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## THE CAUSE.

There has been a panic in Wall Street, and the banks of New York have refused to pay the coin due their western correspondents. As a result money is scarce, and simultaneously the great corporations have ordered all work suspended upon their various projects. These corporations are controlled in the East, and the orders to quit work bear all the earmarks of a preconcerted plan. President Roosevelt is a thorn in the side of the schemers and robbers who have had their hands upon the people's throats for so many years.

From Washington to St. Helens the corporations have had absolute control, and they have literally ground the people beneath their heels. They have built up favored localities and torn down by their discriminations for and against. They have oppressed manufacturers and curbed the commerce of the country by their exorbitant rates, and they have created enormous wealth by the simple process of inflation. The basis for their valuation for purposes of taxation is their earnings, and it appears that even upon their watered stock their earnings have been greater than at any previous time in their history. They have been persistent violators of the law, and for so long a time have they been exempt from punishment that they are in a frenzy of rage at the President who has had the courage and strength to mete out to them a very small measure of punishment for their misdeeds.

## NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITY.

E. E. Nickerson, of Vernonia, was in town Thursday with a load of Northern Spy apples. You can talk about your Hood River apples, the Nebalem apples are just as good, with this difference, at Hood River they have to spray while here they do not. Mr. Nickerson says there is any amount of fine fruit going to waste that another year can be brought to market on the P. R. & N. Ry.—Hillsboro Independent.



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The fight for the conventions is coming on apace and much maneuvering is in progress, more in fact than appears to the naked eye. On this subject Chairman New is quoted as follows: "Some people are disposed to attach great political importance to the selection of the convention city, but as matter of fact there is practically no significance to it. The action of the convention in the nomination of the ticket and the drafting of the platform is not influenced by local conditions or considerations. It is a mistake for any one to assert or think, even, that this or that candidate would profit by the selection of any particular city." The record does not bear out Mr. New's assertions, as local sentiment has influenced these national actions. It is claimed by politicians of weight that the democratic split in 1880 would not have occurred had the convention been held in a city less aggressive in its championship of slavery. Everyone knows that Charleston was too much for Mr. Douglas, and that at Chicago the same year the Seward men complained that local sentiment, operating on the convention, secured the nomination of Mr. Lincoln. Because the east is still unfriendly to Mr. Bryan's policies, the Bryan men today are opposing the suggestion of an eastern city for next year. And so the merry war goes on.

What a relief it will be to the overwrought nerves and imaginations of this country, Europe and Asia when the much advertised "Pacific Cruise" has passed into the realms of "things that were." We are told that no observer in all Europe, however friendly to American, but asserts that President Roosevelt's policy regarding the fleet is full of provocative meaning. It is asserted, on the other hand, that the idea that Japan has any bellicose intention is unanimously repudiated; that trouble, if it comes, will be caused by some wound to the amour propre of a high spirited, Oriental people, and the danger of such an offense will inevitably be increased by this cruise. It is significant, however, that in all these utterances in Germany and in Russia, no criticism of President Roosevelt is to be found. On the contrary they are enthusiastic in his praise. It remains for the people of the United States to impugn the motives and cast slurs at the man they have placed at their head. We admit that as a nation, we are provincial when it comes to the dark and devious intricacies of affairs diplomatic, but we have not been asked to believe that this complicated cruise is taken for the benefit of the naval officers in command, as some of the foreign dispatches would indicate. We are called upon, however, to refrain from giving vent to our own particular spleen against Mr. Roosevelt for giving some of our noses a much-needed tweak, by crediting him, through the press, with mean motives and with a desire to precipitate a war between this country and Japan through sheer love of the smell of gunpowder. We are placing ourselves in the attitude of an old woman who forgets all dignity and self respect in an uncontrollable desire to say spiteful things. A little faith in the judgment of the President who has for six years given every evidence of having the welfare of the people at heart would not be out of order.

The flurry in banking circles this week emphasizes the fact that the people must have postal savings banks. If there is big money in loaning the peoples savings by private banks there is certainly money in it for the government, therefore we should see to it that the government goes into the banking business far enough to protect the common people. There would never be any tight money markets and there would never be a repetition of the late lamented Oregon Trust & Saving Bank and no legal holidays necessary to balance up money matters.

Made Happy for Life. Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent at St. Albans, Va., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus' Dance, which yielded to no treatment but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles affected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. For sale at Houlton, Warren, Scappoose and Deer Island, 50c.

