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A DOUBTFUL EXPEDIENT

The administration scheme of issuing \$100,000,000 treasury certificates may answer as a temporary expedient, yet it is hard for an ordinary man to understand the necessity for such a step. The banks are expected to buy these certificates (possibly with money deposited with them by the Government.) For every dollar invested in these interest bearing securities the banks can issue an equal amount of currency, and, in addition to this, the Government is supposed to redeposit in the banks seventy-five per cent of the purchase price of the certificates. The people, of course, have to pay interest on the \$100,000,000 of certificates, and whoever borrows it has to pay interest on the bank notes and the money redeposited by the treasury with the national banks.

The tide of gold has changed, and is now flowing rapidly toward the United States. The European holders of American securities realized heavily on their investments, and this and other causes took the gold out of the country. Stocks have fallen so that they have become an attractive investment, and this is inducing a return of the precious metal. A bumper wheat crop is being sold at a high price and before long the pay therefor will be received. All these causes are contributing to swell the available volume of circulating medium, so that within a few months money will be plentiful throughout the country, and bankers will be eager to loan it at a reasonable rate.

Why would it not have been as well, since temporary relief only was desired, for the government to have made an issue of sufficient amount of greenback currency, receivable for all dues, public or private, and retireable at the will of the government? Possibly the President, without the sanction of Congress, has no power to make such an issue, and it is doubtful whether he has not now exceeded his legal power; but, so far as their utility is concerned, we believe a greenback issue, within reasonable limits, would perform all the functions of money and be acceptable to the people. Whenever the volume of gold and silver so increased as to be adequate for all business transactions the greenbacks could be retired as easily as they were in Grant's administration. It certainly seems that Mr. Cortelyou has taken a very expensive and unnecessary method for relieving the financial stringency and one that will be used with telling effect against the Republican party in the coming campaign.

The State of Oklahoma enters the Union abundantly able to hold her place in the commercial world. Not only has she demonstrated the fertility of her soil in producing large crops of wheat, rye, cotton, corn, fruit, etc., but her mineral resources of coal, asphaltum, iron, oil, and natural gas alone would place her in the front ranks. And her land is by no means devoted solely to the commercial aggrandisement of her people. Some 2,000,000 acres of excellent land have been set aside for the maintenance of her educational institutions. We wish her all success and prosperity.

A TIMELY WARNING.

Lest we forget. Those persons, that man and that woman, who entered into a conspiracy against Mayor Lane and the peace and dignity of the city, ought not to be allowed to escape under this long-continued holiday system. There is some fear that unless the courts can be opened soon this outrage will be forgotten.—Oregonian

The Oregonian is right, as usual. Mere matters of finance should not be permitted to relegate to oblivion a great moral issue. As we remember, some woman was charged with reversing the usual and natural order of things in an attempt to injure the reputation of Dr. Harry Lane, the modern St. Anthony who presides over the destinies of the city of Portland. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the future incumbent of that office, she will not be permitted to escape. Mayor Lane made a gallant fight against his assailant, and succeeded in convincing his admirers that he is not that kind of a man. But, suppose he had failed! Is it in order to shield this class of criminals that the Governor is continuing the holidays?

It is predicted that the sun spots now approaching the meridian of their power will jar the foundations of the earth. This timely notice is being served so that the responsibility for the disturbance will not be thrown upon Wall street.

A prominent German paper remarks that "the elasticity of American economic life makes possible a sudden recovery at a moment when the financial situation seems darkest," which is an accurate as well as friendly estimate of the situation.

AN ALL-OREGON APPLE FAIR.

A good suggestion is made by the Oregonian to the effect that that there be held in Portland next November an All-Oregon Apple Fair. Columbia County should prepare for this event, and now is the time to begin preparations. Considering our small acreage we have received a wonderful degree of recognition whenever there has been an exhibit of our apples, and on the Northern Sky we have clearly led the other counties. The bearing acreage of this fruit is rapidly increasing, but our need is a better method of raising and packing. Much of the fruit shows the presence of the pests, and is unfit for market. This must be remedied, and good work should be done this winter. The fruit inspector should get busy, and compel the people to either spray or destroy their trees. Apples will pay better year by year and we hope to see the acreage greatly increased.

