senators of that type." Whether Secretary McAdoo voiced only his personal views, or whether he reflected the opinion of his father-in-law, the Senator did not know, but it is well understood in Washington that the President feels keenly the desertion of Democratic Senators during the canal tolls fight, and is disposed to hold the view that all Democratic Senators, regardless of their personal beliefs, should stand by the administration.

George must be sweating drops of blood. He was not in favor of free wool, but was controlled by the Democratic caucus and voted for it, as well as free trade for lumber, fish, eggs, milk, cream, meat etc., which he did not object to be placed on the free list. Its beginning to be seen that the Democratic party is dominated by bosses, and if Senators and Representatives don't do the bidding of Boss Wilson the bosses have no more use for them.

The next county budget should contain sufficient money to complete the

Necarney Mountain road. Thousands of dollars have already been expended on this road, and all that remains is a few miles to connect it with Clatsop county. Somehow our citizens do not realize the importance of this grand, scenic route into Tillamook county, which is a source of admiration to visitors. Large amounts of money have been expended to advertise Tillamook County, and we do not know of a better advertising stunt than to complete the Necarney Mountain road and make it suitable for wagon and auto travel. At this season of the year thousands of visitors would be traveling over and advertising the grand scenery that presents itself, who would go away talking of the delightful panorama. Twenty thousand dollars would put the road in good shape, but what is that small amount compared to the great benefits that would be derived. Thousands of summer visitors would come to Tillamook County every year from Seaside and Clatsop beach as if the road was completed, and thousands would go through this county to Clatsop county as well. It will be money well spent to complete the Necarney Mountain road as well as a good advertising stunt, for where is there in Oregon grander scenery than on Necarney mountain? Tillamook County has other seaside resorts skinned for scenery, good roads and attractive features.

The fact that big business has decided to retrench and in many instances suspend operations entirely, for the purpose of bringing the people to their way of thinking will not avail them anything in the end. Locally speaking, if the timber owners and mill men of this county think for a minute they are going to win the support of voters in Tillamook County by forcing matters in a high handed manner and expect a reduction in taxes because of shutting down their plants when the lumber market is constantly improving, there is every reason to believe that they will be sadly disappointed.—Nehalem Valley Reporter.

The Reporter is wrong in diagnosing conditions throughout the country. What stagnation there is in business is caused by the free trade policy of the Democratic party, for lumber is on the free list. Bro. Effenberger should blame Senators Chamberlain and Lane, not the timber men and mill owners, for they voted to place every thing produced in Tillamook on the free list. We know for a positive fact that it is impossible to manufacture lumber at a profit for shipping purposes and pay the high rate of wages, and that the saw mills are not closing down because of the reason given by the Reporter. As money is going out of the country to buy farm products and manufactured articles, it is as plain as the nose on a man's face that the Democratic party is doing everything possible to help the foreign producer and bring down the home producer to the foreign producers, standard. For an illustration eggs in China are raised and sold for 3c. a dozen and these come in competition with Oregon eggs.

His Cow and Her Men.

The man with the cow finds that the range of prices for butter-fat runs lower in Oregon than a year ago. There is nothing psychological with him about the present Democratic times. Psychology will not mend a hole in the pocket, nor silence the clamor in any empty stomach. A week or more ago the jobbing price of butter in Portland went down 2 1/2 cents per pound. Later the market recovered the loss. Now it has advanced 2 1/2 cents more. But it is still shy 2 1/2 cents from the price a year ago. This is the time of year when butter usually advances. Fluctuations from day to day are to be expected.

The Oregon farmer who works early and late to milk his cows and sell the product to the nearest creamery finds that there is an intimate relation between the tariff and his butter-fat revenues. Yet we hear from Democratic sources that the importations of New Zealand butter do not affect him at all. He knows better.

The farmer and his wife—the man with the cow and the women with the hen—are anxious to have some things explained. One of them is: If it is the duty of Oregon people to support Oregon industry by buying and using Oregon products, why is it not the duty of the American producer to buy and use American products? Yet the same voices that howl loudly for home industry and its protection declaim noisily for free trade with New Zealand and China and all the world.

How can the Oregon market be kept for the Oregon producer if it is to be opened up to New Zealand butter and Chinese eggs? Why is it unpatriotic to buy auto supplies in Seattle or Detroit—both American cities—yet the essence of Democratic patriotism to encourage the purchase of butter from New Zealand and eggs from China?—Oregonian.

Dow's Theological Quandary.

