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WEATHER.
 Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.

WISDOM, A PRICELESS ASSET.

The good common sense of the people of Oregon was never so patiently needed as at the present moment, and their coolest, most deliberate wisdom in the existing financial exigency will figure as their most priceless asset.

The leading banks of Portland are unable to call in the short time, or call loans, they have made to the New York houses, and they must have a reasonable time in which to receive this money, which is already being despatched this way, and which alone is needed to cover every liability against them at home.

The larger percentage of these loans were made at the opening of the grain season to assist in the handling of the enormous and high-priced crops of the country; and as more than the customary time has been needed to transport and dispose of this enormous factor, the return remittances are correspondingly delayed; hence the ambiguous status of banking concerns known the world over as practically impregnable.

"Time is of the essence" of this situation. There is nothing in it to warrant the slightest degree of alarm, and the loyal sense of our people is assuredly well enough founded to concede the banks what of rational time they shall need, in this extraordinary premise, to recover from a false position forced upon them by their eastern correspondents.

We said some days ago that there was a deeply laid scheme in the East, formulated, and fomented, by the venal rich, to precipitate conditions, which, while not absolutely dangerous nor ruinous, might be evilly construed to the discredit of President Roosevelt's final year of administration and in derogation of his possible candidacy for the Presidency, or of that of any man wholly committed to his doctrines and policies of government. This view is announced in the Oregonian of yesterday and in terms that are peculiarly convincing, in relation to the emergency that now confronts us; and we most heartily urge upon the people of Oregon and the entire West, the transcendent duty of defeating the financial pirates in their transparent game of disparagement, by standing faithfully by their home-banks, giving all the time that may be needed to recoup upon a situation that has been forced upon them, and from which they will recover instantly, when their calls for the money advanced shall be honored, as honored they must be, since no bank may wilfully declare its inability, or its deliberate purpose, to ignore such a call, without sacrificing its charter as well as its character, on the spot.

Keep cool for a few days! Be patient with an untoward condition! And stand by your own institutions, to the certain defeat of a certain and momentous plot engineered by a group of malignant scoundrels in the East!

"SPEAKING BY THE CARD!"

People have a fashion of putting their spontaneous conclusions on important subjects upon the plane of flat, declarative assertion, without so much as a shadow of authentic warrant, and it is misleading, in nine cases out of ten. For those to whom these biased and adventitious statements are made, are quite as much at a loss for indubitable denial, as the teller of them is for authority; and so, frequently, a serious story goes out on its harmful way, unvouchered for, yet generally believed.

For instance, a well known man in this city yesterday informed the writer that from what he could gather from reliable (?) sources in Portland, neither Hill, nor Harriman, have the slightest intention of completing any of the great schemes that are popularly believed to have been ordained for consummation at the mouth of the Columbia river. Now this man is an honest citizen, with

as actually ignorant of the designs of such men as Hill and Harriman as he was; and though they were not "speaking by the card," he is willing to take their word and set upon it, and what is more, send the unauthenticated yarn farther ahead, not alone to his own detriment, but to that of hundreds of others.

No man may speak for the builders of great railways or other huge enterprises until they themselves have spoken, or acted, and rumor is worth only what of it shall be confirmed. Men of their calibre and engagements are, obviously, silent until the propitious moment of security; and then they act. "Actions speak louder than words" with them as with lesser lights of humanity. It is folly to take the morbid, or the sanguine, inference of any man, however well he may argue it, as a flat principle of determination. Wait for the act that has a demonstrable value, a directing agency, and authoritative significance; and having measured its meaning, govern your own ends to conform to it.

That there is no act, for a long, even an interminable, time, does not control any phase of a projected situation such as is pending here; the apparent inertia of the "powers that be" has no mandatory weight; save that the hour for definite work and accomplishment has not arrived. It is as useless by way of incision as any other element we may not understand or realize.

Take no man's word for anything he cannot substantiate clearly. We can all hope, and doubt, and "build castles," but it is not given to any, nor many, to know the things so rightly guarded as are the secret purposes, dates, lines, times, or scopes of action, dwelling within the designs of men who never talk except to conceal those designs, or to announce them in the coolest and clearest terms of truth.