A counterfeiter has been arrested for making half dollars of full weight and fineness, which he was able to do at a profit of nearly one half. The president will feel fortified in his views to hear that the plea motto was included in the imitation.

The Kalama News, edited by our old friend, R. H. Mitchell, is of the opinion that "pulpit newspapers can now resume business at the old stand." Walt awhile. It may be that the sunshine of prosperity is only temporarily obscured.

President Roosevelt and Bro. Bryan have been conferring together upon the financial situation. It may be that the millennium is near at hand. If Teddy is elected for the third term do you think he will make Bryan Secretary of the Treasury?

Condensed Knowledge.

The eleventh International Navigation Congress is to be held at St. Petersburg in May 1908.

In Amsterdam there is a factory where 400,000 diamonds are cut annually. Most of the work is done by women.

The water of the natural brine springs of Drottwich is twelve times stronger than sea water.

The Russian as a nation probably give more attention to the subject of dancing than any other.

The only country in the world where the fashions in women's dress do not change is Japan.

The chance of a man's being overtaken by sudden death is eight times greater than that of a woman.

The custom of tobacco smoking in the shape of cigars and cigarettes is on the increase in China.

The British Museum contains books written on oyster shells, bricks, tiles, bones, ivory, lead, iron, sheepskin and palm leaves.

Housework and marketing is part of the education of a Belgian girl. She is taught these subjects in the public schools.

Proposed schemes to irrigate the Desert of Sahara are said to be impracticable because of the great depth of the overlying deposit of sand.

About 250,000 miles of cable repose at the bottom of the sea, representing \$250,000,000. This works out at about \$1000 per mile to make and lay.

Columbia County Mills.

From the Timberman
Columbia Lumber Co. of Scappoose is not operating its plant.

South Fork Lumber Co. has removed its mill to a site on South Scappoose creek and remodeled the mill. The plant is about ready to operate but will not be started until conditions improve. The plant is owned by Walts and Price and has a capacity of 25,000 feet per day.

Manager Tarbell, of the Warren Lumber Co., whose plant was burned Sept. 21st has gone East for a visit to his old home in Maine. He will return via Nebraska, where he is contemplating installing a yard. He will rebuild the plant in the spring.

The Western Coopers Co.'s stock factory at Houlton has been closed for some time, owing to low water and consequent inability to get material from the woods.

Sherman Bros' sawmill, at Yankton, is operating only part of the time. The scarcity of cars and lack of Eastern inquiry are the causes.

The Brinn & Stannwood sawmill has been shut down for some time. Manager Ross Stannwood says conditions will have to improve before he operates the plant very extensively.

C. C. Masten Logging Co., of St. Helens has seven miles of logging road completed and is putting in about 80,000 feet per day, with one 37-ton Shay and one yarder. On Saturday, October 19th, Manager Masten received an order from the Eastern and Western Lumber Co. of Portland, for some special length sticks which was filled with record dispatch. The logs were bucked up on Saturday, taken to the water Sunday morning and towed to Portland the same day. On Monday they were manufactured into timbers and were en route to Australia by steamer at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Four of the logs were sixty feet long and four of them were seventy feet in length, and were manufactured into timbers 16x16 and 20x20. Two sticks were included in the order each of which was over 100 feet in length.

E. O. Chamness, of Goble, is not operating his sawmill.

Broughton-Wiggins Company's mill at Goble is operating steadily, cutting

ties principally for the California trade.

E. G. Jones' sawmill, Goble, has been close down. The plant will not resume operations until probably the first of the year.

