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NO CENTRAL BANK.

In every country political conditions, and economic and social legislation must conform to antecedent custom, and to the disposition and spirit of the people. Systems good for one country are not good for another.

Our people cannot understand the idea of a central bank of issue bearing similar relations to the money of this country that the banks of France, England and Germany bear to the money of those countries.

It is amazing that anybody, especially any minister, should fancy he would promote the cause of the gospel by bringing Gipsy Smith to Portland. This "evangelist's" methods are riotously sensational.

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Quite the contrary has usually been the case. They are perfect quagmires of procrastination and dilatoriness, though this one might turn out better. Unless the novel arrangement promises results of greater worth than anybody has thus far suggested, it might be hoped that the president's mere presence of fact, would let it alone for the present.

PROTECTING CRIMINALS.

Now there is a chance for some of our civic reformers, who are graveled over the moral welfare of the city, to do something practical. They can help Judge Bennett in his warfare against the organized gang of bunco-men, highwaymen, thieves, pickpockets and the like, who are here operating under police protection.

IN BUSINESS, AT THE OLD STAND.

Disregarding the warnings of decency, heedless of danger to themselves or others, two more young girls have gotten their names before the public in unenviable connection with the lure of joy-riding in a horse dispensed at the Twelve Mile House.

REGARDING RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

The annual report of General Marshall, Chief of Engineers, contains a number of recommendations for very important waterway appropriations in the Pacific Northwest. Paramount to all others is a recommendation of \$1,500,000 for continuing construction of the Snake River at the entrance of the Columbia River.

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Some of the fellows then young survive in the Pension Lists. Lowell (Mass.) Citizen. Since the recent talk about the pension system and its cost has been common, there has come to light a rather interesting tabulation of the ages at which the fighters of the Civil War enlisted.

UNANIMOUS REPUBLICAN OPINION.

The Republican party in Oregon appears to be on the road to become safe and sane again. Republicans allowed themselves to be enticed away from one of the fundamental principles of the country, that of a representative government, and to lose their heads over the U'Ren fallacies.

THE BIGGEST ZOOS.

The best zoo in the world, also is not that of London, but as the number of inmates, London has only 272 animals, while Berlin has 319 and New York 404. We hasten to say that the result is not entirely due to the climate of the city.

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