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FRIDAY JULY 31, 1914.

Editor Baker says that the Coates Lumber Co. will shut down last Saturday on account of stagnation and low prices of the lumber market, brought about by Democratic Free trade. Bro. Baker evidently forgets about the money he lost and the experience he gained while in the sawmill business during those prosperous republican days. But then Bro. Baker could stand most any kind of hardship those days, as he then had the postoffice. If there is any one thing that causes him annoyance it is to hear him a liberal allowance of political poa.

Mr. Lea of the Union Meat Company will have charge of the dairy exhibits at the State Fair. This is not as it should be. The State Fair and most commissions are a small charge of the dairy exhibits. The authorities have no right in place, and particularly dealer in charge of this department of the state fair. Mr. Lea is a prejudiced against our cheese organization and has caused to be published in outside papers much that has misled the people in regard to conditions here. Our dairymen and cheese organizations should send a vigorous protest to the State Fair Board and demand the withdrawal of Mr. Lea as head of the State Fair Dairy Exhibits.

A general European war seems eminent. Late report received by wire here this afternoon by the Tillamook County Bank from the east, was to the effect that no traveling cheques for European points would be accepted at present. This certainly means that matters in Europe are in a serious condition. From late dispatches it seems that Germany, Austria, Italy and some of the Balkan states will be lined up against Russia, France, England, Serbia and other states of the Balkans. The threatened war will be a serious one if it takes place and no man can foretell the outcome, as nothing of its kind has ever taken place in the known history of the world. A general European war will stimulate business in the United States and some other countries for the time being, but after its ill over the world at large will feel the effects which a destructive war will entail.

We are sorry to see that there is a concerted move on the part of certain interests in the state to do away with the primary law. Those opposed to the law tell us it is an extravagant piece of legislation, the primary election of last May costing the state as a whole approximately \$200,000.

We admit it takes money to run a primary election, but the primary election has unseated the bosses and put them out of business and we can all remember, if we will but stop to think back a few years, that the bosses were a mighty expensive and irritable proposition, costing us indirectly, through the strangle hold which they had on the people, by way of the old convention system, far more than our primary elections now cost us.

We are sorry to see that Dr. Withycombe, Republican candidate for governor, who was nominated at a good clean primary election this spring has apparently through his utterances, lined up with the crowd that is endeavoring to put the primary out of business. If we are not mistaken Dr. Withycombe was a victim of a frame up in the assembly which was held in Portland four years ago. Why has he turned from a system that has given him a square deal and espoused the cause of the old stand pat gang that is endeavoring to get back to the old convention system? Along with the cry to do away with the primary comes a cry to do away with the initiative and referendum laws. We will admit that the people are forced to undergo certain abuses through the initiative and referendum laws, but these abuses are as nothing compared to the old system. The troubles of today sometimes seem far greater than the troubles of yesterday though the troubles of yesterday may have been far greater than the troubles of today.

Brother Baker seems much incensed because the Democratic party has not kept its promise, so he says, in regard to reducing the price of cheese. In his last issue he says: "Wasn't it the intention of the Democratic party to reduce the price of cheese with other farm products, so that the consumer could live at less expense and the pro-

ducer receive less for his products? Of course it was."

In reply to Mr. Baker we will state that the Democrats reduced the tariff on some products such as sugar, for instance, so that the consumer might buy that article cheaper. On other products such as wheat the tariff was taken off, because it had never done the farmer any good anyhow and was placed there mainly to mislead the farmer in an endeavor to make him believe he was protected, when as a matter of fact, the markets of Liverpool and the world at large set the price for those commodities.

In regard to dairy products we might state that they are still protected by an ad valorem duty of 20 per cent, which ought to be enough protection for any legitimate industry.

In considering the matter of tariff reduction it might be well to state that the tariff was reduced on some products not only for the purpose of reducing the price to the consumer, but for the purpose of keeping it from going higher. In regard to this point we might refer Bro. Baker to his brother calamity howler in Eastern Oregon, who is sending forth a tale of woe and condemnation against the administration because the tariff has been taken off of wool, stating that if the Democrats had left the tariff on wool the sheep raisers would now be getting from two to four cents more for their wool, regardless of the fact that raw wool has only twice in twenty five years been higher than it now is.

All of this clamor put up by a partisan press in an endeavor to embarrass the administration, causes us to sometimes wonder if there will ever be an end to Bakerites, hogs and standpatters.

The Pacific Homestead has the following to say in regard to the Lea-Haberlach cheese controversy.

"Considerable publicity seems to have been given to the Tillamook cheese situation through different publications of late. To one familiar with the situation it would seem that the cheese industry in the state of Oregon is entirely too large to be bottled up by any one man and the sooner this trust is investigated the better it will be for the industry in the entire state. We believe that the dairymen are entitled to the very highest market price and should be given the benefit of any freight rate between eastern points and the coast but they must bear in mind that supply and demand should govern the price. Why not establish a produce exchange and eliminate all this one man price?"