## THE RAILROAD'S ANSWER

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company, upon being defeated by the Lumbermen in their suit to restrain it from putting in effect the proposed extortionate rate, sent out orders to its agents to not receive shipments of lumber at any price. This order was in effect just one day when the great corporation saw a light and revoked it. It should have stuck to its guns. The issue between the people and corporations will have to be tried out some time, and this is probably just as appropriate a time as any. The railroad corporations are the most persistent violators and evaders of the law, and until President Roosevelt aroused public opinion they had things pretty much their own way. Every attempt to curb or regulate them was, and still is met with threats of public disaster and, not satisfied with threats, there is considerable evidence that the great kings of finance have deliberately set about the task of obstructing a growth and progress of the country in order to convince the people that they are absolute masters of the industrial situation. At the end of a period of greatest prosperity they announced that work is to be discontinued on needed extensions, and thousands of men are to be discharged on the eve of the winter season. It is a short sighted policy and may provoke reprisals. Many people are wavering in their opinion as to the advisability of Government ownership of railroads. They would prefer Government control; but the corporations by their arrogance are fast making converts to the more radical theory, and doing valiant work in the cause of socialism. The object lessons they are furnishing more convincing than the arguments of their professed opponents.

The opinion seems to be general, throughout this country as well as abroad, that the recent Wall Street storm will serve as an object lesson to clear the atmosphere, and that one of its results may be a reorganization of the New York Stock Exchange. It has, undoubtedly, demonstrated that our local banking institutions are solvent as a whole, and are managed with due conservatism. Now that abuses have been exposed and are in process of being remedied, we believe that confidence will soon be firmer than ever because the solidity of the banking fabric has been thoroughly tested. The actions of certain of our financiers were bound to result, sooner or later, in a catastrophe, and the people of the United States owe an incalculable debt of gratitude to President Roosevelt for the judgment and foresight which precipitated these exposures at this time, when the country at large is unburdened by relatively debt and is exceptionally prosperous.

The biological laboratory of the Department of Agriculture is preparing to hurl a bombshell into the American home. This will be the intelligence that the cat is one of the greatest carriers of disease; that it is responsible for the spread of tuberculosis, scarlet fever, small pox and diphtheria, especially among children. Until comparatively recently (1882), tuberculosis has been looked upon as absolutely fatal, but science has ably demonstrated that it is a germ disease and curable in any climate, and under conditions of poverty or wealth, and associations to enlist the public in its prevention have come into existence throughout the country. To educate the masses as to the real nature and curability of this disease, and to awaken them to their own responsibility in the premises is the problem which the health departments of the nation, the State and the municipality have to solve in their great work of eradicating tuberculosis.

## A Year of Blood

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood, which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding at the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for sore lungs, coughs and colds. For sale at Houlton, Warren, Scappoose and Deer Island, Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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## The South Is Going Dry.

Lay the jest about the julep in the camp-halls at last, For the miracle has happened and the olden days are past; That which makes Milwaukee thirsty doesn't foam in Tennessee, And the lid in old Missouri is as tight-jocked as can be— Oh, the comic paper Colonel and his comrades well may sigh, For the mint is waving gayly but the south is going dry. By the stillside on the hillside in Kentucky all is still, For the only damp refreshment must be dipped up from the rill; Noth California's stately ruler gives his soda glass a shove, And discusses local option with the South California Gov., It is useless at the fountain to be winking of the eye, For the cocktail glass is dusty and the South is going dry.

It is water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink; We no longer hear the music of the melo-low crystal clink, When the Colonel and the Major and the Gen'l and the Judge Meet to have a little nip to give their appetites an edge, For the egggnog is now noggles and the rye has gone awry, And the punch bowl holds carnations, and the South is going dry.

All the nightcaps now have tassels and are worn upon the head— Not the nightcaps that were taken when nobody went to bed; And the breeze above the bluegrass is as solemn as is death, For it bears no pungent clove twang on its odorific breath, And each man can walk a chalk line when the stars are in the sky, For the fizz glass now is fizzless, and the South is going dry.

Lay the jest about the julep 'neath the chestnut tree at last, For there's but one kind of moonshine and the olden days are past; Now the water wagon rumbles through the Southland on its trip, And it helps no one to drop off to pick up the driver's whip, For the mint beds make a pasture and the cockscrew hangeth high; All is still along the stillside, and the South is going dry.

