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A. C. Probert Ran Bank at Dayton, Or., Short Time.

LEFT BY LIGHT OF MOON

In Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana He Encountered Difficulties and in One State Served Term in the Penitentiary.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Relative to the disappearance of Probert, the banker who is accused of marrying a California woman under an assumed name, S. E. Huston, who assisted in closing up the affairs of the Dayton, Or., bank, has the following to say on the Dayton incident:

"About two years ago a gentlemanly-looking fellow came to Yamhill County with letters of introduction from some prominent men in Portland, introducing him as A. C. Probert, and, after conferring with different men of means, decided to start a bank at Dayton, Or.

"He professed to have plenty of money, and told the people at Dayton whom he wished associated with him that it was immaterial whether they took any particular amount of stock or not, that he would furnish all the money that was needed. All he wanted was their names to act as directors.

"He succeeded in enlisting the co-operation of several of the leading citizens of Dayton, and had prepared and signed articles of incorporation. He filed one copy with the clerk of Yamhill County, but never had any stock subscribed, and never sent any further with his incorporation. He had a lot of literature published and circulated giving the names of several of the prominent citizens of Dayton as directors. He opened up the bank and seemed to be doing a fair business.

"By and by an attorney at Forest Grove received a claim against him from the East, and was something of a history of the man's transactions in Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana. It seemed that he had been in the banking business in each of those states, and had gotten into trouble in each place, and in one of them had served a term in the penitentiary.

"As soon as the attorney began to press the claim, Probert took alarm and left Dayton in the night. He made the trip over to Woodburn and took the morning train for the south and was never again heard of until the present dispatches, a day or so ago, mentioned his name.

"When he left Dayton the depositors in the bank began suit against him, and also against the men whose names had been published as directors, seeking to hold them as partners. At the same time they attached the bank safe and furniture and fixtures. When the safe was opened, a number of good notes, which were collected, and enough realized to pay most of the depositors' claims.

"The persons whom it was sought to hold as partners made a vigorous defense, and, as it appeared that there would practically be enough to pay the depositors arising out of the property attached, the plaintiffs took a non-suit as to the alleged partners, and did not press the matter further. The loss of the people of Yamhill County was not very great, and it is not believed that Mr. Probert carried away very much money when he left."

NEW DEPOT FOR ALL THE LINES

Seattle Merchants Make Demand on City Officials.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A committee representing all the commercial bodies in the city today demanded of the city officials that they require the St. Paul and the North Coast Railroads to make an agreement with the Hill lines for the use of the new Great Northern passenger depot and local freight terminals adjoining the city. The committee stated that if the St. Paul and North Coast establish the freight depots they threaten to build it will mean the destruction of the city of two or three miles. This is an added burden upon distributing firms.

According to I. H. Jennings, of the Merchants Association, the Hill systems have agreed to give favorable terms to the new roads for the use of the Union passenger depot. The Hill lines have also agreed that they locate freight depots adjoining those of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. These are located just south of King street in the heart of the city, and will ultimately be the distributing center of the city.

As it is, these freight depots lie in the extreme northern portion of the tidelands and the political aspects of the tidelands are being raised as an experiment, but the success will lead to a general cultivation of tobacco, with a promise of figuring materially in the market.

