

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Itemized Account of Doings in City and Country.

HIGH TARIFF ARGUMENT.

A Protectionist Orator Gets Confused with His Figures and puts His Foot into It.

The fame of Hon. John F. Swift, of California, has been heralded as one mighty in debate and an expert in economic science, and when he came to this city last evening to vindicate the wisdom of our protective policy, a large crowd gathered to hear him. Upwards of two dozen leading republicans occupied the stage as vice-presidents, and the opera house was densely packed.

The same liberal dose of tariff talk was dealt out by this speaker as by his numerous predecessors on the platform, his address lasted two hours; but Mr. Swift has not the faculty of entertaining an audience possessed by Col. Irish, and during his speech people left their seats in groups of ten and a dozen.

He seemed to lack preparation. He has no understanding of the laws of trade, and he is so unfamiliar with the details that he cannot group classes of facts together without bringing them into collision. In discussing the wool tariff, he declared that a removal of the tax on imported wool would so swamp our country with this staple from Australia and South America, that the sheep industry in this country would be ruined, and wool raising among our farmers would become a lost art. Shortly after he ranked the United States among the greatest wool producers in the world, the countries above named not exceeding us in yield. These statements evidently fell on his ear as inconsistent, for he made the candid avowal that he was not an adept in figures, and if he erred to the extent of a hundred million, like Rip Van Winkle's last drink, so trifling a discrepancy mustn't count. He gave the value of the wool imports during one year at \$14,000,000 and of woolen goods at \$26,000,000 and then figured up how many men this would employ if the work had been done in this country. He did not take into account that we do not raise wool enough to supply the home demand, that the wool and warp in our textile goods need to be supplied from abroad, and further that this \$40,000,000 worth of wools and woolens was paid for with our own commodities, so there was really no loss of gainful labor.

He told of the warlike armaments of France, Germany and Russia, each of these powers having a million men in arms, whose industry is abstracted from the reproductive forces of the country. According to Mr. Swift's calculation the support of every male adult costs \$125 a year, which has to come out of his own earnings or the earnings of others. When a factory closes through excess of production or from other causes, the discharged employees are not taken into other industries, but they first eat up their savings, if they have any, then they go in debt to all the tradesmen who will trust them, and their next resort is to sponge on their kinsfolk. When this means of support gives out they take to the road, and are figured out there were as many tramps in this country, costing the working members of society \$125 a year each for their support, as France or Germany or Russia had soldiers on their army rolls.

The lecturer explained how this came about. The facilities of production are so greatly extended, during the present day, by the adaptation of steam machinery to every industrial use, that our mills and workshops, when in full swing, turn out double the amount of goods that our population can consume. To prevent over stocking, then, and a glut in the market, our industrial facilities are half employed, and a large share of our working men have to resort to vagrancy to get bread.

This is a damaging admission, and we believe widely overstates the case. The hearer would naturally say: "If this is the best showing you can make of the protective system, which closes our ports to the foreign merchant and shuts us out from the commerce of the world, why not try commercial intercourse for awhile and see if foreign nations will not relieve us of some of our surplus goods?"

It is a mistake on the part of the republican committee to put forth Mr. Swift as an exponent of financial science. There are some subjects, no doubt, he can intelligently discuss; but his equipment for the tariff, or any branch of political economy, is very incomplete. Col. Irish goes around winning commendation with his easy flowing eloquence, and Mr. Swift follows to refute his alleged sophistry and undo the effect. It is a bigger task than he can perform. The journalist outweighs his disputant physically and oratorically, and the contest had better be abandoned or a stronger man substituted.

THE VISITING FIREMEN.

The Excursionists From Albany. Mayor Murphy's Speech of Welcome.

About ten o'clock, this morning, the Second Infantry band moved from its hall to the Oregon Pacific steamer's wharf, at the foot of State street, where soon a crowd of fully five hundred persons, including men, women and children, gathered to welcome the excursion of the fire department of Albany.

Of course, everybody was too early, but the band made the time pass pleasantly by rendering several airs, during the time intervening between ten and the boat's arrival. Several times, the boys would cry out "here she comes," and the crowd would immediately become alert, and every one straining a neck to get a first view of the boat as she should come around the point of the island, but only to discover that the boat had fooled them. Several facetious persons were heard to make remarks about the steamer, one that she had got fast in the brush, another that she had "struck a short rail and run off the track," while another who saw a dust rising from the brush along the wagon road up the river, said that he guessed that must be her coming down the road.

