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The St. Joseph (Missouri) Gazette, repeated by the Albany (Oregon) Democrat, says:

A debtor may have a carload of silver and still be unable to pay his debts except by permission of his creditor. He cannot take his silver to the treasury, or anywhere else, and exchange it for legal tender gold, with which to pay his debts. Under this law he will be helpless and at the mercy of the money lender as completely as if he were his purchased slave. Among all the infamies that have ever been enacted into law by the republican party, nothing has equalled the infamy of this bank trust bill.

One here in Oregon when a debtor has a carload of wheat, or potatoes, or lumber, or pork, he doesn't complain because the United States treasury doesn't issue him legal tender gold dollars for it, at an advance of over 50 per cent. of its real value. The Oregon man takes his commodity to the highest accessible world's market and gets the best price obtainable for it and goes and pays his debt in currency which his creditor cannot and does not desire to refuse.

A very strong element of uncertainty exists in any event regarding the results of an "open river route" to the sea from the interior. The water route as compared with an all-rail haul has not in the past history of the grain trade proven the most successful artery of transportation, even without portage railway interruption. The decline of the business of the Erie canal and Mississippi river are evidences of this fact. Bradstreet makes an interesting comment on a similar situation to that being urged in the interior at present in the following: "An effort to regain some share of its former grain trade is at the bottom of a new enterprise about to be started at St. Louis. Steel barges are to be employed and an effort made to attract grain to that market, the aim being to make it a center of receipts and shipments, with the Mississippi river as the channel of distribution. The working out of this experiment—for as yet it is in the domain of experiment, because only two barges will be at first employed—will be watched with considerable interest. At one time the Mississippi river was an outlet for considerable grain produced in the West, it being a matter of record that at that date nearly one-sixth of all the grain received at the East came from the Mississippi valley by way of New Orleans. This enterprise will be of particular interest to those who continue to favor

water transportation as a competitive force with the steam railroad. The fact that the Mississippi is paralleled by steam roads all the way from St. Louis to New Orleans will certainly not reduce the interest to be taken therein. The success of such an enterprise could certainly be regarded by the friends of improved canal facilities as an argument for the extension of those arteries of traffic and particularly by the advocates of a greatly improved Erie canal, who find that the public feeling which pushed the successive improvements of that waterway in the past is very hard to arouse."—West Coast Trade.

One of the interesting minor incidents with which all Arctic experience is strewn, closed the other day by the return to Mrs. Emma De Long, widow of Commander George W. De Long, to the sisters of the late Lieutenant C. W. Chipp and to the mother and sister of the late Lieutenant John W. Danenhower, all of the ill-fated Jeannette, of letters with unbroken seals, written to these officers nearly twenty years ago. When the Lady Franklin Bay expedition left for the North in 1881 the letters were entrusted to its commander in the vague hope that possibly the two parties might somehow, somehow and at some time meet. The Jeannette, as is well known sank, crushed, at the end of two years' drift in the Arctic. De Long, with nearly all his party, perished on reaching the mainland; Chipp's boat drifted into the unknown and was never seen or heard of again, while Danenhower, in Admiral Melville's boat, reached home with health seriously impaired, and later died in Washington. The undelivered letters lay eighteen years in abandoned Fort Conger, and, last summer, Civil Engineer Perry brought them with other records back to civilization and ultimately to their authors by whom they will be treasured as precious mementoes of those who never read their messages of affection. It is interesting to Astorians to know in this connection that one of the survivors of the Jeannette expedition is a prominent resident of this city. Mr. Peterson, of Peterson & Brown, shoe dealer, was one of De Long's most trusted men.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WAR.

Japan is reported to be preparing for war with Russia, and France, by all the indications, is seriously, that is, as seriously as is possible for her, contemplating war with England, and so impatient is the national temper that she may not even wait until after her big international show is over. Should both be going on at the same time visitors from this and other countries will have more excitement for their money than they bargained for at first.

It seems an insane thing for France to do, but France gets streaks of insanity about once in a generation, and nothing but bitter experience will cure her. It is possible she counts on Russia's aid, but there seems to be a doubt if Nicholas will risk burning his fingers. It would not be very strange in such an event to see Germany take a hand with England to have a drive at her hereditary foe, and this would make a very pretty complication.

The Kaiser, and his people, too, would more naturally side with England than with France in such an event, not only from the sentiment of distant kinship, but from a feeling that, in case France with Russia's aid, were successful in humbling England, she would not stop until she avenged herself on the Teuton.

But what a strange outcome of the Geneva conference are recent events—wars and rumors of wars!

THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

That the so-called Boer republics have been compelled to sue for peace and have sent an envoy to Europe to appeal to the various powers, including the United States, for their good offices in securing mediation between them and Great Britain, is simply a realization of the expectations of those who were able to see beyond the immediate present. Pervent partisans of the Afrikaner cause professed in the earlier days of the war, when Boer successes were the rule, to foresee its ultimate triumph, yet it is doubtful if in their inmost souls they really believed it, however ardently they may have desired such an outcome. The invasion of British territory was a bold stroke, as it took the queen's forces at a disadvantage, but in its very nature it could not succeed. For one reason the entire available fighting force of the Afrikaner states was in the field and there were no reserves to follow up and hold whatever advantage they might gain. Possibly,

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had the Boer generals met with opposition no more serious than that they at first encountered, before the arrival of Field Marshall Roberts, they might have been able to win such repeated successes as to justify foreign intervention in their behalf; but from the moment the man of Kandahar took the field everything was changed, and their cause was doomed. It was simply a question of generalship. That the Boers were favored with the presence among them of some of the best tacticians of continental Europe was a fact that soon developed, but the event has proved they were no match for Roberts. He has not beaten the Boer generals alone, and there were some shrewd ones of that race, but the clever German and other strategists who cast in their lot with them.

The Boer president's statement of their reason for not proposing terms of peace while their arms were almost universally successful instead of waiting until reverses overtook them, to wit, that they did not wish to humiliate the British national spirit, has a touch of grim humor in it. Not that it would have made any difference, however, for the sentiment of England has never changed in that respect. The reply of Lord Salisbury in rejecting the Boer proposal is a fair exponent of it. The public believed from the outset that Great Britain must and would triumph. The feeling is strong that an error was made in conceding Boer independence after the last war, and Gladstone's course in the matter is regarded as weak and the cause of the trouble which led up to the present war. This sentiment is also strong with the British colonies, and their wishes are likely to be considered. Nor is it likely that as British colonies or provinces the Boer states will suffer. They have never been true republics, and that is a fact not to be lost sight of. That more real progress will be made under British influence, and the countries be more wisely and thoroughly developed, and that all the inhabitants will enjoy a greater degree of true freedom than under the rule of the few leading spirits is certain.

The defeat of the Boers is a blessing in disguise.

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J. E. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says: "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles but I cured them with Dewitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. Charles Rogers.

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