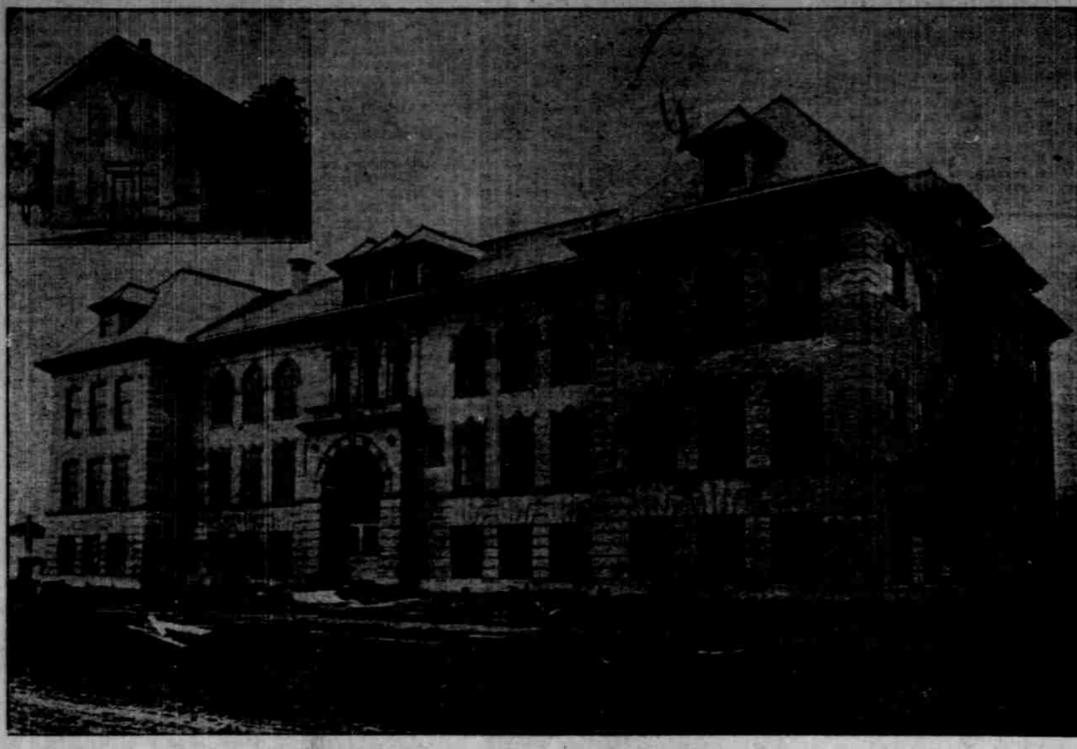
WHY BRADY IS UNDER COVER

Republican Committeeman Is Controller of Democratic Paper.

BOISE, Ida., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—In the Sheridan-Ida. case, involving control of the Capital News, the committee in charge of the matter were some into at much length today. J. H. Brady was on the stand much of the time, and narrated the circumstances surrounding the loan of \$5000 to the paper, his testimony varying but little from that of Fisher and D'Arcy. He explained that he desired to have his identification with the paper kept secret, as he did not think it wise to have it known that the chairman of the Republican State Committee was controlling a Democratic paper.

Mr. Brady further explained that he was influenced to make the loan by the fact that the Capital News pursued a course friendly to the Republican party in the campaign. He had approved its policy at the time, and told D'Arcy so. On cross-examination, he explained his demand that he should get a majority of the stock. It was that he might control the paper during the campaign of

SALEM BOASTS OF FINEST HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IN OREGON.



NEW \$50,000 STRUCTURE AND HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE OF PIONEER DAYS.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Salem's new \$50,000 high school building will be formally dedicated Monday evening, January 1, on which occasion Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman will deliver the principal address. All day January 1 the building will be open to visitors and members of the school board will be on hand to show visitors through the building and answer questions.

The structure is of a fine quality of brick, three stories high, with a basement, and has 16 commodious classrooms with a seating capacity of 40 students each, or a total of 640. There is also a large assembly-room with a seating capacity of 1000. Salem now claims to have the best high school building in the state, and in one more year will have it paid for. The new structure is situated on the site of the old Central school building on Union street. The old wooden structure was erected in 1857 by Jonathan O'Donald, a pioneer carpenter, who built many of the residences and business houses in the early days of Salem. Mr. O'Donald still resides in Salem and works at his trade. In the old building all the children of Salem pioneers received their elementary education. Ex-Governor Geer, Congressman Williamson, State Treasurer Moore, F. H. D'Arcy, C. B. Moore and Senator E. M. Croshaw are among the many prominent men whose names are found on the old registers. The old building is now standing on a corner of the grounds, but will be sold and moved away.

PACIFIC COAST DEAD.

