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## MAKE HONEST BANKS SUFFER

The trouble in which the Scriber bank at LaGrande is now involved is but an incident in commercial life. It has no bearing whatever upon the rest of the banking business of Oregon. From reports received here it appears the trouble arose because the people of LaGrande suspected Scriber of dishonesty. If he was dishonest he will be punished. But other banks should not be made to suffer.—East Oregonian.

No, they should not. But the editor of the East Oregonian is inconsistent, for he is supporting the latest pet scheme of Mr. Bryan, the government guarantee of bank deposits, which is nothing less than making the "other banks" suffer for the dishonesty of those banks which make away with their depositors' money. Under the democratic plan as advocated by Mr. Bryan the government would guarantee the deposits, but it would be the safe and soundly conducted banks of the country who would pay the bill. They would "suffer" to just the extent to which the crooked bankers succeeded in fleecing their depositors, for the democratic platform of 1908 pledges the party to legislation under which the national banks shall be required to establish a guarantee fund for the payment of depositors of any insolvent national bank, and making the system available to any other banks desiring to join in such plan. The system would only facilitate the process of plundering the public through "wild-cat" banks, for the government guarantee would tempt the depositor, who would not under that plan have occasion to use discrimination in selecting the depository for his money. It would increase the deposits in dishonest banks, and the correspondingly increased losses would be borne by the honest and capably-managed banks. This plan proposed by Mr. Bryan does not commend itself to the person who believes that common honesty should be an asset in business as well as in private life.

## WAITING ON THE ELECTION

Oregonian

It is well known that many business transactions are awaiting the event of the Presidential election. It is within every person's knowledge. "Wait till after the election, then we'll see," is the most common remark one hears these days. It may not be wise, as we think, for all of us will still be here after the election, no matter what the result, and we should and must make the best of it. But it is useless to deny that apprehension exists, as to consequences, should Bryan be elected. It exists among not a few even of those who still, out of partisan feeling, will vote for Bryan. For gratification of partisan feeling is a luxury with many, even if they are in doubt about the further consequences of it.

It is right and proper for a newspaper, or for a party committee, if either shall desire, to make inquiry among business men, as to their opinion as to the probable effect, on business and affairs, of the success of one party or another. Mr. Bryan's

course on many matters relating to money and monetary standard, and therefore to industry and business in general, together with his propagation of disturbing ideas that throw doubt upon credits and maintenance or growth of values, is a fact not to be disregarded; for it is present with us, it is noted; here, and in all parts of the country. They who feel the apprehension did not create it. It has been created by the career of Mr. Bryan and by the course of his party. Every campaign he makes is, virtually, a class war.

## A GOOD OMEN

The farmers of Crook county are in mighty good spirits over the fine soaking rain of last week. The ground was very dry after an unusual period of drouth and the rain was badly needed. Fall rains were due, but one of such duration was hardly to be hoped for. The rains lasted almost through the week, and very little of the moisture went to waste.

However, as has been said before, Nature has a way of evening up things, and the rain was by all rights due us, after the long dry spell. It will go a long way towards getting the 1909 crop under way, and it is a happy omen for the next season's crop.

## BLIND PIGS GOOD PORKERS

That there is more in a pig than appears in his face is a very true dictum, for blind pigs in Umatilla county have just yielded the county \$4450 in fines. The officials of Umatilla are conducting a vigorous crusade against the blind pigs and other methods of illegally selling liquor, a number of which have sprung up since the prohibition law went into effect. The first round-up caught quite an assortment of them, and the size of the fines would indicate that the crusade will be successful.

## OPTIMISTIC

When it comes to new ways to dodge the prohibition laws, we look to Alabama with confidence. Her citizens have recently invented a "sandwich" that takes the cake. It consists of two huge slices of bread with a very thin bottle filled with whisky between! It is said it complies with the law, or rather that the sale of these "sandwiches" is not illegal.—The Dalles Optimist.

