

EDITORIAL

The Boston Commercial Bulletin says of the wool market:

"The last week's activity has developed a further boom. All previous records of weekly sales are broken. Michigan wool has advanced to 75 cents, and territory delaine to 85 cents, the highest prices paid since the repeal of the McKinley law. One lot of assorted wool was sold three times in three hours, each time at a profit. The sales in Boston alone since January 1 exceed the amount of wool ever sold in an entire year at any time in any American market. The American mills are again running over-time for the first time in years. Advances in price have been established on chemically dyed wools, flannels and certain all-wool dress goods."

From the above it would appear that wool has increased in price owing to the prospective McKinley tariff. It is to be hoped this is true as to results, regardless of cause. However, it must be remembered that the flurry in the wool market thus far is purely artificial, caused by the big manufacturers rushing to buy and work up a surplus stock in view of the expected legitimate rise in price. What will be the result? In the first place, the producers at present have little or no wool on hand, and the profit will all accrue to the speculators. By the time the next crop is ready for market the manufacturers will be over-stocked with old wool and the producers will not get the benefits of the rise. If there is no demand, all the tariff in the world will not make sale for wool at fancy prices. The public will be obliged to pay a big advance on woollen clothing, and it is to be hoped the farmer may find some way to profit by the operation. It is more than probable that the big wool syndicates of the east which have bought our western wool at a low figure will be the chief beneficiaries in that they have bought our wool at a low price, and will return it to us manufactured into clothing at a big advance. It is stated that farmers lost \$69,000,000 on wool and sheep under the Wilson law. In 1893 the sheep in the United States were worth \$125,000,000. In 1896 only \$65,000,000. This would appear to bear out the above statement, and prove that under free trade in wool sheep have gone down. But there has been 8 cents a pound duty on hops. How many millions have been lost on the decline of hops? There has been 20 cents a bushel duty on wheat. How many millions have farmers lost on decline in wheat? There has been duty on real estate or brick blocks, and they have declined countless millions. The more honest statement would be that regardless of tariff every product of labor and land has gone down since the complete demonetization of silver about six years ago. That may not have been the cause, but that is the date from which we reckon declines.

The Washington press has some severe comments on the reduction of the state militia, made necessary by the Populist legislature cutting the appropriation from \$10,000 to \$6000. Governor Rogers proposes to run the state militia for \$2,600 a year. The Spokane Review says:

"Six thousand dollars is a beggarly appropriation for the National Guard of this state, and the parsimony which eked out this small allowance was neither wise nor patriotic. The state militia has had the fostering care of every American statesman and patriot. Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln repeatedly admonished the people to look well to this means of national defense and preservation of the martial spirit. The placing of Washington's National Guard upon starvation rations at this time is most unfortunate, because the abuses and extravagances which crept into the system in the early years of statehood had been eliminated, and the guard was under command and in fine discipline."

If the membership of the guard falls below 400 members the state loses its federal appropriation. The change made will do away with over one-half the militia of the state.

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READING CIRCLE.

Something About Successful Home Culture Clubs.

The people of South Idaho maintain a reading circle that meets once a week and has now 41 members, fathers, mothers, young people and young married people. The club meets weekly Saturday nights at the homes of members, who have to exert themselves to get chairs enough sometimes, as the attendance varies from twenty to forty. The same persons do not attend any two meetings, as the weather and the distance affects the appearance of individuals. The fifteenth weekly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. E. Royal, after a half hour spent in social conversation, Rev. Royal arose and extended to the club a cordial welcome to their home. He is one of the oldest living pioneer Methodist missionaries of Oregon, and many a fine home and city stands where he plodded wearily on foot to Indians, hunters, trappers and miners. Mr. Hall responded for the club. Then the usual half hour was spent in informal discussion of current topics, including the failure of the legislature to make appropriations, the Cuban war, Greece and the powers, congress, and the situation in South Africa. The discussion or introduction of politics, religion or gossip, in the hazy or controversial sense are forbidden by the rules of the club, and while no important information escapes being brought out, persons of the more diverse shades of opinion enjoy these meetings because they know they are protected in adhering to their views under the easy operations of the rules yet free to change their minds without criticism. The literary half hour at Mr. Royal's was especially enjoyable. Each member as the roll was called was expected to name the greatest man or woman in the world, and briefly give the reason for the opinion. Some excellent papers were read in behalf of General Booth, Gladstone, and Jim Hemsworth had a poem read in honor of his throwing himself into the cog wheels at risk of his life to save two brother miners from death in the pit below, by Mrs. Anna M. Hall.

