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And the Oregon City banks resumed payment next day; likewise many other country banks.

A Hindoo who was in Estacada last week made the statement that he could lick any three Americans. That was what the Spaniards said before they tried it.

Dreams are said to go by contraries. And the man who buys stocks on that Harriman tip that "now is the time to buy" is likely to find he has been indulging in a dream.

But a small part of the business is transacted with real money. And now that we have a little larger proportion to transact in an effort to move the big crops does not need to cause any alarm.

Roosevelt has told Senator Bourne that his \$1000-premium on the best third term argument does not please him, and that if he wishes to retain his best wishes he will call off his scribes.

What a time the Portland police are having. About the only energy displayed by any of them is in catching each other up for delinquencies, and then vilifying the one found guilty.

Attorney Reynolds, of Walla Walla, sued the Statesman for \$35,000 on the charge of libel. After two long trials, costing the attorney hundreds of dollars, he secured a verdict of \$250.

Mayor Lane says that the unusual number of accidents in Portland demonstrates the need of an emergency hospital. We would suggest that it demonstrates the need of curbing the indifference of those whose carelessness causes these accidents.

This is no time to hoard. We know of no good time to hoard, but this of all times is not a good time. Keep the money in circulation; there's as much money today as a week ago; keep what you have moving and every one will have enough and to spare.

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, says that Bryan and Roosevelt will be the opposing Presidential candidates next year, and that Bryan will win the Presidency. Vardaman may be a seer, and know; then again he may be just guessing, and making a bad mess of it at that.

The Portland bankers and editors talk as if the closing of the banks by the Governor was to aid the country banks. While there is no doubt that the Portland banks are in good condition financially, yet we are satisfied that the country banks are in even better condition than the banks of the cities. But the storm seems to be over for this blow.

The fact that Rockefeller and Morgan, working hand in hand, could not stay the onslaughts of those who feared collapse of New York institutions, and that several banks went down after those two rich men promised all kinds of help, shows how rotten must be the class of frenzied finance that has been so popular in New York City.

A grand jury has found the Salem Council negligent in the safeguarding of the city's interests in a recent improvement costing many thousands of dollars. Graft has been charged, but the jury did not find graft, or finding it decided to whitewash the Council; at any rate it freed it from the taint of graft but said it had been negligent.

If the newspapers of the East are correct in their diagnosis of the case the New York Yacht Club has a yellow streak, and is fearful that Sir Thomas Lipton may carry away the American cup if sensible rules of racing are adopted. There is no sufficient reason why specifications should be such that a yacht monstrosity can be built to win; the yachts should be built along useful lines, and not be racing freaks.

Certain Oregon editors are fearful lest the direct primary law will destroy parties. As long as people look at things differently there will be two or more parties, no fear. But if we could attain to a government so honest and true that it met the demands of all voters, what harm would there be in the death of all parties? In that event they would not stay dead any longer than we had good government. It is an easy matter to organize a party when once occasion demands it.

Mr. Rockefeller says: "That corporations are a necessity in the complex life of this generation no one but a demagogue attempts to deny, but the problem of the day is to put the corporation in its proper place where it will be the honest servant of the public." And that's where we propose to put them, John. Corporations are all right, when they are good; the problem now is to make them be good. And President Roosevelt believes in starting out to convert the chief sinner—Standard Oil—at the outset.

PENALTY OF PLAYING WITH FIRE

It's the same old story; knock down the first block in a long row and one by one they will tumble till all are down. We all learned this as little boys and girls, when we were first taught to play with our new blocks.

And there is little change in conditions as we grow older. The "blocks" that we set on end by dint of great labor are as easily tumbled down as those we played with in our younger years. And it matters not whether we set up all the blocks, or if a portion of these "blocks" are set up by others—the conditions are about the same and the natural phenomena works out in much the same manner.

Business institutions act in sympathy. An hundred large and small institutions stand side by side and as certain as fate, if one of the larger tumbles to the ground, the whole row is affected—and it is a wonder if many do not go down, and out before the end comes.

What should this teach us? First of all that we should build on a solid foundation. We should do this so that there will not be the first one of the larger institutions to fall. We know the inevitable end if one does fall. And still we go on and build taking little heed to the facts as to whether institutions are erected on solid foundations or not. And then, further along, there is a crash and we are forced to stop and consider of the building.

But the worst is yet to come: Knowing that a mushroom institution, if it assume proportions of consequence will do great damage in its fall; knowing, too, that it will most certainly fall at the first pinch if not eliminated from the business world before that pinch comes; we still smile at its erection and continuance, hoping against hope that when it falls we may be in position to protect ourselves and perhaps pick up a few choice sections from the wreck—at our own price.

