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BANKS SHOW BIG INCREASE.

Reports of national banks' condition on September 12, the comptroller of the currency at Washington has just announced, show total resources of \$14,411,000,000, or \$216,000,000 greater than ever before in the nation's history. This was an increase of \$485,000,000 over June 30 last and \$2,144,000,000 over Sept. 2, 1915. The previous high water mark was on May 1 last. Total deposits amounted to \$11,362,000,000 or \$227,000,000 greater than ever before. The increase was \$485,000,000 over June 30 and \$2,133,000,000 over Sept. 2, 1915. Loans and discounts were \$7,859,000,000, the largest amount ever reported. These facts are significant. There is plenty of money to do the nation's work and to keep industry and enterprise on the up grade. The only danger is over expansion.

LOOK OUT FOR CHICAGO.

Bankers of London, Paris and Petrograd are opposing the \$5,000,000 loan made to China by Chicago bankers. This is likely to lead to Chicago declaring war on Europe.

CROSSING THE STYX.

Death loves shining marks so Emperor Franz Joseph, Henry Sienkiewicz, Jack London, and Sir Hiram Maxim are all called to cross the Styx within a week. We imagine the first man Jack London will look up is Adam and the first woman Eve.

One ruler dies. Another plunges still further into the bloody maelstrom.

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STANFIELD TO BE ELECTED SPEAKER.

It looks as if Eastern Oregon will be recognized as a part of Oregon by the choice of K. N. Stanfield as speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives. Stanfield knows the needs of this section and should be able to do something for it.

Colonel Roosevelt is going to visit the Fiji Islands. The meeting between the big American Chief and the Fiji Chiefs will be worth going miles to see.

The state of Oregon is hereafter to purchase Oregon made goods. This is a good plan and deserves support.

Getting out of Mexico "decently and in order" is some job—a good deal harder than getting in.

The question at the state penitentiary is, who is going to run it, the convicts or the state?

It cost \$11,314 to make Oregon "bone dry." Even reforms come high.

The way to end the Portland jitney problem is to "scrap 'em."

Mexico will have no peace until Villa is caught.

Picked Up By The Stroller

The Hughes congratulatory telegram to President Wilson reminds us of a story.

Pat O'Hoolihan was delegated by a party or friends to make the speech on the occasion of the presentation of a hat on Mike Murphy's birthday.

Like all good friends do he called upon Murphy to warn him that he was to be surprised and to give him a chance to make a speech of acceptance. They rehearsed their speeches and finally the anniversary day arrived.

The friends gathered round and waited for the speeches. O'Hoolihan—like all speakers—forgot his speech. Murphy tried to help him out: "Pat, and is that the hat?"

"Yes, Mike, that's the hat, answered Pat.

And that was all the speech making.

"Mr. Hughes, is that the tilly-gram?"

"Yes, Mr. Wilson that's it."

Prosperity in Oregon

Made Money on Sheep.

Ed Miller, of Union, is one of the leading sheepmen and during the past few years has made the sheep pay for about \$30,000 worth of land he has bought in this section.—Union Republican.

On Feeding Hogs.

At present prices farmers cannot afford to fatten hogs. Grain has advanced 100 per cent since last year and hogs have gone up only 25 per cent. A farmer who can get close to \$1.50 a bushel for grain cannot afford to feed it to hogs that will sell for only \$8.50 delivered at the local stock-

yards. Consequently swine have been sold and wheat and barley is hauled to the warehouses.—Enterprise Chief-tain.

Sheep Show Profit.

Speaking of lambs, J. W. McAlister sold a few last week that weighed in at a very good figure. They were wether lambs, 25 in number, and were born from early spring up to the first of June. The average weight of the lot was 130 4-5 pounds. At present prices a small band of sheep turn a good profit on a farm.—Enterprise Record-Chieftain.

STREET LAMPS ARE LACKING

Citizen Protests Against False Economy in City Lighting

La Grande, Nov. 28.—(To the Editor)—If it be true that there comes a time where patience ceases to be a virtue. La Grande has certainly arrived at that point, with regard to her street lamps.

Sunday night at 10:30 while striving to find our way home, we had to cross one of the principal highways of the town. In doing so it became necessary to get down and grope in the mud to find the bridge across a dry ditch—not a light in a whole section.

Every day and every night there are hundreds of men, women and school children who have to cross the railroad yard tracks on Fir Street and at this dangerous crossing there is only one lamp. When that "blows out" or burns out this crossing is in darkness.

We don't believe that the railroad company is responsible for this criminal condition at Fir street crossing, because the records show that the company has always been willing to meet the city more than half-way on any proposition tending to safety and progress.

La Grande deserves great credit for the sublime patience she has displayed while suffering in silence. The vandalism of her beautiful ornamental street lamps which evoked the praise of strangers and the pride and joy of citizens.

These emblems of peace, progress and prosperity have all been relegated to the junk pile, or the pawn-shop, and La Grande is left to languish in the gloom of the dark ages.