Two named Queen Victoria, and two those Miss Frances Willard, others named were Clara Barton, Susan B. Anthony, Bismark, Mark Hanna, Geo. T. Angell, Bryan, Mrs. Bryan, Thomas A. Edison, Henry M. Stanley, and Bishop Taylor. A strong Republican lady named Mrs. Grover Cleveland as the greatest living American, and wittily said she had been able to live harmoniously with her husband which was more than the entire Democratic party had been able to do. She also showed that she had risen from the ranks of a common, plain American girl to the first place in the world without any special training for the illustrious position. This member showed that her political prejudices could be laid aside far more easily and with a nearer approximation to justice to a political opponent than most men are capable of displaying, and while herself not in favor of woman suffrage showed the highest political qualifications. Perhaps if she had the right to vote she would not be so fair and tolerant and would become as much imbued with party prejudice as the men are. The session closed with each one reading the best newspaper joke found during the week. Next Saturday night the club will take the poet Longfellow as a subject. Preparations are making for a review and suitable close of the winter's work. The neighborhood has enjoyed these meetings where people meet as neighbors, and not separated into the usual divisions made by church lines, social, lodge or political considerations. Social culture and discussion of current topics have been made the main purpose of these informal gatherings. Not one cent of expense has been incurred, unless it was carfare or lantern oil to walk to meetings. Warm discussions have been had and perfect freedom of expression without a single person having their feelings hurt. The club was open to all and no one was refused admission to its privileges. There was much interchange of thought, loaning of books and newspapers and periodicals. Persons became acquainted who had lived near neighbors for years and had

never met. All participated equally and no one was put forward for show. The home culture club is a New England idea, or to be more accurate was first put in practice there by Gen. W. Cable, who came from the north to live at Northampton, Mass., and could not fail to be struck by the dignified reserve that characterized its society, and the very obvious lack of that free and open-hearted hospitality for which his native state is so justly famous. Moreover, he had worked so long among the negroes that from the very habit of his life he absolutely required some rest for the philanthropic spirit which had come to so largely dominate his motives. The Salem club was organized at the beginning of the winter at the suggestion of a few ladies, but the idea of Mr. Cable had not become known to them. Following is a statement of the club movement originated by Mr. Cable:

"Starting from the standpoint that few homes or individuals exercise hospitality in as wide a sense or as rationally as even their own best interests require, he established small friends groups, to which he gave the name of Home Culture clubs. These clubs were to have their first object to help the individual to a broader culture and to improve intellectual, moral and social atmosphere of his home, and, secondary, their aim should be to bring together in their own homes people whom the ordinary forces of society tend dangerously to separate."

"The first of these ends is attained by simply meeting informally once a week in the homes of the members, to read and talk on selected subjects; the second by ignoring the formalities of club differences of rank and of education, which may be only accidental or superficial, but which are unfortunate barriers between people who have much to learn and gain from each other."

These clubs are composed of all sorts of people, rich and poor, ignorant and learned, circles of students, groups of farmers, afternoon gatherings of matrons, evening classes of rollicking boys, councils of serious men and clubs of light-hearted girls. To illustrate how completely class distinctions are leveled, Miss Moffat, the secretary of Mr. Cable, tells me that her cook, Mary, at home, becomes Miss O'Connor, at the club. Not only does she herself present Miss O'Connor at the Saturday night assemblies, but frequently dances in the same set with her, nor has she ever experienced anything but good results from this rather novel proceeding.

The presence of Smith college in their midst is, of course, the greatest possible stimulus and aid. Almost every conceivable branch of education, from millinery to Greeks, is taught gratuitously by the students of the college. Classes are going on in the clubrooms, not only daily, but nightly, so that literally he that runs may learn.

In short, to quote Miss Moffat's own words: "The home-culture clubs are for anyone, anywhere, who is willing to give one evening or one hour each week to self-improvement, or to the brightening or refinement of his own or of some one else's home. They are for those who, unable to take up any burdensome course of study, and yet unwilling to let their minds and social instincts go totally neglected; for those who wish to take up some favorite study under the direction of some one whose knowledge of it is greater; for those who wish to share their knowledge of some subject with those who have less; for those who find themselves slipping into greater isolation than is good for either mind or manners. But, above all, they are for all busy people, and for people too tired at the end of a hard day in office, store, study or kitchen to assume inflexible obligations in their leisure hours."

TOAST TO THE LADIES. Simeon Ford, an eloquent New York lawyer on St. Patrick's day in blessing "The Ladies," said: "It seems presumptuous, anyhow, in this favored land where woman reigns supreme for a poor, weak, downtrodden man to rise up and try to get in a word edgewise in her behalf. My limited knowledge of

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woman leads me to believe that she is quite capable of speaking for herself, early and often, morning, noon and night—because all the married men will agree with me that at no time does there rise to such sublime heights of eloquence as in the still watches of the night, when her poor, overworked, patient husband pines his winding way homeward, and endeavors to pick the front door lock with a bit of wire which he has neglected to cast in.

"The time has been when woman was looked upon as man's inferior, and it is said that in some of the other countries she still occupies a secondary place, but here she can truly say "I'm monarch of all I survey. My right there is none to dispute." And although she does not yet wear the breeches, she is certainly progressing rapidly in that direction, and it won't be long before we men will have to sneak up in the chilly night and go through our wife's bloomers in order to secure the wherewithal to pay the household expenses.

Free Silver Republican Policy. Free silver Republicans in congress have decided that since the avowed purpose of the pending tariff bill is to bring a return of prosperity, it is good policy for them, as a party, to allow this to be demonstrated to the country. Therefore they will not vote against the bill, and some of them, as individuals, may vote for it. This is a commendable spirit, and the broad and liberal course which the Spokesman-Review has believed all along would be laid out by the silver Republicans.