It is impossible for a mushroom institution to run till it breaks and not do injury to general business conditions. Is it wise or fair to allow it to run because a few can profit through its manipulations and failures? Yet, but for the fact that certain ones expect to profit such institutions would not be allowed; they would be crushed out at the outset. Wall Street has use for such concerns in plucking the "greenies." But can the country afford to permit them to exist? It is such institutions that make the trouble; but for such institutions much of the fleeing of the lambs by Wall Street would be impossible.

And then, when the day of reckoning comes, and the country settles the account at a three-fold price, Wall Street sits by the picture of innocence. The present flurry is not the result of natural conditions; no panic could come in the midst of plenty through normal conditions; only the milking of the public by Wall Street-Standard Oil methods can bring a panic in the midst of abundance.

The New York Clearing House has known that these robbing schemes were being fostered in the banking houses of New York. Its officers knew, too, that the only outcome must be trouble and loss. Why were they allowed to run unmolested—even awarded friendly associations—until the eve of the trouble? Simply because those who fostered them were profiting by such association, with a view to getting out from under before they themselves were hurt personally—caring not for the rest of humanity.

There will be little sympathy for the New York bankers from those who understand the manipulations of the past. They were playing with fire, they knew it, and they deserve no sympathy. But the people at large should insist that these wild-cat institutions, that are fostered as long as they can bring grist to other more conservative banks, be closed never again to open. The fall of one institution in the long row is certain to knock others down with it; that it is certain to fall is a positive fact, time alone being necessary to cause it to tumble. Let the New York banks stop playing with the fire if they would not get burned. The present disturbance is but the outcome of playing too close to the "grate."

THE CORVALLIS TIMES' VIEW.

"The rich men in Wall Street are having a panic. It is a luxury to which they are welcome. It is theirs by divine right, and not a soul is envious. They have gambled in securities that were mostly inflated, and a lot of water has leaked out. They have used the funds of banks in financing their frenzied operations, and creditors in some cases are calling in vain for their money. Poker sharps who run a bluff on four aces generally bump the bottom. The play in inflated stocks is a grand game of bluff, and when the bubble is pricked there is a collapse. It ought to happen so often that stock gambling would cease. The practice is the bane of the country, and the gamblers vultures that prey on honest endeavor. The best thing in the career of Mr. Roosevelt, is that he has made war on those dishonest and undesirable citizens."

In the latest dispatches from Cuba we learn of an attempt to burn the American quartermaster's corral at Havana, in which there were 250 horses and mules, a quantity of supplies and a number of wagons. The fire broke out while the employees were at supper and was undoubtedly of an incendiary origin, and it is now believed that a fire last week in the medical depot in the arsenal was also incendiary. This is only one of many like reports which we constantly hear and which speak so eloquently of the loyalty to this Government and of the respect for its authority which obtains in Cuba. Is it worth our while, after all, to attempt to construct a free and independent republic out of a parcel of white monarchists, a group of yellow agitators, and a horde of negroes? We have every evidence that the United States is cordially hated for its pains by Spaniard and Cuban alike.

It is well for the people of the State of Oregon to stop and consider the outcome of the adoption of the initiative and referendum. At this time there are many protests going up against it in the State. But stop and analyze the source of these protests. Don't forget that this law has taken the power away from the hoodlers and that they, as a natural sequence, will "holler." And don't forget this other fact: That when a movement for goods gains headway the opponents will always organize a reactionary movement, and will always organize and bring to their support all those who are disappointed in the good measure—men who are naturally honest but never see as great benefits for the new law as they had anticipated, the measure being good but some people expecting too much—and that the hoodlers always hope, with the aid of these dissatisfied ones, to be able to turn up side down even the very measure which if amended and made to fit will bring about wonderful reforms. Already the hoodlers have organized, and certain dissatisfied ones are unconsciously aiding these men to form an organization which has but one end in view—the plundering of the people. It remains to be seen if enough well-intentioned people can be fooled into returning like the "fool to his folly."

The railroads are IT. The courts and the influence of the courts are nothing—except in the punishment of the little offender. Keep your fingers off our business or you will get them burnt! Is the deft of the railroads. The Federal Court, satisfied of the unfairness of the increased rates on lumber, issued an injunction against the increase being put into effect but provided that the railroads might charge the increase, and collect the old rate, the shipper being compelled to give bond for the payment of the difference in case the United States Court said the railroads were right in the contention. Now the railroads defy the courts and the government and have notified their agents not to receive shipments of lumber at any price. In other words, the servants of the people, say to the people that they will do as they please and when they can't do that they won't do anything. What do the people amount to, anyway?