If it were assumed that the Oregon Trunk Line people had not yet financed their railroad project up the Deschutes river, a very plausible explanation of the Harriman activity in that locality would suggest itself. By making a big bluff towards the construction of a line up the river, the attractiveness of the other project as a field for investment would be lessened. For, unquestionably, neither of the two parallel and competing lines could promise to be as profitable as one line serving the same territory would have been. And, four or five million dollars, which it is said the project will cost, might be hard to obtain under these circumstances. However, that theory of the purpose of the Harriman work along the Deschutes appears to be weak in the premises, for there is a pretty general opinion that the Oregon Trunk Line people know just where their money is coming from, and have plenty in sight to complete the undertaking. And, with the obstruction theory knocked in the head, it begins to look tolerably certain that Central Oregon is to have two roads from the North, both by way of the Deschutes canyon. Let us hope that we are not "seeing double."

## LANDSLIDE ONLY CAN DEFEAT JUDGE TAFT

Bryan's Chances Decrease--Republican Candidate Rapidly Gains Votes.

The Washington correspondent of the Portland Oregonian says nothing short of a democratic landslide can now prevent the election of William H. Taft. Two weeks ago the situation was far different, but in this brief period marked gains have been made by the Republicans, and at least three important states have been removed from the doubtful into the Republican column—New York, Illinois and Indiana.

The political outlook as viewed by Republican national leaders is rapidly improving. Independent voters are being swung into line for Taft; the movement of labor votes toward Bryan, once alarming, has been quite generally checked; disaffection among the negroes has been largely overcome; and enthusiasm or at least interest is being awakened among all classes.

The following table upon which the forecast is based will be of interest to those of our readers who take more than a passing interest in politics:

PROBABLY REPUBLICAN			
California	10	New Jersey	12
Connecticut	7	Nor Dakota	4
Delaware	3	Ohio	23
Illinois	27	Oregon	4
Iowa	13	Pennsylvania	34
Idaho	3	South Dakota	4
Indiana	15	Rhode Island	4
Kansas	10	Utah	3
Maine	6	Vermont	4
Massachusetts	16	Washington	5
Michigan	14	West Virginia	7
Minnesota	11	Wisconsin	13
Nebraska	8	Wyoming	3
New York	39		
N Hampshire	4	Total	306

PROBABLY DEMOCRATIC			
Alabama	11	Oklahoma	7
Arkansas	9	N Carolina	12
Florida	5	S Carolina	9
Georgia	13	Tennessee	12
Kentucky	13	Texas	18
Louisiana	9	Virginia	12
Mississippi	10		
Missouri	18	Total	161
Nebraska	3		

DOUBTFUL			
Colorado	5		
Maryland	8		
Montana	3		
Total	16		

Necessary to elect, 242.

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**STATE SELECTION.** Notice for Publication, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, September 22, 1908.  
Notice is hereby given that State of Oregon has filed in this office its application, Serial No 0893, to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1848, and the Acts supplementary thereto, the following land, to wit: Sec 35, T 11 S, R 13 E, W. M.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 14th day of December, 1908.  
01-n5 C. W. MOORE, Register

**Not Coal Land**  
**TIMBER LAND.** Notice for Publication, Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, September 25, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that HELEN D. JOHNSTON, of Bend, Oregon, who, on September 19, 1908, made timber and stone application No. 0107, for sections 24 and 25, T 11 S, R 9 E, W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 11th day of December, 1908.  
Claimant names as witnesses: Charles L. Brock, Arthur King, James Boyd, Charles O Johnston, Frank C Rowlee, Helen D Johnston, all of Bend, Oregon.  
08-d3 C. W. MOORE, Register.

**NOTICE** For Publication.—Soldier's Additional Homestead Entry, Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, Sept. 11, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Nathan H. Plakerton, of Pendleton, Oregon, has filed in this office his application to make soldier's additional homestead entry, as assignee of Martha Wollan, by mesne, under the provisions of Sec. 2306 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, the 25th day of September, 1908, to wit: Sec 27, T 10 S, R 13 E, W. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before October 27, 1908.  
87-622 C. W. MOORE, Register.

**CONTEST NOTICE.** Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, September 22, 1908.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by JOSEPH Y. CREWS, of Sellwood, Oregon, contestant, against homestead entry No. 13151, made December 29, 1903, for the W 1/2 of N 1/2 and N 1/2 of N 1/2 of sec 35, and N 1/2 of N 1/2 of sec 34, T 10 S, R 14 E, W. M., by James A. McCoy, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman, James A. McCoy, has wholly abandoned said tract of land for more than six months last past and that such abandonment still exists, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 2, 1908, before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 12, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon.  
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed September 22, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.  
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