The Homestead says: "To one familiar with the situation it would seem that the cheese industry in the state of Oregon is entirely too large to be bottled up by any one man." Thus far the Homestead is right. However, the article as a whole is so inconsistent that we cannot believe that the editor of the Homestead has spoken from the bottom of his heart and really believes what he is endeavoring to make others believe. The article in question has the appearance of being inspired.

Anyone knowing the situation and having ordinary common sense knows that Mr. Haberlach or Tillamook County does not control the cheese industry of Oregon. All our organization controls is its own product and it controls that only to a limited extent. The law of supply and demand is the largest factor in connection with this matter. Because of our system of inspection we are getting at least a cent more for our cheese than we would if it was not carefully inspected. The excellence of our product has also considerable to do with it. People want our cheese because it is a first-class product.

From appearances, the Union Meat Co. is endeavoring to bust our cheese organization, so that it can by the aid of its wealth exploit the ranchers of this county. Has the Union Meat Co. or Mr. Lea ever done anything to develop this county, or has it ever cleared an acre of land here? No. Has it ever helped build a school house or a church here? No. It does not care a rap about Tillamook County except, as we said before, by the aid of its wealth to exploit it.

Tillamook County has a combination in regard to the cheese industry, but it has a lawful combination without watered stock and enables our farmers to retain what belongs to them and keep such combinations as the Union

Meat Co. from getting what it does not belong to it. If the Union Meat Co. succeeded in knocking out our organization would the consumer get his cheese any cheaper? Most certainly not. What does the Union Meat Co. care for the consumer?

The farmers of Tillamook County are fighting the very thing the Democratic administration is fighting. Namely, the arrogance of wealth. We believe a little thoughtful study will enable our farmer friends to realize what the administration is fighting against which in fact is the determination of certain elements in this country to rule it or ruin it if necessary to carry out their ends.

MR. HAWLEY'S RECORD

We take the following from the Pacific Patriot, (Prohibition) in regard to Mr. Hawley's record as congressman.

We are sometimes, not often, asked why we should oppose the re-election of "so good a man as Mr. Hawley." Until we began to inquire into his official record the chief reason was that he has never done any active work in favor of Prohibition.

We find, however, some other reasons why Mr. Hawley does not serve the best interests of Oregon people, according to our belief.

LaFollette's Magazine of September 17, 1910, is authority for the following statements of votes on public measures.

Mr. Hawley voted for Cannon for speaker, for the continuance of Cannon-Czar rules, and for Tammany-Cannon combine against revision of House Rules.

He voted for the emergency Currency bill, which strengthened the Wall Street hold on finance, and established as security railroad and corporation bonds, so that the United States would have financial interest in maintenance of price thereof.

Without question or suggestion, within twenty minutes of its being offered to the house, he supported a Senate Amendment of the appropriation bill, increasing the ocean mail subsidy of \$1,100,000 and the costs of railroad mail service \$2,700,000.

He voted with "conservative" prohibitionists to prevent the treasury department, because some had caught land-grabbers of high repute, re-handled.

He also voted to table the Roosevelt protest against that prohibition. Voted for upward revision of tariff. Against a committee elected by the House and in favor of a Cannon-packed committee in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation.

Voted for Postal Bank bill favorable to Wall Street, and against the Appalachian Forest Reserve, which provided for the restoring of denuded, barren hills.

LaFollette calls Mr. Hawley a "Me-too" System man.

Such policy is diametrically opposed to the platform of the Prohibition party which declares for economy in administration, and for the best interests of the people.

Illinois tired of Cannon and rejected him. Other "System" leaders have been retired, and Mr. Hawley?—We shall see if Oregon, where the people rule likes such representation.

BETTER BUSINESS ALL THE TIME

From the Indianapolis News: Henry Ford, the multi-millionaire automobile manufacturer, whose rise in the business world is one of the most remarkable achievements of American genius and whose \$10,000,000 profit sharing plan has made him a national character, recently visited the White House and had a conference with President Wilson.

Here is what Mr. Ford said about present business conditions: "I believe, and I think practically every other business man believes, that most of the evils aimed at in the president's program exist and ought to be obviated. I am convinced that it would be for the best interests of the country to pass the anti-trust legislation. I think

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"There is absolutely nothing wrong with business. The only trouble is that some people seem pessimistic. If every one would only cheer up and attend to his business, this calamity talk would stop immediately.

"My own business is 50 per cent better than it was last year!"

Mr. Ford also told the president that he saw no evidence of any sort of business depression, psychologically or otherwise, and that in his opinion business was getting better all the time.

POTTER REALTY CO. LOSES SUIT AGAINST ANDERSON

The suit which the T. B. Potter Realty Co. brought against Axel Anderson, before Judge Holmes last Tuesday in an endeavor to stop Anderson from landing at Bayocean dock with U. S. Mail was decided in favor of Anderson. Judge Holmes deciding that Mr. Anderson could not be stopped from landing at the dock and that only a reasonable fee could be charged for docking privileges.

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