Theresa E. Brown.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Theresa Elizabeth, wife of W. E. Brown, president of the Eugene Loan & Savings Bank, died at her home yesterday after a lingering illness. She was born in Richmondville, Scholastic County, N. Y., September 25, 1848, and moved to Hopkinton, Iowa, in April, 1886. After her marriage on May 15, 1886, she lived in Hopkinton until 1888, when the family made their home in Manchester, Iowa. She has been a resident of Eugene since October, 1888, when her family moved to Oregon to make their new home. Besides her husband there survives a son, Willis Warner Brown; a brother, W. O. Warner, and her father, F. H. Warner.

Miss Blanch Emerson.

THE DALLAS, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Miss Blanch Emerson, only daughter of Mrs. Hannah Emerson, died at her home in this city of consumption. Miss Emerson was born at Waldron, Wheeler County, July 6, 1883, and had spent her life in Eastern Oregon. She was a graduate of The Dallas High School and had held a responsible position in the office of her uncle, Hon. Franklin Menefee, for two years before illness incapacitated her. Besides her mother, she leaves one brother, Roy Emerson, of this city.

Eliam Small Morris.

MEMPHIS, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Eliam Small Morris, a pioneer of 1851, died at his home near North Yamhill, December 25, Mr. Morris was born in Pennsylvania in 1811. He crossed the plains with his wife and five children in 1851, and in the following year moved near to North Yamhill, where he has resided continuously for the past 53 years. He left a wife, aged 83 years, and ten children.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, wife of County Attorney Lester E. Wilson, died in this city this morning following a lingering illness from Bright's disease. The deceased was 25 years of age, and was a native of Philadelphia. She came to Walla Walla about 12 years ago, with her husband. She was very prominent in literary and women's club circles.

SCORN MADE MURDEROUS

EARL STEWART TRIES TO SHOOT VARIETY ACTRESS.

Woman He Met in Alaska Beats Him Up Badly, With Aid of New Admirer.

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—Earl Stewart, a recent arrival from Fairbanks, Alaska, fired several shots at Hilda Davis, a variety actress and one at Frank Thomas, who was with her this afternoon, in a room in the Detroit Hotel. His aim was poor and before the police arrived he was badly beaten by Thomas and Davis.

Stewart met Miss Davis in Fairbanks last summer and fell in love with her and came to Seattle in the fall on the same day. She would have nothing to do with him and the attempted shooting today is the result of pique and jealousy. Stewart is in jail.

Practicing Without a License.

CONDON, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—J. C. Sheldon has been arrested at Mayville on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. It is understood that both Sheldon and his wife are practicing medicine at Mayville without a license. They are recent arrivals to Gilliam County, having come here about six months ago.

Beaverton Grange Election.

BEAVERTON, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Butte Grange held a very interesting meeting at Tigardville last Saturday, followed by an interesting address by the worthy state master, B. G. Lundy. Officers were elected for the year 1906. Hanna Christensen was chosen again as master.

SUIT ON BOUNDARY

Commissioners Are to Take Testimony in Controversy.

AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Documentary Evidence From Oregon and Washington Will Be Forwarded to Supreme Court With State's Arguments.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Attorney-General of Oregon and Washington have reached an agreement in the boundary suit affecting the fishing grounds at the mouth of the Columbia, by the terms of which the State of Washington will select one commissioner, and the State of Oregon another commissioner, to take evidence in the controversy.

The complaint of the State of Washington was served some time ago on the Attorney-General of Oregon, and the latter will file his answer within a few days. The case will not be filed in the Supreme Court at Washington until both complaint and answer are prepared and served, and when filed will be accompanied by a stipulation providing, as above related, for a commission to take and receive testimony. It is expected that the case will be filed in Washington City in January.

The places where testimony will be taken will probably be Ilwaco and Olympia, Wash., Portland, Astoria and Salem, Or. The testimony will consist largely of documentary evidence, such as early charts and Government records, the testimony of engineers, and possibly of pioneers who were familiar with the location of the channels at the time of the establishment of the boundary line by act of Congress.