What have the taxpayers done to deserve this humiliation and disgrace? We pay our taxes. Are we not entitled to protection? What are taxes levied and collected for, if not to guarantee us protection to life and property, and what better protection can our venerable city fathers grant us than light? They cannot afford a policeman to patrol every street in town, and if they could, that would be very poor protection in the dark.

The time has come when every taxpayer in La Grande is within his rights in demanding that the street in which he lives be lighted so that he can find his way home without danger to life or limb.

La Grande is about to elect another city father, so called. Better make it a son this time. There evidently is need for young blood in our city government. There are plenty of able young men in town—live wires—capable of handling any proposition successfully and having no axe to grind.

If some one of them will take the necessary steps to get his name on the ballot the taxpayers will do the rest. After that it will not be so easy for selfish obstruction, stagnation and retrogressive actions to pose under the garb of altruistic economy.

Yours truly, L. GARRICK.

WIT AND HUMOR

Knew Something.

Some time ago one of the masters at a certain grammar school caused a sensation by publishing a book which bore a striking resemblance to one published previously by a well-known minor poet. Comments upon the matter became of an accusatory nature, and culminated in one of the pupils openly accusing the author one day in the common room of plagiarism. "Sir" replied the indignant author, "your opinion is neither sought nor valued—you're an ass." "I may be," calmly retorted the scholar, "but—the ass knoweth his master's crib."

Ran a Risk.

When the week end traveler arrived at the little country village he found deserted streets and a terrific rain-storm. The village had been advertised as old world, and the pictures in the guide book suggested a little bit of heaven. But to the unhappy traveler smoky London seemed more desirable.

However, the last up-train had gone so there was no hope.

"Tell me," he said to the porter stationmaster inspector, "can you direct me to the best hotel here?"

"I can sir. But, as a matter of fact, I hardly like to."

"Oh! Why?"

"Because when you've seen it you'll say I am a liar!"

Already Supplied

The minister was shaking hands with a new member of his congregation, a girl fresh from Sweden, and said cordially: "I would like to

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know your address, so I can call on you." "Oh," said the girl, innocently, "I haf a man."

A Short Engagement.

Ah me, she was fair, As a houri that night; From the crush and the glare Of the dance we took flight. In the garden we strayed, Filled with rapture divine, And I asked that sweet maid To forever be mine. "Forever!" quoth she, "What nonsense you speak! You fix it up For the end of the week."

Flotsam and Jetsam

If We Knew.

If I knew that a word of mine, A word not kind and true, Might leave its trace On a loved one's face, I'd never speak harshly; Would you?

If I knew the light of a smile Might linger the whole day through And lighten some heart

With a heavier part. I wouldn't withhold it; Would you?

Don'ts.

Don't throw the pins away when you clear up your desk. Chances are they still have the sharp point and can be used again.

Don't throw carbon paper away until it has "served full time." Don't leave carbon paper on top of your typewriter to be blown to the floor by the janitor's broom.

Don't use the printed letterheads or printed forms for scratch paper. Scratch paper is far cheaper.

Don't throw away the top sheet of the writing paper pad. Oftimes it is not the least bit soiled.

Don't throw away your old file records without recovering the file; it can oftimes be used again.

AT THE HOTELS

At the Foley Hotel.

Thos. Harper, Portland; Mrs. Jones, Portland; E. W. Helm, Portland; D. G. Tolles, Portland; Chas. Oliver, Portland; A. Wilson, Enterprise; Fred Brown, Enterprise; Walt Thornton, Echo; P. Connell, Heppner; J. Degman, Heppner; W. H. Burkley, Portland; F. J. Blanchett, Elgin; W. J. Richardson, Indianapolis; B. J. Park-

er, Spokane.

At the Sommer Hotel.

F. H. McKay, Spokane; L. B. Carter and wife, Cove; Geo. D. Field, Portland; F. A. Coffin, Portland; Chas. H. Powell, Cove; Ben F. Rupp, Denver; Jas. E. Bannon, Portland; L. A. Bumgarner, Spokane; Mrs. John T. Curran, Kamela.

At the Savoy Hotel.

Miss Edna Tobin, Enterprise; M. E. Gordon, City; G. M. Estes, Imbler; L. J. Holmes, Joseph; F. M. Kent, Milton; J. L. Balliett, Milton; Wm. H. Kloostr, Elgin; C. L. Walker, Enterprise; F. J. Usher, Enterprise; H. E. Pond, Portland; Harry M. Will, Enterprise; J. ohn M. Newell, Portland, E. A. Mayberry and wife, Hermiston; Harry M. Weis, Enterprise.

Spokane Jitneys To Go.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special)—A jitneyless Spokane looms. The city's 71 nickel-busses may be forced to suspend business through inability to get the necessary bonds. The Casualty Company of America, by which every jitney in the city is bonded has been ordered to suspend business by State Insurance Commissioner Fishback. Its stock is said to be impaired to the extent of more than \$500,000 and until this is rectified the company will be debarred from doing business in Washington.

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