

WHEN SICKNESS COMES

Anything that will minister to the comfort or help to conserve the vitality of the patient is an aid to recovery.

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LA GRANDE OREGON

MAKE ALL BANKS SAFE

James B. Forgan, now rusticated at the Hotel Bon Air, near Augusta, Ga., has addressed to William J. Bryan an open letter in reply to an article in a recent number of the Commoner in which the banker's views as to government guarantee of bank deposits were sadly misrepresented. Mr. Forgan is opposed to the plan for reasons which he makes perfectly clear in his letter, and he has never uttered anything that might be construed as favorable to it. The Commoner's quotation, "Make all banks safe," is a misquotation so far as it is supposed to represent anything Mr. Forgan has said.

Text of the Letter.
The letter in full is as follows:
"Hon. William J. Bryan, Editor and Proprietor, The Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.
"Dear Sir: In your issue of Jan. 21 last, in an article headed 'Make All Banks Safe,' you quote me as having said in connection with the guarantee of bank deposits, 'It would make all banks safe, one just as good as another, and for that reason a man would go to any bank with his money.' 'I don't know where you got this quotation, but from whatever source you took it I am not responsible for it, as I never said it. In a letter to Senator Hopkins, published in the Chicago Record-Herald Jan. 13, 1908, which is the only authentic statement of my views on the subject given out for publication, I said: 'It would reduce all bankers to the same level and there would be absolutely no reason why any one should not drop into the first bank he came to to deposit his money. The government, being responsible for the deposits, puts all on an equality and makes all equally good.'"

"This is an entirely different statement from the misquotation given by you that 'It would make all banks safe.' In my judgment the government's guarantee would gradually but inevitably reduce the high standing and credit of the strong, conservative and well managed banks to the level of the weak, speculative and poorly managed.

Placed in Same Category.
"The distinction existing between them now in public estimation would be gradually eliminated. The well established bank, with a record of many years for conservatism and good management, and with accumulated financial strength, would be placed in the same category by the public as a bank controlled by speculators, or in the hands of incompetent or dishonest managers.

"You say, 'It is difficult to conceive of a more selfish argument than that which Mr. Forgan presents.' If it is selfish to defend one's self or one's bank against a policy that would deplete him or it of vested rights and property, then I admit the accusation of selfishness in my argument.

"The strong, well managed and conservative banks of the country, be they large or small, have a standing and credit now with the discriminating public which is not accorded to the weak, poorly managed and speculative institutions. Under this favorable discrimination the great majority of banks have fortunately built up for themselves good records, good reputations and good wills. These belong to them as valuable assets, forming the foundation of their public standing and credit, and are, in fact, the very essence of their corporate existence. Whether it is selfish or not, they are not ready or willing to part with them, to be reduced to the level of their weak competitors, and to be taxed for the privilege.

Reputable Valuable Assets.
"In using the First National Bank of Chicago for illustration I do so only because of my direct knowledge of its record and its figures. My arguments will apply with equal force to the strong and reputable banks—large and small—all over the country, and of such are the great majority. They all figure on their standing in public estimation as among their most valuable assets.

"Quite irrelevantly, it seems to me, you say, 'The time is a little inopportune for Mr. Forgan to speak so lightly of the interests of the depositors.' You do not quote the 'light' remarks to which you refer. I defy

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In addition to the many special values offered for our February Sales from regular stock and odd lots and broken lines left from the past season's selling, we shall show this week

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BASEBALL FANS MEET

Pendleton, Feb. 22.—(Observer Special.)—Professional baseball took a decided burst of enthusiasm at a meeting of Pendleton fans and representatives of three towns—Walla Walla, La Grande and Pendleton—held here last evening and the result of the conference is that Pendleton will be in the professional league, and in it strong.

A large number of fans and supporters attended the meeting, among them Jack O'Brien of La Grande, and the Beef town's representative, Mr. Blackwell.

Not only was Pendleton placed in the league, but an even \$1000 were subscribed to support the team. Temporary officers were appointed and these will hold until the regular election, which will be held in about a week. The officers are: W. S. Gowan, temporary president, and J. W. Henneman, temporary secretary.

Just Received.

The Grande Ronde Cash company has just received one of the finest carloads of Rock Springs coal that was ever brought to this city. 'Phone in an order.

CONCERT TO OPEN BALL

The specially arranged 12-piece orchestra for this evening's annual Elks' ball will be heard in concert from 8 o'clock until 9 this evening. This is to insure a musical treat to those who drop in early and, in fact, dancers cannot afford to miss this opportunity of listening to what La Grande musicians can do. The baton will be in the hands of David Haynes of Baker City. The Commercial auditorium has been converted into a thing of beauty by the decoration committee.

The concert commences at 8 o'clock prompt and the following renditions will be heard:

- March—"Idolizers," Carey
- Flower song—"Tulips and Pansies," Bennett
- Descriptive—"Dance of the Skeletons," Allen
- Waltzes—"The Enchantress," Lampe
- Rag—"Pickles and Peppers," Shepherd

The banquet will be served in the Elks' banquet rooms in the lodge home, instead of the Foley Hotel as usual.

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you to quote anything I have ever said that could be so construed or designated. What I contend for is a square deal all round, for the banks, for the depositors, for the shareholders and for the public. It will be found that what is best for one will ultimately be best for all, their interests are so interwoven and so dependent upon each other.

"To remove the necessity of discrimination by the public as to where they as individuals will deposit their money would prove a severe blow to the entire fabric of credit and confidence which lie at the foundation of all business intercourse. Under a democracy such as ours banking must be free to all.

Premium on Dishonesty.
"By providing a government guarantee for deposits the rascal is invited to become a banker and to cover himself with a mantle of credit which otherwise it would be quite impossible for him to acquire and which is provided for him by and at the expense of all the good banks in the country. This would not be a square deal. It would put dishonesty and reckless banking at a premium and remove from the banker all ambition to excel in his profession and to acquire that good name which Solomon says is rather to be chosen than great riches."

"You suggest the adoption of the words put into my mouth, 'make all banks safe,' as a party slogan or campaign cry. Were such a thing possible, it would be a highly desirable thing to accomplish and the slogan would be a good one. But it is wholly impractical, and to attempt it by passing a law that would establish an artificial credit for rascals, enabling them to offer all sorts of specious inducements to the public for deposits, and thus create illegitimate and impossible competition for sound and conservative bankers, would reduce the entire banking system of the country to a level very much below that on which it is now established.

"No honest man, with ordinary ability and any business ambition, would go into the business or remain in it if he could get out. The proposal is abhorrent to business sense as well as to justice and equity and is opposed to the principles and laws of political economy. I would suggest that you might find a better campaign slogan, for with the business men of the country, who understand such matters and who control the bulk of the bank deposits, such a slogan is likely to prove as fallacious and ineffectual as the 'free silver at the ra-

tion of 16 to 1 slogan did in your last campaign.

"This is an open letter, copies of which I will give to the press, which quoted your article. I will feel obliged if you can find space for it in your next edition of the Commoner.—James B. Forgan," in Chicago Record-Herald.

For Assessor.
I hereby announce to the public voters of Union county, that I am a candidate at the primary election for the republican nomination for assessor of Union county.
R. H. HUG.



FRIEND TO FRIEND.

The personal recommendations of people who have been cured of coughs and colds by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have done more than all else to make it a staple article of trade and commerce over a large part of the civilized world.

AN INSTANCE.

Lucy Suddreth, of Lenoir, N. C., had been troubled with a very bad cough for over a year. She says: "A friend brought me a bottle of CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY, and to my surprise it helped me. Four bottles of it cured me of my cough."

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