Editors who have recently scolded Rockefeller for plundering the public through the Standard Oil Co. went gushy over his coming to the rescue of Wall Street last week. Mr. Rockefeller came to the rescue why? Because that if there was a big slump in prices he would lose more than any one other individual. There is not a company in which he is interested that is not one vast mass of watered stocks. A slump in prices would have squeezed some of the water out of these investments, and he is not ready at this time for that kind of a squeeze. But wait until he is ready—wait until it is a part of his game to squeeze—and then see how large a "rescue" force he marshals to the aid of Wall Street or the financial distress of New York and the country. Rockefeller was simply aiding in the protection of his own, and he did no more than any other wise financier would have done—and others would not have tried to make the Nation think it a philanthropic act.

The Mt. Scott News man believes in Statement No. 1. He says: "By all means Statement No. 1, and the Initiative and Referendum, Oregon should be proud to know that her Senators can be elected by the people, and that no taint of money to buy them seats, can be even suggested. It is too true of other States. 'Tis said, that \$100,000 was the price paid by the Senator from Colorado. Perhaps that is the reason the Oregonian wants to go back to the old regime. There is nothing in it for the grafters, the way it is now. Hold fast to that which is good, when we have proved it to be good."

One of the principal causes for car shortage is the "skin game" that all roads are engaged in. As there is a car shortage each road is keeping all its cars at home, as far as possible, and where it has cars from other roads so shifts them about in its business that they will not get off the holding line and back home where they are owned. And so perfect has the system of holding the other fellow's cars become that each one is suspicious of the other and will not give shippers cars for shipments beyond the limit of the system on which they are to be loaded.

It is only a very few years since practically all the business was carried on with promises to pay; and in those days people did not have as perfect a system of these paper promises as now. In those days it was nearly all barter and sale; trade at the country store or grist mill. Today we have a perfect system of check, draft, sight draft, etc., and no need to worry if there is a day or so when you have but little gold to jingle in your pockets.

Senator Fulton and Congressman Hawley have been "going the rounds" lately, but whether to find out the needs of the State and district or simply to fix up their fences time alone will tell.

A theatrical company playing on the Coast gives "A Message from Mars." From our latest information it is as reliable as any other that has come from that far-away planet so far.

Rev. John M. Linden will preach on "Swearing" next Sunday night. We can't say whether he expects to talk from experience, or observation; if you must know go and hear him.

With 115 divorce cases on the dockets in this county can any one doubt that Clackamas county is the "nerve center" of the universe?

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ellsworth Chester and Ethel M. Longwell. Clinton Chappell and Anna May Rowland. Joseph A. Allquist and Florence B. Chaffee. Henry Welk and Alma Klebe. Jeremiah Marlon Harrington and Elma Gertrude Greaves. Helmo Peper and Metha Hellberg. Milton E. Eldred and Elva H. Whitling. E. A. Sharer and Nora Belle Leabo. Everett H. Williams and Mary Tracey Lewis.

MARRIAGES.

ALLQUIST-CHAFFEE—At St. Paul's Episcopal church, Oregon City, Oct. 30, 1907, Joseph A. Allquist and Miss Florence B. Chaffee, both of Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. Bowen officiating. HALSWORTH-HANKE—At Sherwood Sunday, Oct. 27, 1907, Harry Halsworth and Miss Selma Hanke. HARRINGTON-GREAVES—At the home of the bride in Oregon City, Oct. 30, 1907, J. M. Harrington, of Butte, Mont., and Miss Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greaves. ELDRÉD-Whiting—At the bride's home in Oregon City, Oct. 26, 1907, Milton E. Eldred, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Elva H. Whiting, Rev. R. Nettleton, of Portland, officiating.

BIRTHS.

GIRL—To Mr. and Mrs. Percy Allen, of New York city, a daughter, Mrs. Allen was Miss Maud Morey, well known in this city.

DEATHS.

OSBURN—Sunday, Oct. 27, 1907, at Damascus, F. M. Osborn, aged 61 years. BROWN—In Portland Oct. 24, 1907, Mrs. Hannah Ellis Brown, aged 81 years. Funeral was held at Canby Sunday. MUDGE—At her home in Ilwaco, Wash., Oct. 6, 1907, Mrs. Elizabeth Madro, aged 74 years. She was an old Oregon pioneer, settling in Clackamas county in 1847. BABLER—At Gladstone Oct. 25, 1907, Mrs. Ellen A. Babler, aged 34 years.

Enjoin the Railroads.