It has been agreed that all testimony shall be in by August 1, but it is likely that the work will be accomplished even earlier. This will enable the Attorney-General for the two states to have printed all the testimony and prepare their arguments for submission to the United States Supreme Court in the October term of court. A decision will be handed down probably in December, 1906.

The commission taking the testimony does not act in the capacity of a court, but will simply put the witnesses under oath, be present during the taking of testimony and certify as to the correctness of the printed transcript. The selection for this state will be made by the Attorney-General, and the commissioner will undoubtedly be a notary public and probably a lawyer.

SNOW FALLS IN NORTHWEST

Eastern Oregon Farmers Welcome Blanket for Wheat.

CONDON, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Snow has been falling yesterday and today, but so little that it will do little good to the wheat crop in this country. There has been no snow of any consequence this winter, and late-sown wheat has not yet come up, and will not unless a good deep snow falls, or the weather turns off warm for a week or ten days.

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—A driving rain turned to snow this morning, when the wind shifted from the south to the north. The wind from the south reached a velocity of 30 miles an hour. No damage reported.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 30.—A light, gentle snow is falling here today. The wind is light but fresh, and temperature about average for the normal for this time of year.

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—The weather today is rainy and cool, and with a slight trace of snow this morning.

Buy Railroad Tax Certificates.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Frank Williams, a Toppenish blacksmith, editor and publisher of the Yaker, has issued tax certificates covering the Northern Pacific right of way in Yakima County, on which 104 taxes are delinquent. The company has refused to pay its taxes on the ground that the assessment was too high.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE FROM SECOND OREGON DISTRICT.

W. J. Lachner, of Baker City. BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—William J. Lachner, candidate for Congress from the Second District on the Republican ticket, is a native-born Eastern Oregonian. His parents came to Oregon by way of Panama in the early days and settled first in Oregon City and later in Canyon City, Grant County, in which place William J. was born. He has been identified with the Republican party for many years, being county chairman for four years, and is at present a member of the Congressional committee. He is a graduate of the law department of Ann Arbor University, finishing in 1884 in the class with Judge J. M. Harbo and John H. Scott, of Marion County.

War Dance New Year's Day.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 30.—On the afternoon and evening of New Year's day a big war dance will be held by the Indians on the Umatilla Reservation. Preparations for the occasion are now being made by the Indians. The dance will be held in Chief No Shirt's big tepee, and about 50 Indians are expected to take part. Visitors will be allowed, and Harold A. Loring, of the Indian Service, who is here for the purpose of collecting songs of the Indians, will be present.

Freight Agent for Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Wilder Colby, who for several years has been representative in this city of the Great Northern Railroad, has been ordered to Portland to fill the position of freight agent in that city. He will succeed there Hamilton Campbell, who has been transferred to Bellinham, as the Great Northern commercial agent.

Paul Shoup, who represents the Harriman freight interests in Portland, is in this city on a visit. He expects to leave tonight for the north.

Railroad Files Yearly Report.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—The Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad Company, of Seattle, has filed its annual detailed report with the Washington Railroad Commission, being the first transportation company to comply with the new law. The report is for the year ending June 30, 1905, and shows many interesting features. The company has 210 employees, whose annual salaries aggregated \$122,526.53, or an average of \$583.46 a day, or less than the engineers, who receive \$3.55; the conductors, \$2.50; the machinists, \$3.67; or telegraph operators, \$3.47.

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Dick Smith Asked to Referee.

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Plan for Federation With American Episcopal Denomination.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The Russian Church of North America has been taking a deep interest in the Protestant Episcopal movement toward church federation. To obtain an expression from the Russian synod on the question of federation with the American Episcopal Church, the Russian synod will appoint a committee of its clergy to meet a similar committee of the American Episcopal church in San Francisco, to discuss the question of federation.

DEAD AT FOOT OF CLIFF

Telegraph Hill Woman Went Out for Visit After Dark.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The unconscious form of Mrs. George Daniel was found this morning at the foot of Telegraph Hill cliff that overlooks the bay.