BROKEN FLANGE WRECKS BRIDGE.

A disastrous wreck of a bridge near McKee's Rocks, Pa., resulted recently from an apparently insignificant cause. A freight train was passing over the bridge when a flange of one of the wheels broke, chipping off a portion nearly one foot in length. The wheel that failed was of cast iron and was beneath a steel hopper car of 100,000 pounds capacity loaded with coal. The car left the rails and knocked out one of the posts of the bridge truss. The entire structure collapsed.

The accident is a typical failure of this kind of bridge. The pin-connected type of truss, which is almost universally used in truss bridges in the United States, nearly always gives way when one of the posts is knocked from position. British engineers generally use a riveted truss, which is not so readily destroyed by the breaking of one part.

Photographs of the havoc wrought in the wreck mentioned appear in The Technical World Magazine for November.

For a long-distance view of the situation the medal for correct observation should go to the Los Angeles Express: "Wall Street made the financial bed and scattered tacks between the sheets; why does it yelp when events compel it to take a nap there?"

If this Vanderbilt and similar rumors are correct there will yet be more counts among New York's four hundred than there are in a Standard Oil indictment.

The reason that "prison yawns for the men who have misapplied the funds of confiding depositors" is that prison has gotten so tired waiting for them.

It is as easy as it is mentally shiftless to blame the administration for the results of dishonest financing.

Taft avoids even the possibility of cocktail criticism at receptions by favoring water parades.

That tobacco sauce combine ought to make it hot for some small concerns.

The balloons all came down, but some other inflations seem to be going up.

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SEVERE SENTENCE

Is Sent to Jail for Twenty-Five Years for Arson.

HER HUSBAND IS ARRESTED

Sergota Woman Fires Her House and Endangers Much Property in Western Addition—Was Trying to Collect Insurance Money.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Stella Sergota sobbed with grief and despair as she stood before Judge Cook yesterday morning and listened to his scathing words of rebuke as he sentenced her to serve 25 years in San Quentin for arson in the first degree. Mrs. Sergota was convicted last Saturday of having set fire to her lodging-house at 2365 Pine street on August 11th, for the purpose of getting the insurance upon the furniture she had there. Her husband, John, who was jointly charged with her, had his case dismissed in the Police Court on the ground of insufficient evidence to convict, but Judge Cook yesterday instructed Prosecuting Attorney J. M. Hanley to bring his case before the Grand Jury. Sergota was arrested outside the courtroom by Detective Sergeant Ed. O'Dea and taken to the City Prison to await the Grand Jury's action.

In passing sentence, Judge Cook dwelt upon the seriousness of the crime and said that any one who was in this city during the great fire of April 18-21, 1906, could not fail to appreciate the enormity of Mrs. Sergota's offense. He said, in part:

"In your case, the crime of which you have been convicted calls for the extreme penalty of the law, and if I was satisfied that you alone was responsible for this crime, I should not hesitate to fix a term of years that would be equivalent of life imprisonment.

"With ten fires prepared and six actually lighted, in a frame building, such as the one you fired; surrounded by frame buildings on all sides, each occupied by sleeping men, women and children, there is no telling what lives would have been lost, nor what property destroyed, had your nefarious plans been accomplished.

"With but \$500 worth of property in your house and \$2800 insurance thereon, you started a fire at 2 o'clock in the morning, that had it gained headway, might have destroyed all that was left of San Francisco after the big fire. Every building and every business and every home west of Van Ness avenue were imperiled by your greed for money and your attempt to get from the insurance companies what you were not entitled to.

"I am satisfied, since your husband hired the room to which you moved your things and packed the trunks, that he advised and encouraged and actually aided and abetted you in the commission of this crime, and is as guilty as you are. A police magistrate, however, dismissed the charge against him, and consequently he could not be tried in this court for the crime, and, I am, therefore, unable to punish him at this time, but I here and now request the District Attorney of this city and county to present the evidence that was given on your trial to the Grand Jury.

"Even though you may have to bear it all, the term of your imprisonment must be such as shall deter others from following your example, and if the District Attorney takes this case before the Grand Jury and your husband is indicted, tried and convicted, he will receive, if I am called upon to sentence him, double the term that I am about to impose as your sentence."

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