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MR. TAFT AND POSTAL BANKS.

It is pleasant to be assured that Mr. Taft has not abandoned a jot of his party's interest in postal banks.

It is a fact which statesmen must reckon with. Some economists compute at \$500,000,000 the sum of money which would be drawn from hiding and put into circulation by opening postal savings banks.

A kindred fact which, almost as important as may be mentioned, though Mr. Taft said nothing about it in his casual talk with his visitors.

As for competition between the Government and private banks it is out of the question. For one thing the funds which would be deposited in postal banks would be withdrawn in concealment or else they are sent to foreign countries.

Wherefore, the question recurs, whom of the Democratic party ought Mr. Bryan to inscribe on the roll of honor?

World's Trotting Records. Two seconds was clipped from the world's trotting race record at Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, when Hamburg Belle took the first heat in a race in 2:01 1/2.

Such records are vastly different from those which result from an actual race, for the accuracy of the world-beating race at Cleveland, when apparently have two two-minute racing trotters near at hand.

patch announcing the departure says that the mission is a friendly one. Nearly all cruises are undertaken in similar peaceful circumstances.

DR. JORDAN, SALMON PROPHET. Salmon men of Puget Sound are trying to find out what Dr. David Starr Jordan actually said.

Then came so many fish that the country could not pack them. As to Dr. Jordan's remarks at that time, there is no dispute. They were these: "I do not advocate abolishing any kind of gear, but regulation of all."

Since Dr. Jordan claims to be one of the highest fish authorities in the United States and is this country's member of the international fisheries commission, large importance is ascribed to his opinion.

Queer idea, Bryan's, that there should be a roll of honor for the seven "Progressive" Republican Senators whose names are inscribed on the Democratic National platform.

It will be noted that the bare rumors of Mr. Harriman's ill-health are sufficient to cause a \$20 million share in the market value of his principal railroad stock.

It is half the stories told about the Chicago packing houses are true—or were true—it seems marvelously appropriate to employ the term "packing" in medical research.

Why not have a parade of school children for Taft when he comes to Portland? Not precisely, for the parade is not for the young, but for the old.

Gray's Harbor has another shipwreck, the steam schooner Fair Oaks striking on the rocks at North Jetty.

back to her sex in 1871 and held it until Rarus, an ex-cort horse, trotted a mile in 2:13 1/2 in 1878.

THE SHADOW ON THE MARKET. Union Pacific sold below \$198 in the New York stock market yesterday.

Some student of the salmon situation at the entrance of the river, announces a theory that the present theory of the pack is due to the recent killing of such large numbers of sealions off the ocean shore.

It is said that Mrs. Nicholas Longworth has set the women and children of the country a bad example in that she smokes cigarettes in public.

The hop-harvest of the Willamette Valley will be in full blast next week. With favorable weather for picking the crop promises to be one of the most satisfactory in years.

After the United States has collected a tax on the business of guaranteeing bank deposits it is discovered that Shakespear says: "Give Hector a gift, a gift of a lance."

Another slant on the climate of Oregon, as viewed by the Rose City, is given by the province, which so aptly describes the climate of Portland, and so nearly echoes the language often heard from the mouths of the Rose City.

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Her Specialty. Jane doesn't look like a fish shape. Her hair's not Peche style.

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It is the friend of Man and the Enemy of Disease. Washington Post. Doubtless God could have made a more wholesome vegetable than the onion.

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LARGE PRIZES FOR AVIATORS.

France and England Tent Men Who Operate Flying Machines. London Cable to New York Sun. Although M. Bleriot has won the distinction of being the first man to cross the English Channel in a heavier-than-air machine, enough prizes remain to be won to make it worth while for other aviators to persevere in their attempts to accomplish a flight over the same course.

The three biggest prizes are \$20,000 offered by Baron de Forest for the first Englishman who succeeds in doing the trip in an English-made machine, \$5000 offered by Henri Deutsch to the pilot who makes the same trip carrying one passenger before December 31, 1909, and \$2500 offered for the first aeroplane to cross the Channel before January 1 next.

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Life's Sunny Side

Love of country is so fine a virtue that it seems difficult to carry it to excess. A resident of a small village in the north of Scotland paid a business visit to London the other day.

Home Cummings, the Connecticut member of the Democratic National committee, who was in charge of the Eastern speakers' bureau in the happy days of rattling good story teller, and one day at the Hoffman House, with Senator Hubston, Colonel Johnston, of the Hudson River, and several other well-known Democrats as listeners, he told of a Celtic friend of his in Stamford, Conn., who came to him some years before in a Presidential campaign and said:

"I understand, Nora," said she, "that you have a model husband." "Sluise, muh, he's the finest a giurl could have," was the enthusiastic response. "If ye could see it," he trated me, muh, ye'd be yer's sairin' Harper's Weekly.

Ex-City Counsel Joseph Coult is an enthusiastic angler and he has a fund of fish stories on hand. The best one of the collection, he frankly admits, was told him by a rank amateur, who's name he can't recall.

"Two weeks ago," recited the rank amateur, while Mr. Coult listened attentively, "I lost a \$5 bill when I was on Grand Street. I was going to get into the water and disappeared. Well, I went fishing yesterday and caught a big black bass. I took it home and when it was opened what do you think I found?"

"The \$5 bill," ventured Mr. Coult. "Not on your life. I found \$4.95 in change and half a plug of chewing tobacco."—Sawyer.

Bryan's Share in the Fraud. Nashville American. Bryan is out in a statement in which he not only flays the recent tariff enactment, but blames the President for it.

Inmate Credulity. Chicago News. Another sign of Bryan's insanity, the Judge says, was that he believed all his wife told him.

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