Mrs. Daniel left her home last night about 9 o'clock, without hat or wraps, to go to the house of a neighbor. When she did not return her husband, who is an agent for a music publishing concern, became greatly alarmed. Later, he searched the neighborhood, but could find no trace of his missing wife.

The officiating minister was our veteran blacksmith, W. L. Clanton, who served through the Rebellion as private horse-shoer and counsellor to General Lee. This last wedding makes the reverend gentleman's record an even 250, of which number, he proudly asserts, none have yet been divorced.

McCormack Buys Into the Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Chicago Evening Post today says that Alexander A. McCormack, editor and publisher of the Evening Star, has bought an interest in the Star League, which publishes the Indianapolis Star, the Terre Haute Star and the Muncie Star, and that he will immediately become the editor and publisher of those papers, succeeding John C. Shafter as president of the company.

Tinplate Trust Has New Head.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Charles Bray, first vice-president of the American Sheet & Tinplate Company, has been appointed president in the place of John A. Topping, who has resigned to become the active head of the Tennessee Coal & Iron and the Republic Iron & Steel properties.

Blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds, and though a late, a sure reward succeeds.—Congree.

bleased. The last report of the Secretary of Agriculture reads like a fairy tale, Fortunatus with a cornucopia. The earth over which the Stars and Stripes wave yielded more than \$6,000,000,000 of wealth, the corn crop alone \$1,100,000,000.

The world never had, nor has it anything now, that can be compared with the Republic as a wealth producer. Manufacturing interests are enjoying an almost unprecedented boom. There is a scarcity of labor in many places, and those who work are enjoying the highest wages paid in the world. In fact, the United States has never, within the memory of men now living, been so prosperous—it is at the zenith of its prosperity, the South as well as the North.

Our country is to be congratulated especially upon its President and its Secretary of the Navy seeing at last that it would be folly, a wasteful piece of extravagance, to build more warships, which in all probability would never fire a shot, but would rust to decay.

The attitude of the Government is to keep the present Navy in every way efficient. And no American citizen would oppose such a course. The only regrettable feature of the case is that the stand was not taken years ago.

Great Navy Not Needed.

Our victories and triumphs should be in other directions than in the military and naval domains, and nothing is more certain than that an individual or nation with a chip on its shoulder is pretty apt to run amuck. Unarmed men hardly commit murder. Is the same not applicable to nations?

Today no power wishes to attack us; and it is not because we are so formidable as a fighting entity. It is because we are a dominant power in peace. This Republic of ours was not founded on so low a plane as a military or naval power, as are, for instance, the old countries of Europe, but as a peaceful Republic and Industrial Power.

As President Lincoln said: "Four scores and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation consecrated in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." That is the gospel for the coming years. May it and all succeeding years be years of our Lord in practice as well as preaching.

No Peril in Immigration.

Attention is being repeatedly directed to the immigration problem. Upward of a million newcomers have arrived to increase our National population, and either to add to or detract from our wealth and prestige as a homogeneous people. Certain students of sociology find occasion for alarm in the situation. But there is as yet no occasion for disquietude, if we look but deep enough into the situation. We certainly are hale and hearty enough to swallow and assimilate all that come to our shores, provided ordinary precautions are taken in cutting the black sheep out of the herd.

Finally, let all contribute by both word and deed to the stability of our common land. Surely we can best do this by following the ideals of our fathers, by pitying other nations burdened with vast masses of wretched, uneducated, and wretchedly ignorant people, who seek the peace and good will among men.

Roosevelt Sent Fitz Sympathy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says that President Roosevelt has received a kindly, sympathetic letter from President Fitzsimmons, which he treasures above all his worldly possessions. President Roosevelt's defeat at the hands of O'Brien. Fitzsimmons telegraphed an appreciative answer to the President, and wished him the compliments of the season.

DIABETES

Complete Recovery of a Well-Known San Franciscoan.

Adolph Weske, the capitalist, of 520 Green street, is one of San Francisco's pioneer business men. He was the founder of the Original California Cracker Company at the corner of Battery and Broadway, in that city. Hearing that he had recovered from Diabetes (a disease that is believed to be incurable), Charles Stewart, a business man of Alameda, Ia., wrote him asking if it was true. We are permitted to copy his personal reply.

