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BANK WRECKERS.

The wreck of the Globe National bank of Boston and the peculiar financial dealings it has exposed may furnish a valuable lesson for the men whose duty it is to safeguard the banking operations of the nation.

It is alleged that Banker Cole used \$900,000 of other people's money to speculate with on the Boston stock exchange. If his financial schemes had turned out all right the people who furnished the money would not have benefited a dollar beyond the small interest allowed on their deposits.

There are still glaring flaws in the laws which govern banking, perhaps the most dangerous of which permits the directing officials to embark in doubtful speculation with the money of depositors.

PENALTY OF FAILURE.

The English nation is bearing the inevitable burden, and paying the unavoidable penalty of failure, whether such failure be due to mistakes, or could not have been avoided by all possible efforts and precautions.

authority. The British are complaining bitterly of their government, but think or try to imagine what a howl there would be against the government in this country under similar circumstances.

CHRISTMAS AS A SOCIAL FESTIVAL.

The evolution of Christmas as a social festival of national observance among the English-speaking peoples is an interesting phase of social evolution. For December 25, 1652, Evelyn has this entry in his diary: "Christmas day. No sermon anywhere, no church being permitted to open, so I observed at home."

For more than a century after the end of Cromwell's republic and the downfall of the Puritans in old England many of the ideas of the Puritans of the Cromwellian time prevailed throughout New England.

The Western states, with the tolerance and liberty which have always characterized this section, have observed Christmas from the first. Patrick Gass, one of the soldiers in the expedition of Lewis and Clark from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia, makes this record in his journal for Dec. 24, 1804: "This evening we finished our fortifications. Flour, dried apples, pepper and other articles were distributed in the different messes to enable them to celebrate Christmas in a proper and social manner."

lasted several days, and were of the boisterous and hilarious order, though these particular phases of the observances gradually subsided.

Captain Sigsbee, who two years ago, in command of one of the most magnificent battleships afloat, entered the harbor of Havana, has at last brought back the caskets containing all that is mortal of the crew of his proud ship.

We trust that Senator McBride, as a member of the forest reserve committee of the senate, will be able to hold down some of the Eastern cranks who are afraid the sheep will climb the big trees in the Cascade reservation and eat off all the tops, and thus kill the trees and allow the water to come down in the winter and drown us all, and refuse to hold it in the summer season, and thus starve us all to death, says the Salem Statesman.

Some people who are busier with the great affairs of nations than their quality of brains warrants are again urging arbitration by President McKinley between England and the Transvaal republic.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

The interest which has been taken by Dalles people in the state university, particularly since so many from her own borders have been students of that institution, was greatly intensified last night, when sixteen of the students sang into their hearts the enthusiasm which they themselves feel.

The personnel of the glee club which we refer to is as follows: Prof. I. M. Glen, director; First tenor—A. H. Eaton, A. L. Frazer, K. C. Miller, E. S. Van Dyke. Second tenor—W. G. Beatrice, J. A. Gamber, J. E. Tyree, H. Sweet.

The object of the annual holiday tours thus made by the students is mostly of a social nature; tending to bring the students in touch with the people of the state and through them to awaken a deeper interest in the educational work which the university is accomplishing.

A large audience of representative Dalles people were present when the curtain rose last night and a fine-looking lot of young men appeared and sang as an opening chorus a selection "Oh Oregon," written by Prof. Strong and the music composed by Prof. Glen.

In part second so greatly was the "Little Pewee" chorus and following encores appreciated that they were called back six times. A very pretty arrangement was that of "Massa's in the Col' Col' Ground," in which Prof. Glen sang the solo, with a chorus accompaniment imitating a banjo.

Prof. I. M. Glen appeared in two solos and to the first encore he responded, declining the repeated demands in the latter case. His voice is of a rich baritone quality and the ease with which he

sings is very pleasing to his listeners. His selections were difficult, but the singer was equal to the requirements.

Prominent among the members of the club is Mr. Allan Eaton, of La Grande, whose monologues gave that spice to the entertainment which is born of variety. His first selection was Riley's "Little Wesley's Absence," which was greatly in contrast with the latter, a travesty on the school boys' declamations, displaying great versatility.

Another member who is indispensable to the success of the club is Mr. Arthur L. Frazer, the pianist. As a listener was heard to remark, he can "claw ivory." His execution is remarkable, particularly in so young a pianist.

These two artists, Eaton and Frazer, appeared at the close in a travesty on "Ingomar," which was at once amusing and meritorious. The costumes were well gotten up and the entire production rendered admirably. Those who have heard "Ingomar" scarcely recognized beneath the play of words the real sentiment intended, and "Parthenia's" definition of love as an "itching of the heart that can't be scratched" was entirely new to them.

At the close of the concert the members of the High school alumni and a number of their friends received the members of the club in the parlors of Mrs. E. M. Wilson's home, which was very prettily decorated with evergreen and holly, and where an hour was spent in social greeting, which was most pleasant. A short program was given and refreshments served. It was gratifying to those who were present to meet these young men who are endeavoring to make the most of life, and they in turn expressed their appreciation of the greeting received.

A NEW BOAT.

The D. P. & A. N. Co. Will Build a New Propeller To Fly on the Columbia.

Again must we go away from home to obtain the news, that is with sufficient assurance to give them to our readers. While the reporter was given an idea yesterday that the D. P. & A. N. Co. was about to have a new boat built; at the same time we were cautioned: "Don't say anything about it until more definite arrangements are made," and so we obeyed; but evidently the same injunction was not given the Telegram, for last night's edition says:

"Plans for the new boat to be built for The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company have been changed, and she will be a propeller instead of a stern-wheeler. The boat will be built something like the Inland Flyer, but will be an improvement in every respect. The dimensions will be: Length, 130 feet; breadth, 19 feet; draft, 6 feet 6 inches. She will be 20 feet longer than the Flyer and one foot greater breadth.

"The additional length gives room for many improvements. Joseph Supple, who will build her, has a model which shows that she will have lines like a racing shell. The stern, instead of being cut off short, as in the case of the Inland Flyer, will extend out gracefully over the water. This will allow the use of a Case wheel; that is, the propeller, instead of being directly under the stern, will be far under the boat, as is the case in torpedo-boats, and will always be under water, no matter how the vessel rocks. The rudder will also be well under the stern; in the case of the Inland Flyer it was hung right at the stern.

"The engines of the Flyer will be used, but there will be additional boiler power. The boat will have two decks, an elegant dining-room and kitchen, and a promenade deck occupying the space below, and on the upper deck will be the ladies' cabin and the gentlemen's smoking-room. Half a dozen berths are also provided.

"A draft of the boat as she will appear when completed shows that she will be a beauty. It is the intention of the D. P. & A. N. Co. to spare no expense, and she will be made luxurious and elegant throughout. She will be built to catch the tourist trade, which increases year by year as the fame of Oregon's Columbia river scenery spreads abroad.

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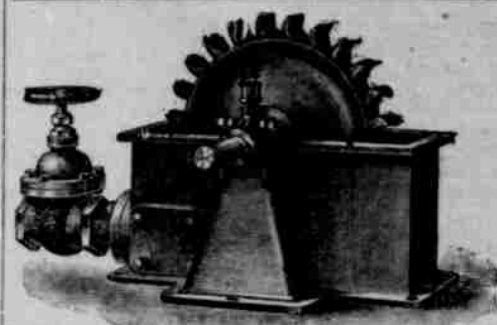


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