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BALLINGER AND HIS DEFEATER.

Secretary Ballinger will make a mistake if he persists in his announced intention to prosecute Collier's Weekly for libel. That publication has misrepresented, accused and lied about him atrociously—beyond any sort of doubt or question.

PRIMER LESSONS IN BANKING.

A bank is an establishment wherein trusting persons deposit money for safekeeping and wherefrom worthy persons borrow on safe security and at rates of interest which the public has learned to regard as proper.

PORTLAND NOT COMPLAING.

The work of the Port of Portland is so very unsatisfactory to the Association of Importers and Exporters that it is almost distressing to read the jugubrious fears that the Astorian (newspaper) expresses for the future of Portland, unless we suspend our usual message in shipping at this point and move our business headquarters to Astoria.

THE BUCKET-SHOP EVIL.

The Government Saturday made an extensive raid on the bucket-shops operating throughout the country. It is not surprising to note that a number of millionaires were caught in a drag-net covering such a wide scope of country.

bothered by any such rules nor by any restrictions such as legitimate traders insist must be enforced on the regular exchanges. Tim, the boot-black, brings in his hard-earned \$5 and "buys" stocks and grain at the big business houses.

It is in this class of "trading" that has brought such unnumbered calamities on the legitimate exchanges where every contract for future delivery or acceptance of a commodity is guaranteed by a responsible organization that exists for the purpose of facilitating exchange.

A STRAW.

Portland building permits for Friday and Saturday were \$91,755 compared with \$65,140 for the first two days of March.

TELLING THE PEOPLE.

Now of course a railroad, or two railroads, into Central Oregon is a great thing for Oregon; but cannot be a great thing for the railroads unless that vast territory supplies traffic.

EARTH BURIAL AND CREMATION.

Rev. Alexander Irvine, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, advocates strongly the cremation of the dead. He arraigns cemeteries as unsightly, unsanitary and forbidding, and says that the large areas now given to them might well be converted into building lots.

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