San Francisco, July 22, 1904. CHAS. STEWART, ESQ., Alameda, Iowa.

Dear Sir: Would have answered your letter sooner, but was at my wife in Placer county. Will now say that if you have Diabetes, nothing in the world will cure you but the J. J. Falton Compound. You want to make up your mind in the first place to stay with it—not take a few bottles and then stop, either through impatience or imagining you are well. It will take time, but it is sure to cure you. I took the medicine (a bottle a week) for a whole year, and am now as well as I ever was in my life, and this was all of four years ago. I am much of the time in my mine, 300 feet underground, and with no bad effects. Of course, one has to live rightly. The sooner you commence taking this Compound, the sooner you will commence to get out of your misery. If you commence at once, and live rightly, in one year's time I guarantee you will be entirely rid of the disease and as well a man as ever. Yours very truly, AD. WESKE.

Revolution in Russia.

At present the deplorable revolutionary state of Russia is attracting attention. And it is indeed serious, but the nature of things transitory. Disorder is always of short duration. In one respect it is a cheering sign, a handwriting on the wall. For it proves that the people of Dark Russia are beginning to feel the divine discontentment which lies at the root of all progress. They feel, or seem to feel, more than ever in the past that they are men, and, as such, are entitled to a voice in the management of their country.

Will the autocracy be overthrown? Opinions may differ, but there is nothing so far that would lead to such a conclusion. Certainly the Russian monarchy will be limited, but the country is not yet ripe for a government solely by the people. Meanwhile everything, every upheaval and sporadic revolt, is working for good. Russia may be expected to make a notable advance as a result, and that very soon. We are soon going to see a Brighter Russia vice the Darker Russia of the present and past.

Returning now to our own country: In material things, we are extraordinarily

BEN SELLING'S Clearance Sale WILL BE RESUMED Tuesday Morning

GARNEGIE'S REVIEW

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the situation suggests asking, What is the root of the evil? It is, is it not, because the American people have set their hearts overmuch on the attainment of great wealth at a sacrifice of everything else that is human and salutary? It cannot be repeated too often that riches and happiness are not and never will be synonymous.

If the number of very rich happy men in this country were known, the knowledge would be startling to say the least. For the amassing of great wealth almost invariably narrows the outlook and deadens the capacity for ordinary human enjoyment. Wealth is taken, one must conclude, too seriously by Americans as a people.

But, returning to the recent exposure that have profoundly shaken the country from end to end, the great fault has been that good men have given their names to diverse projects without intending to guard them by close attention to the details involved when their names are so given. Many good men have received a needed lesson of late, and our commercial and financial institutions will have more difficult times henceforth in getting respectable, conscientious gentlemen to act as dummy directors, and, not seldom, as decoy ducks.

Tribute to Grover Cleveland.

One of the greatest tributes paid to a private citizen was rendered to ex-President Grover Cleveland when he was chosen a trustee of the Honorable Life Insurance Society. There was a consensus of opinion that his name of all names would carry assurance in all parts of the country to the policy-holders of the Equitable that their interests would be at once faithfully and capably guarded; that the institution was to be in the hands of a man incapable of being false to any duty assumed.

Polonius advised his son to study character. Grover Cleveland has characterized the precious jewel of spotless reputation, which all else in the world is so readily surging, let it be added, when there are still capable, honest men of high stature to fall back upon in time of need. There are some unprincipled factors in every direction, men whose only regard is their own private gain at the expense of the public good, but it has been my observation that the majority of our business men, professional and financial leaders are honest men. Democracy is justified in and by them.

Laborers Preserve Nation.

There is cause for congratulation, as we pass this milestone of our progress as a Nation, in the large number of young men who are carrying the banner of the French-birthed foe, who now discover that there is nothing antagonistic between them; that they are complementary to each other; for a hundred years they have been implacable foes, mostly active, always passive, foes. Today they are allies and friends. This change is to be productive of much benefit in the councils of Europe for the promotion of peace.

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