Federal Judges C. E. Wolverton and C. H. Hanford Wednesday, at the conclusion of the hearing of the petition of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association for an order temporarily restraining the Northern Pacific Railway and other railroads from putting into effect today the proposed increase in eastbound rates on lumber at 10 cents per hundred pounds, making the rate 50 cents instead of 40 cents, granted the injunction asked for against the railroads pending the final determination of the justice of the new rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

REAL ESTATE

James Cline to J. B. Glover, n 1/2 of nw 1/4, sec 6, town 28, range 50, 78 acres, \$5100. John Reichen to F. A. King, 40 acres of Robert Arthur dlc., town 2 and 3s, range 30, \$1600. Forest I. Phelps to E. E. Myers, 98 acres from Geo. Willis' dlc., sec 19 and 20, town 18, range 20, \$7500. G. W. Wonnacott to E. L. and C. W. Wonnacott, part lot 3, nw 1/4 of sec 14, sec 26, town 38, range 40, 34 acres, \$5000. Christina McMillen to Furman Burbee, lots 7 and 16, blk 5, Sunset City, \$1.

MARRIAGES.

Mary J. Gans to John Bittner, part Wm. Holmes dlc., sec 31, town 28, range 20, 1 acre, \$1550. A. S. Pattullo to Miss L. L. Cox, lot 47, Finavon, \$120. Ira C. Shattuck to Geo. A. Thacker, lot 10, blk 13, Pleasant Hill add. Oregon City, \$650. U. S. of A. to Manning Van Alstine, nw 1/4 sec. 14, town 6s, range 40, 160 acres, Patent. Manning Van Alstine to Chas. S. Russell et al., nw 1/4 sec 14, town 6s, range 40, 160 acres, \$1750. P. Drinker to Chas. B. Russell, 1/2 into sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, s 1/2 of nw 1/4 and nw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 24, town 6s, range 40, 160 acres, \$1. Chas. B. Russell to Frank P. Drinker, 1/2 int. sec 14 of ne 1/4, n 1/2 of ne 1/4 and ne 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 24, town 6s, range 40, 160 acres, \$1. R. L. Herran to Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper Co., timber on 112 acres sec. 31, town 2s, range 40, \$1. U. S. A. to Frank P. Drinker, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, s 1/2 of nw 1/4 and nw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec. 24, town 6s, range 40, 160 acres, Patent. U. S. of A. to Chas. B. Russell, se 1/4 of ne 1/4, n 1/2 of ne 1/4 and ne 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec. 24, town 6s, range 40, 160 acres, Patent. Eliza M. Evans to Lewis E. Evans, lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, blk 37, Oregon Iron and Steel Co.'s 1st add. Oswego, \$200. Herman F. Reichel to Frank Krause 16 acres sec. 26, town 18, range 20, \$1600.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Crown Boy's Mining & Milling Co., of which you are a member, will meet at 8:00 P. M., Monday, November 11, 1907, at the office of G. F. Anderson, 414 Main street, for the purpose of arranging for collection of all delinquent assessments and such other business as may legally come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors, 4715 D. C. BAKER, Secretary.

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Jars, Fruits and Spices

The canning season is drawing to a close but we are still in the midst of the season of Preserves and Pickles. Nice Preserves and Sweet Pickles prove very toothsome.

FULL LINE OF FRUITS IN SEASON

And the prices are always as low as good Fruits can be sold, and we can sell you spices and seasonings to preserve them and to give flavor.

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In convenient shape for delivery and in best possible shape to keep until such time as you can use them.

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A. ROBERTSON

Seventh St. Grocer.

PROHIBITION IN THE SOUTH.

"Within five years the South will be sold for prohibition. This is my absolute belief, based on a trip just completed through the Southern States, where Prohibition is in the air." The foregoing prophecy was voiced by Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, of Portland, Me., National president of the W. C. T. U., who has been attending the Georgia State W. C. T. U. convention at Columbus.

"The Georgia convention was extraordinarily enthusiastic," said Mrs. Stevens, "and there were evidences on every hand that the Georgia public is delighted with the new state law imposing complete Prohibition." It was predicted today at the Illinois Prohibition headquarters, that the Alabama Legislature will give that state a Prohibition law within six weeks. Within the last two weeks eight Alabama counties have voted for Prohibition.

FOR SALE. A small driving team, with buggy and harness. See or address. C. E. BARNEY, Oregon City. R. F. D. No. 3, 46-2t.

FOR SALE. A full-blooded Durham bull, with pedigree, six years old. Will sell for \$50. C. N. GUTTRIDGE, Springwater, 471t.

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