## Ganderbone's Nov. Forecast.

Long we've waited for November, when the winds are swift and chill, when the first comes snows of winter drift along the window sill; when the hunter finds pneumonia waiting for him at the lake, and the pies we get resemble those that mother used to make. Everybody fond of mince pies Dances nimbly, feeling good; Now and then an old subscriber Comes up with a load of wood. Winte's coming, and the bad boys In the school room sing and dance, For the teacher cannot fence them When they wear their winter pants.

November was the ninth month in the old Roman calendar, and gets its name from novem, meaning nine. The ber, which we would spell burr, was added by Nimrod, the quail hunter. He had an Irish setter with which he hunted in Novem, the dog got so many burrs on its tail that he called the month November. Like all burrs, this one stuck.

November's place on the calendar was changed when Thanksgiving was invented. The Romans debated this in the Senate. Some of the Senators thought November should continue the ninth month in the year. Turkeys, they pointed out, were large enough to eat, and there was enough to be thankful for by that time in the year to go right ahead with the fireworks and the scalloped oysters. Cicero had been very silent all this time. When the Senators who wanted to observe Thanksgiving three months before Christmas had said all they had to say, he arose and disposed of them forever by simply saying: "But cranberries won't be ripe!"

The hills are painted red and gold. The forest is hoar and white, The moon is sailing white and cold Across the skies of night; The Fish and Harriman dispute Will become a mortal strife; Instead of proxy ballots They'll demand each other's life. So each will take of strychnine A good and deadly lump. And then they'll shake the dice to see Which gets a stomach pump.

The President has gone for game and killed a lady bear, the days are growing short and soft, and hazy is the air; the country editor who once had money in their tills, are selling all their diamonds now to pay their paper bills.

Sagittarius the Archer is the zodiacal sign for November. His name is from the Latin word sagitta, meaning arrow, and is typical of the sudden cold shooting into the earth and causing the barn-pup to run from the cellar like a white-head. From the first to the twenty-second of the month the sun will be in the constellation of Scorpio, which is Mr. Bryan's unlucky constellation, and will make it difficult to tell whether he is cutting or going. From the 22d to the 30th, the sun will be in the constellation of Sagittarius, in which Mr. Taft and the White House are at aphelion, and he will look as if he would finish about the fifth.

On the 14th the sun will rise with the transit of Mercury on its disk. For 3 hours and 36 minutes the planet will describe a short cord on the northern limb of the sun causing money to run to its hole in Wall street, and Standard Oil to tell everything.

The girl who sued the summer man Where cool sea breezes course, Will keep on suing—in the courts— And capture her divorce; The watered railroads will contrive To have a few more wrecks, And the press will print more lists of names With broken backs and necks.

The flower for this month will be the chrysanthemum, and the birthstone will be the topaz.

A red or pink chrysanthemum is the symbol of love; a white one signifies truth, and a yellow one despair. When you wear a yellow one, it means that the gas bill has come in.

If you were born in November, you will be thrifty, ambitious, strong and earnest. If born in the latter half of the month, you will be kind, brave, honest just, generous, quick of temper, and have a keen sense of humor. But you can never be President. This is a great disappointment, but you can't have everything.

The lucky days of this month will be the fifth, eleventh, thirteenth, twenty-second and twenty-fifth. Any of these is a good day upon which to begin a trial marriage. The unlucky days will be the sixth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth. Cover the chimney on all of these days or the stork may bring you a pair of twins. The day to buy mining stock will be the thirty-first.

This will be a very busy month. The trusts will try and arrange it so nobody can live, the moon will be full on the 19th, and the wolf will take up its winter quarters on the front porch. Hurrah, we'll all sit down to feast Within three weeks or so, The rich will have their turkey then, However high they go— But most of us will sit around And eat a piece of crow.

And then December will arrive, with wintry winds and raw, the papers will be busy then retriving Harry Thaw; the boys will go to Sunday school a-flying then because, it won't be very long until they hear from Santa Claus. Progressive Dominocard Parties will be the rage this winter. The sale of this new household game is breaking all records. Dominocards make an attractive Christmas present, to test the skill of adults or amuse the children. Sent postpaid for 50 cents. Sample piece and particulars free. More agents wanted. Write today. Dominocard Co.,

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