However, all things have an end, and so had this hour of waiting; for a short time before eleven, a shout from some soon rose into a cheer as the majestic steamer, Wm. M. Hoag appeared to view, across the point of the island. Soon two long thin lines of steam were seen to rise from near the smoke jack, followed by two long whistles, then the band which was stationed just forward of the pilot house on the hurricane deck began playing, and the strains of music came sweetly over the water to where the Salem people were waiting to welcome their guests.

There were fully two hundred people on board the steamer, and after landing, procession was formed, and the firemen, escorted by the members of the Salem department and the Second Infantry band, marched through the principal streets, then back to "2's" engine house. Here a large crowd gathered, and Mayor J. J. Murphy mounted to the top of the H. & L. truck, from where he welcomed, in a very pleasant manner, the visitors.

The mayor said: "Foremen and members of the Albany fire department: In this age of corners, trusts and combinations associated and formed for personal gain and other selfish motives, it is a great pleasure to see a body of men unselfishly devoted to the public good, serving the people, guarding and preserving the property and saving the lives of the citizens without fee or hope of reward, other than that which they gain in their victory over the elements, and that which they regard of greater value than gold—the esteem and plaudits of the appreciative citizens."

"There is a custom among the ladies, when a strange woman comes to the city. They call on her and size her up, see how she looks, notice her style, get acquainted with her, and learn her accomplishments. After the first visit is made, and the call is returned, there the matter stops, and there will be no more association, unless from some cause, they should want to cultivate each other, and establish more friendly and closer relations. The stranger is then admitted to the 'set,' if the caller is pleased with the acquaintance."

"Now you gentlemen of Albany have been here before, and sized us up, and as you have chosen the capital as the place of your festivities to-day, we are led to believe you are pleased with us, and desire to cultivate friendly relations with us."

The mayor then, to show the Albanyites that the feeling was mutual, called for "three cheers for our visitors, the Albany firemen and their friends," which were given with a will. The mayor then concluded his speech, after paying some nice tributes to firemen generally, and volunteers in general, granting them the freedom of our city.

The firemen were then given an elegant luncheon at the rooms of the W. C. T. U., and spent the rest of the day in seeing the sights about the beautiful capital city. A part of the afternoon was spent in trying Capital's La France engine.

The agricultural implement business, of E. H. Bellinger has been removed from No. 54, State street, to the old Salvation Army barracks, on Liberty street. The quarters are far more commodious than formerly and we invite our readers to call and see their stock.

LOCAL NOTES.

Fresh strawberries at A. Strong & Co's.

Hot,—hot weather dress goods at E. L. L. Johnson's.

Call on Winters & Thomas for the best groceries in town.

Thirty bread tickets for one dollar at A. Strong & Co's.

Painless dental operations at Dr. T. C. Smith's, 92 State street.

Fans, parasols, ladies' summer underwear at E. L. L. Johnson's.

The public examination at Mt. Angel college will occur June 26 and 27.

Secretary of State McBride and Ed. Giltner returned last night from St. Helens.

Cheapest. The cheapest place in Salem for dry goods is E. L. L. Johnson's.

C. D. McCoy, of Mehama, this county, has been granted an increase in pension.

Have your dresses made, ladies, at Mrs. A. H. Farrar's. No fancy or extravagant prices.

Mrs. A. J. Riley is about to complete one of the neatest cottages ever erected in Salem.

Edwin Howard of Cornucopia and E. C. Frost of Portland have been commissioned notaries public.

Rev. Charles F. Wood, of Forest Grove, will preach in the Congregational church to-morrow morning and evening.

The work of excavating for the new Catholic church to be erected on Cottage and Chemeketa streets has been begun.

A. W. Thompson, formerly of this city, now of Albany, greeted many friends here to-day. He came down on the excursion.

Hosiery, Ladies' and Misses' muslin underwear, laces, embroidery, illusion, ruffling, etc., at Bridges and Bozorth's—Bank Block.

Herbert L. Hatch, who fractured his knee cap a few months since, while working on the steamer W. M. Hogue, will resume his duties as mate of that steamer to-morrow.

Col. T. C. Smith has an application from a number of young men of Silverton, for the formation of a company there. Col. Smith will meet the boys next Saturday to consider the matter.

The Vidette resumes publication to-day under the management of Col. J. B. Fithian and A. A. Miller. They desire it to be known that all accounts due the office are payable to them only.

Corporal Tanner has written Acting Adjutant Ira Erb that he will be unable to visit Salem on Memorial Day, he having accepted an invitation to address the G. A. R. at The Dalles on that day.