The Spruce & Fir Lumber Company's sawmill located at Goble, was sold October 17th under attachment proceedings by the sheriff to satisfy labor liens. The plant was purchased by Gottlieb Anliker, and will be removed to another site.

A. O. Jackson's sawmill has not been operating very heavily for some time, and may be closed down entirely because of lack of inquiry. A steam feed has been installed. Mr. Jackson has installed a wharf at Neer City 60x200 feet, where most of his output is loaded on vesicles.

Following is a list of the sawmills tributary to Goble, together with the average daily cutting capacity of each mill:

Name	Feet
Goble Milling Co., Goble.....	40,000
E. O. Chamness, Goble.....	20,000
A. O. Jackson, Goble.....	35,000
G. Anliker, Goble.....	15,000
Broughton-Wiggins Co., Goble.....	40,000
E. G. Jones, Goble.....	15,000
Lengacher Bros., Goble.....	15,000

OUR PORTLAND LETTER.

(Special Correspondence)

PORTLAND, Oregon, November 25th 1907.—"Please step aside and give me the center of the stage," says the dairyman to the fruit grower, and continuing, the producer of butter and cheese has this to say. "We are all proud of Oregon's apples and pears. Glad you got the use of the great show windows in which to present yourselves to the admiring thousands, but you only come once a year, while we add a little to the wealth of Oregon every day of the three hundred and sixty five."

"Oregon fruit's five million dollar yield for 1907 is great, but Oregon's dairy product, growing from nothing ten years ago to five millions in 1902, and seventeen millions in 1907 is going to give a grand entertainment in Portland December 12th and 13th.

Two floors of the Big Woodmen's Hall at 11th and Alder have been engaged for that purpose, one for the exhibits and the other for the convention. The prizes offered are the greatest ever presented in the West. The program will be excellent. There will be a reception, with refreshments and music, at the Portland Commercial Club, the evening of the 12th.

"It is the farmer and the dairyman who should be present at this convention. All of the commercial bodies should have delegates present, and as the women of Oregon have made the state famous for its dairy products they will be especially welcome and some of the best papers on the program will be delivered by women.

"The exercises will open promptly at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, December 12th, at Woodmen's hall. Each and every paper will be discussed so that the practical points may be brought out. All delegates are urged to be present, however, an hour before the opening Thursday so as to register, receive badges, and get time to examine the exhibit in the large room just below the convention hall.

The officers of the Oregon Dairy Association want you to come prepared to ask questions, to feel that you are present to be benefited, and to appreciate that the discussion of the papers after they are delivered is more valuable than the papers themselves, for this character of discussion brings out all the strong points.

"The business men of Portland have put up money to insure the publication of the proceeding in the best possible manner, and to illustrate the same, but only facts and vital information will be printed, and these are wanted from every district in Oregon. The railroads have made a rate of a fare and a third from every point in the state.

The Portland Country Club & Live Stock Ass'n., recognizing the importance of the development of the live stock interests of this State, have arranged for the greatest fair yet held west of the Missouri river, for 1908. There are \$40,000 in prizes, equaling those offered by the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905. To this will be added \$10,000 or \$12,000 by the different Breeders' Associations in attendance upon the International Live Stock Show at Chicago, Nov. 30th to Dec 7th, where Mr. M. D. Wisdom will go as a special representative to arrange a date and to the presence here of the most famous herds in America.

WITH HER OWN WINGS.

It will no doubt prove refreshing and surprising to the East to learn that Seattle is asking no special assistance from the Government in her exposition undertaking. Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, and, last but not least in its demands, Jamestown, were all favored with heavy appropriations by the Government, and without exception each of these big shows was unable to make a financial success in spite of the aid given them. Perhaps its constitutional and chronic dependence on some one or some thing that made it necessary for the Government to dump in vast sums of money to enable the Eastern expositions to prove successful, but the West being naturally independent, is supposed to finance these undertakings without any assistance from the government.