The members of the Holiness Church at Dow, Ill., and doubtless many who belong to no church, but who dearly love an argument, are wrestling with a grave theological problem. Fifteen converts were recently baptized by immersion in the only form of baptism recognized by that branch of believers. There was no question as to the physical adequacy of the ceremony. There was abundant moisture in the Father's Waters and there was not a dry thread or hair on any of the subjects at conclusion of the rite. But it seems that the officiating elder had not himself been immersed. In his youth, before his religious views were crystallized, he had been sprinkled. The Holiness Church does not regard sprinkling as baptism at all. The question arose as to the right of an unbaptized elder to baptize others. The fifteen converts were worried. They had submitted to immersion in the best of faith, supposing the elder

qualified. Many argued that this was sufficient. When some suggested being baptized again, a grave question arose. If the first baptism was genuine a second would violate the doctrine of one Lord, one faith and one baptism.

Finally one elder, who had himself been immersed, offered to administer baptism to the other. He contended that this would "cure" whatever irregularity there might be in the immersion of the fifteen. Some argued that there was no more scriptural warrant for an ex-post facto proceeding than there is under the American constitution. They were answered with precedents of acts of legislatures which validated indebtedness contracted without proper formality. One who is familiar with current Missouri history cited the extra-legal commissions appointed by Gov. Major with the expectation that they will be paid by a general assembly whose members have not yet been elected. One slave to logic even questioned the credentials of the second elder, arguing that there was no affirmative proof that he was a link in an unbroken chain of immersed elders extending back to John the Baptist. He even raised a question as to who baptized John himself.

The controversy is good enough to last all summer and the citizens of Dow will think up arguments original to them, which have filled many a times now popularly neglected. The argument on succession is without end to lovers of pure logic. Disregard for logical consistency in its discussion brought Phillips Brooks into disrepute with the Anglican Church. His skepticism as to the necessity might have been born but for his filianity. When a duly consecrated bishop succeeded from the church, Brooks gleefully pointed to the fact that there was a bishop loose who could lay his hands on one who had never been such ecclesiastical communion since the gods on Olympus discovered that Prometheus had stolen some fire and given it to earth-born mortals. But let us hope that more reverence may mark the dispute at Dow.

Mistreating His Relatives.

The spirit of a childless millionaire who recently died in Texas leaving a fortune running into the millions is supposed to be maliciously chuckling in that bourne whence every traveler would fain return over the indignation of his relatives. These relatives, of various degrees, came from all over the country following news of their kinsman's death. A vain search was made for a will. None was found among the effects of the decedent. The attorney who transacted the bulk of his business was interviewed. He said that the rich man had never to his knowledge, made a will. It was decided that he has died intestate and that the general law would control the distribution of the estate. While this did not add to the inward sorrow of the relatives it caused some to put on deeper mourning and there was a new fervor in their eulogies of the character of the deceased. Steps for administration of the large estate were taken.

But an impecunious proofreader has shattered the hopes of the relatives by presenting a will, apparently executed in due form, appointing him executor and directing that the entire property be used as a trust fund for educating poor children. He accounted for his delay by explaining that it was at the request of the testator. The latter had frankly admitted that he did not desire even the existence of his last will and testament to become known until thirty days had elapsed following his death. He said that he wished his relatives to enjoy the anticipation of riches for that period. It is not necessary to describe the disappointment and indignation of the relatives. They are ready to withdraw all the kind things they have said about the rich relative and enter him in the meanest man contest.

But it is not likely that the will will be accepted without contest. The mere fact that they were disinherited will not be as conclusive of the incapacity of the testator as will the request he made of the executor. This will be used as proof of insanity of the most malignant type. But if the will be upheld there may be other remedies. A few months ago the Supreme Court of a Southeastern state upheld a verdict of \$10,000 damages in a libel action against an estate based on a derogatory reference to plaintiffs in the will of a relative. This may be precedent enough for a suit for actual money laid out and expended for railroad fare, mourning attire and other expenses, and for mental anguish. While all this happened after the death of the testator it had been wickedly planned and foreseen by him. The proofreader could be named as co-defendant, since he was a fellow-conspirator. The surviving relatives may not be willing to put more good money into the case, but almost any lawyer of a speculative turn would like the case on a contingent fee. It would be a good case if he lost. It would be an interesting experiment and he would receive much advertising out of it if he got no other reward. But the relatives should be willing to make some sacrifices themselves as a public duty. Cynical millionaires should be taught that they cannot make sport of their "poor relations" with impunity.

J. Pierpont Morgan declined to "answer" the 30,000-word report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on its New Haven investigation when the Boston Post requested a statement from him. He did not base his refusal on the ground that as an object of criticism his utterances would not enjoy the presumption of impartiality when they have its sworn officers when they have concluded a quasi-judicial inquiry. He doubtless had this in mind, but he preferred to emphasize the improper method the public pursues in making up its mind. He accuses the people of reading only headlines and heading only the talk of demagogues. Consequently he has concluded, for the present, to make no more appeals to the public.

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