In the recent campaign a sharp difference of opinion was disclosed respecting the cause of the hard times which have been plucking the people. There were three school of thought. One claimed the depression was due to gold monometallism. A second claimed it was caused by the fear of free coinage of silver. A third attributed the hard times to Democratic blundering with the tariff and consequent deficit in the government revenues.

At least one of these theories has been exploded. The election of Mr. McKinley and a gold standard congress annihilated the possibility of free coinage of silver, at least for four years, and for an indefinite period if the Republicans can fulfill their promise to restore good times under the gold standard. Yet hard times grew harder after the election.

It seems to follow that the hard times resulted from the gold standard, or the tariff. President McKinley claims that the Democratic tariff was the cause, and wants to attempt a demonstration of his theory. The people want that demonstration. They are not bound up irrevocably with any theory. If Mr. McKinley's administration, under a revised tariff, can restore enduring prosperity, the people want it. If the passage of his tariff bill should be followed by more hard times, the country will have a demonstration of the claim of the silver Republicans, that the single gold standard is the root of the nation's distress and suffering. Mr. McKinley and those who believe with him are willing to put their theory to the test, and the decision of the silver Republicans to accept that test shows that they have at heart the welfare of the country, and the courage of their convictions.—Spokesman-Review.

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JOURNAL "X" RAYS

Directed Upon the Oregon Politicians and Public Men.

Editor J. Zeamer, of the Oregonian, Pa. "American Volunteer," is publishing an account of his trip to California by train in 1902.

Why not make Mitchell minister plenipotentiary to Crete? He could straddle the eastern issue as easily as the western.

Will this slice of Federal cheese tender it necessary for Mr. Hermann to breathe staid politics through grid spectacles? "Duff" Dispatch-Hermann telegraphed the convention at Albany that he would stand on any platform and then he was defeated.

When there is scarcely a week passes that our city marshal does not sell a horse at auction all the way from 15 cents to \$1 there is no good reason for a 1000 pound delivery wagon being run by one poor light horse. Be merciful if times are hard.

Commercial agencies agree that the cash system of doing business cannot prevail. Of course not, for then the commercial agencies would have nothing to do.

To meet a man now-a-days who has not had a newspaper bill forced upon him by the old credit system is an exception.

As the mayor owes the busted bank that had the city money just about as much as the bank owes the city, why not swap accounts and see the city whole?

There are times when it takes more than a majority of the numbers elected to transact business. Witness the board of school directors.

Scott Bonorth, the present school clerk, may not be enjoying the situation but he is drawing his \$15 a month in the meantime.

It is evidently a greater task to elect a school clerk than a United States Senator at Salem. Is the school board held up?

It is wondered what the vote of the absent member of the school board will be worth when he returns home. It will no doubt sell above par. It would bring a big figure now.

Secretary of State Kitchin holds out faithfully against the entreaties of the state beneficiaries, and flatly refuses to issue warrants for claims against the state, except for the militia and a few other institutions that are specially provided for.—Times Mountaineer.

Patton Bros. do not seem to be afraid the audiences at Reed's opera house will break that building down, or be unable to get down the broad staircases. Perhaps the Mayor's comparison of Reed's to the firetrap at Silver Lake had something to do with keeping the crowds away. If the mayor will appear some night in a glove contest with the X Ray man we will give the Patton's a benefit.

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ROSSLAND LETTER.

ROSSLAND, B. C., March 25, 1903.

I am now located in Rossland, B. C., and cannot get along here without the JOURNAL, which please send to me. There are no gold standard people here, and everybody here talks free silver and prosperity and good will to all mankind. I am now in the real estate, mining and brokerage business, am a member of the Exchange, and have an office in the Traders' block, on Columbia avenue. I will open a store here about the first of April, and put in groceries or hardware. The show now lies on from 4 to 6 feet, all over the face of this country, but people here are going about their business like there was nothing in the way. You hear the sound of the saw and the hammer from morning until night.

B. S. Cook and a Mr. Brown from Salem are here and have an office. Kenworthy and Ben Cook's brother are in the restaurant business. No one here in business, however small, even if it be a peanut stand, expects to clear less than \$10 to \$25 per day.

THE DEADLOCK CONTINUES.

Board of School Directors for District No. 24 Fail to Elect a Clerk.

The board of school directors for district No. 24 met in adjourned session at 7:30 last evening and proceeded to ballot for a clerk to succeed Scott Bonorth.

The quartet of directors, who were present in the morning, responded to roll call. Balloting for clerk was kept up until 1 o'clock this morning, neither of the candidates receiving more than two votes, thus making no election. At that hour, having taken forty-two ballots a short recess was taken that the members might partake of some refreshments. The board reassembled shortly afterwards and cast eight more ballots without effecting an election when adjournment was taken at 1:30 this evening.

Several new candidates were suggested last evening but the directors were unable to compromise on any one. It is hard to predict how long the deadlock will continue from the fact that Mr. E. M. White, the fifth member of the board is in California and it is reported he will not return until after Easter Sunday at best.

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