Quite naturally, the Western States, being a part of the United States, might expect some assistance from the government, but the failure to receive it did not prove a serious matter in the case of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, nor will it in the case of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, which is to be "pulled off" in Seattle in 1909. The government made quite an interesting exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and will

undoubtedly do the same at Seattle, but the mismanaged expositions in the past prevented Portland securing any direct assistance from Washington, and the same cause greatly intensified by the Jamestown failure, will prevent Seattle receiving the support to which the big show will be entitled. But Seattle is distinctly Western, and is proceeding with the preliminary work with calm indifference as to what course the government may take in the matter. All she asks is that the Government send along an exhibit in keeping with the importance of the exposition, and Seattle and the rest of the country interested in the project will finance the undertaking, and there will be no million dollar shortage when the doors close.

It does not follow that this policy which shovels out money for mismanaged expositions in the East and exhibits parsimony regarding those held in the West, is popular or even approved out on the shores of the Pacific. However, Seattle and Washington and the entire Northwest was originally Oregon territory, and in disposition have never got very far away from that delightful state of independence reflected in the Oregon state motto: "She flies with her own wings."—Oregonian.

According to a census bulletin the population of the United States in 1906, including insular possessions, was 93,182,240. The prospect of passing 100,000,000 by 1910 is good.—St. Louis Globe Democrat. Its altogether too good, when it comes to including Hindus, Chinamen and every other wage cutting representative of southern climes. When the immigration of such cease entirely the better it will be for the country.

The Western bankers are all looking toward New York and singing "Oh, bring back my 'bundle' to me!"

Boss Cox will probably have some thing to say to those Washington heirs who claim they own Cincinnati.

The old theory that there must be some good in every man is undoubtedly true. It would be a very mean barglar that would break into a bank in times like the present unless he really had money in the institution.

The fact that a number of owners of land in the vicinity of Astoria have already agreed to give leases on their property for boring for oil is indeed encouraging and means that the work of developing the oil and coal resources of this district will soon be undertaken in an energetic manner. The company which has been organized to take this matter up is composed entirely of local people who are directly interested in anything and everything that will lead to a betterment of the community, and there is certainly no one thing which would mean more to Astoria and Clatsop county in a business and financial sense than would the discovery of crude oil in paying quantities. Whether or not there is oil here remains to be seen, but there is every outward indication of it, and a number of the representative people of the community have signified their willingness to invest money in a company that will bore wells and ascertain if the oil exists. Everyone and especially those who own property in the county is directly interested in this matter and there should be no one who will put a stumbling block in the way. If there is oil to be found, we certainly want to know it and want it developed and if there is none the sooner we know it the better. The discovery of oil would not only mean the attracting of large sums of outside money to this vicinity, but it would also mean a handsome income in the way of royalties to the property owners giving the leases on their holding.—Budget.

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.

ST. HELENS SCHOOL NOTES.

School began September 30th with an enrollment of 70, which has increased to the present enrollment of 82.

Our books have at last arrived and we are earnestly at work in all grades.

The flag floats daily over the school building, as a requirement of the new school law becoming effective May 26th, 1907.

Drawing has been instituted in all grades.

We have received some new furniture including stoves and wall maps, and are in need of some apparatus and a few new seats as every seat in the building is occupied.

You should all see the Art Calendar in the primary department and the decorations in the intermediate division.

There will be no school Thursday and Friday of this week, owing to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Our book keeping class consists of 13 members. They are all doing well for beginners, and seem to enjoy the work.

We are desirous to have parents and others visit us and inspect the work being done.

Pupils will receive their reports this week.

Ganderbone's Prophecy.

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December of the drifting snow
And yule log blazing bright;
December, when the cold winds blow
Across the fields of white;
When winter's ring is in the ground
And the nights are clear and still,
And the boys go belly-buster down
The slick and shiny hill.