The military company at the Willamette University, and Capt. Willis' cadets at the East Salem school, had a joint drill at the East school last evening. They are preparing to turn out jointly on decoration day.

Wm. J. Clarke, Esq., formerly of the Willamette Farmer of this city, but now in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Co., spent last night and this forenoon visiting friends in this city. Mr. Clarke now has a continuous run from Portland to St. Paul and return, and does not often get an opportunity to visit his friends in Salem.

Railroad Extensions Incorporated.

W. H. Holcomb, chief engineer of the O. R. & N. railway, H. W. Corbett, Henry Failing and C. H. Lewis of Portland have filed articles in the office of the secretary of state incorporating the "Oregon Railway Extension Company." Its objects are to build a road from Portland down the Willamette and Columbia rivers to Astoria, with a branch from Columbia City to Forest Grove. Also from a point on the O. R. & N. company's line near Alto, W. T., to Walula, thirty-three miles, via Estes, W. T., and some other branches in eastern Washington territory. Capital stock \$1,000,000 in shares of \$100 each.

All in the Same Boat.

Scott has finally come to his senses. For years he has been booming Portland and allowing other towns to take care of themselves as best they could. But by dint of perseverance of the "cow county towns" and their journals, Scott has discovered that Portland can't grow without them, so has been lately speaking a good word for them. This excites the ire of an Oregonian reader, who has so long been accustomed to see only Portland praised, that he makes complaint to Scott, who, having got his eyes open to the true condition of things, replies: "Portland can't grow unless other towns of the Northwest grow too."—Roseburg Plaindealer.

EU and College Audiences.

Mr. Perkins' success among college audiences has been something remarkable. Being a graduate himself of Union College, and having been honored by the degree of Master of Arts conferred years afterward by Dr. Nett, and having once been a teacher of rhetoric and belles lettres himself, it is no wonder that he should be able to win his cultured College audiences.

Tickets for Eli Perkins' lecture on Monday evening are going rapidly. Call at Patton's book store and secure a reserved seat.

Severe Injury.

Luther Meyers has been engaged for some time in making a stairway from the bluff to the foot of the falls at Silver Falls City, but a day or two since, he struck his foot with an axe, making a gash fully three inches in length in the top of his foot, and now he is laid up in consequence.

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For Prosecuting Attorney 3d District,
G. W. BELT.

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W. H. DOWNING,
T. L. DAVIDSON,
CHARLES MILLER,
W. F. DUGAN.
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W. I. RAY.
Recorder,
C. D. COLEMAN.
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G. G. VAN WAGNER.
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Surveyor,
A. GOBALET.
Assessor,
HENRY PARKER.
Coroner,
J. A. ROTAN.

CAMPAIGN ADDRESSES.

The candidates on the Marion county republican ticket will address the public on the political issues of the day at the following times and places, and respectfully invite opposing candidates to participate in the discussion:
Woodburn, Monday, May 28, 2 o'clock.
Hubbard, Tuesday, May 29, 10 o'clock.
Aurora, Tuesday, May 29, 8 o'clock.
Butteville, Wednesday, May 30, 10 o'clock.
Champo, Wednesday, May 30, 10 o'clock.
St. Paul, Thursday, May 30, 2 o'clock.
Brooks, Friday, June 1, 2 o'clock.
Gervais, Saturday, June 2, 2 o'clock.
Salem, Saturday, June 2, 8 o'clock.
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You all know that our Manager has been in business here for the last twenty years and always does as he advertises. About August 1st he will start East to buy a large full stock, and in order to do this we will offer our whole stock of goods consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, Tobacco, Cigars, Paper, Envelopes, Notions, etc., at a great sacrifice, and in order that the general Public may know that we mean business, we mention the price of some of our goods till August 1st. A good Hemmed Handkerchief for 1 ct. 1000 fine Striped Primes for 50 c each worth \$1.
A silver, gold or steel thimble, 1 ct. each.
A spoon of Clark's, Coal's or Kerr's Thread, 3 c. each.
A spoon gold Sewing Silk, best brand and assorted colors, for 3 c.
2 spoons Silk Button Hole Twist for 3 c.
2 skeins Saddle's Silk for 3 c.
1 sheet gold, silver or plain Card Board, 1 c. worth 10 c.
100,000 doz. Horn and Cloth covered Dress Buttons worth 25 to 50 c a doz., for 5 c a doz.
100,000 doz. Fine Jet and Metal Buttons, worth 50 c. to \$1 a doz. for 10 c a doz.
1,000 yds. Lace worth 5 c a yd., for 1 c a yd.
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