December of the Christmas tree
And childhood's brightest dream;
December of the ecstasy
Of hallowed Christmas' e'en;
When the last sweet lullaby is sung
And children's whispers cease,
And the wee sweet stockings all are
strung
Along the mantle piece.

December of the drum and horn
And bundles slyly hid;
December of the one great morn
Of mornings for the kid;
When chimps of sweet and mellow bell
Are welcoming the dawn.
And the house rocks with the merry yells
Of kids with nighties on.

December was the ninth month in the old Roman calendar, and its name is from decem (ten). When Julius Caesar became Big Stick of the empire, the month contained but twenty-nine days. He added two more—one more to make ready for Christmas, and another to recover from it. Christmas gifts originated with the Greeks. Hence the saying, "Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts." Santa Claus was invented by the toy manufacturers of Neurenburg, Germany, where Teddy Bears came from.

The motto for this month will be "Shut the door!" Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan will be the leading presidential candidates, and prohibition will continue the burning issue. The liquor interests will build walls around Peoria, Ill. St. Louis, Louisville and Milwaukee, and their war balloon will make daily observations of Mrs. Nation.

The moon will be full on the 19th, and the sign of the zodiac for the month will be Capricornus the Goat. This will make better go up, and send kids to Sunday school.

Mr. Fairbanks will take refuge in the dignity of the Senate from his cocktail persecutors, and several new members will be taken into that exclusive club of multi millionaires. Congress assembled will take up great public questions like the need of a new federal building at Podunk and Coyote Center; the growing demand for a more elastic currency, and who nobody will stay in the army at the generous inducement of \$13 a month and found-lead in the Philippines.

The want-wolf's wail will ride the blast
Where poverty prevails;
A few late laggard geese will pass
With winter on their tails.

The new rules for farmers promulgated by the Farmhand's Union will go into effect on the 1st, viz: Farmers will provide automobiles for all help, and will serve as chauffeurs; they will eat at the second table, and sleep in the hayloft; they will rise at 4, do the chores, and serve breakfast to the hands in bed at 9; they will provide a phonograph and the current magazines; hands will supervise the farm work from 11 to 12, and from 2 till 3; the earnings of the farm will be placed in a bucket every Saturday and poured through a ladder placed horizontally, with the ends on two chairs; what goes through, the hands get—and what sticks on the rungs goes to the farmer.

Santa Claus will make the usual rounds on the night of the 24th. Men will get cigars, neckwear and mustache cups. Ladies will get the money—which they would rather have. Children will get the stomach ache and its complications. Then Leap Year dreads shall come again with Nineteen Hundred Eight, when womankind of growing years and single up to date, will hit the bachelor's plain trail—the unproving wretch—and make that worthy for a while exceeding hard to ketch.

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Steamer F. B. Jones Sunk.

The Standard Oil tank steamer Asuncion, from Astoria to Portland, collided with and sank the river steamer F. B. Jones a short distance below Slaughter's Light in the Columbia River at 9 o'clock Sunday night. The Jones lies on her beam ends at Mount Coffin, and is in about 20 feet of water. The crew was brought to Portland on the Asuncion. A wrecking crew will be sent to the scene of the disaster and an effort made to raise the sunken craft.

The Asuncion was in charge of Pilot Joseph Turner. The Jones in charge of Captain Walter Russel. The night was clear and the steamers were meeting head to head. Pilot Turner refused to discuss the affair until after investigation by the United States Inspectors. Captain Russel states that he saw the Asuncion approaching and gave a port whistle which was answered. The Jones was struck on the port bow about 12 or 14 inches abaft the stem.

Immediately after the collision the Jones swung around and the cook, mate, and another member of the crew climbed aboard the Asuncion. Captain Bridgett, of the Asuncion, immediately summoned all hands to quarters, and the working boat was lowered in charge of the second mate. Eight members of the crew of the Jones were taken off and the craft was tied up at Mount Coffin. Immediately after the collision an effort was made to get a line on the Jones but there was no one to take a line.

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