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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Increasing cloudiness followed by rain in extreme northwest portion.

TIMELY INTERVENTION.

The prompt intervention of W. M. Ladd in behalf of the depositors of the defunct Title, Guaranty & Trust Company, of Portland, and his assumption of that immense and of the late failure, has cleared the situation at the metropolis in very hearty fashion and taken the edge off what was, else, a far-reaching and dubious condition.

It would be well if there was more of this sort of "guaranty" given by the men who are fundamentally responsible for financial disorders. The fact of the matter is there is a growing sentiment throughout the country for a sharper and clearer delineation of personal responsibility in the banking business; a definite sense of reliance upon legally imposed liability and the alignment of the person, as well as the institution, when it comes to the essence of accountability.

This should prevail in much larger degree than it does at present and it is thought Congressional action will be had this winter to such an end.

The law of individual responsibility in this great department of commercial life, in Europe, is far stronger and more directly applicable, than it is in the United States; and while the banking business of the world is predicated upon sheer honor, the rare lapses that do occur should be forestalled by codes at once stringent and, assuredly, safer. The present peculiar status of affairs in this country is one of the best expressions of the popular high regard in which the American banks are held, ever recorded; nor would it be detracted from an iota if ampler provision were made to establish the real range of exact personal liability.

GOLD, THE SOLVENT.

The cheerful patience to which the people of Oregon, and the entire country, stand committed in the face of the money-stringency, is teaching a lesson that should be world-wide in its effect; since it reveals what unified thought, under the law, can achieve, as against the madness of disordered and mis-directed conception of a vital situation.

That a nation of 80,000,000 souls shall submit itself to the terms of a simple law, in relation to the gravest consideration that can exercise its interest, is a rare expression of spontaneous will without parallel in history, and infinitely creditable. It shows an amenability to reason in marvelous contrast with the results arising from unguided and irresponsible action.

Patience first, then gold. The gold is coming and the flow is distinctly marked in all the great channels that lead to the money markets of the country. It is the solvent that will soon lay all the enigma we are contending with; but it would never have served the purpose if patience, illimitable, cheerful, and popular, had not paved the way.

DEBATABLE GLORY.

The Russian Reds are after the Czar again. The glory of being supreme ruler of a country that sort strikes one as being a negative honor.

The young man at present occupying that debatable post would be far happier if he were a simple citizen and his heritage greatly less than it is. As it stands, he and his are denied all the essential happiness that falls to mortal man; he cannot know at what moment his enemies are going to be successful,

and such knowledge as that robs the simplest joy of life of its attribute.

If ever mortal man had incentive to do the will of his people the Czar has it. The world would applaud his wisdom; his people would swing the potential pendulum of popular opinion from the dreadful poise of organic, massed hatred, to that of grateful and gracious idolatry and the years that are left him might be filled with the sum of joy and peace that can never be his so long as he withholds his hand and heart from those to whom, next to his God, he is utterly responsible.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Under the operation of the "blame Roosevelt" policy it may yet be found that the President framed up the Barnes-King game and salted Tom Greenough's placer ground.

Admiral Evan's reference to western hospitality reads as if he had, at some time or other, been forced to dance to the music of a playful cowman's gun.

Dr. Hicks said that our winter would begin last Saturday. Had he not told us we would have not known it, says the St. Paul Dispatch.

Admiral Evans is sending to Japan a large consignment of hot air in advance of the sailing of his fleet.

The only excuse for referring again to this weather is that it is such a pleasant subject to talk about.

We may live without books, but we can't get along without copper.

Happily the pumpkin pie outlasts the Halloween season.

There is an active bull movement in the turkey market.

WARNED OF DEATH.

Editor of Jewish Newspaper is Condemned by Black Hundred.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A death letter which was said to have been written by Russian nationalists has been received by Louis Miller, editor of the Jewish newspaper "Warheit." The editor has been condemned to death by the foreign secretary, it was said, because of several attacks on the Russian government by the newspaper.

The postmark on the envelope, which has a black border, is Geneva, Switzerland, and is dated Oct. 31, 1907. The warning is signed by N. Feative, and explains that the Geneva department of the Union of Russian people, the Black Hundred, decided at its last meeting that the editor, who was known as M. Bamles while a revolutionist, has been condemned to death for aiding the terrorist organization and for printing documents of the government. Three special agents have been delegated to carry out the threat and have left Moscow with 3600 rubles to defray the expenses of the errand. The notice disturbed the editor, who declared that he is sure an attempt will be made to assassinate him by the organization which is regarded as one of the most influential in Russia, and is the society which started the Jewish massacres last year. Mr. Miller informed the detective bureau and he will call on a private detective agency for additional protection.

STUART CHALLENGES.

G. A. R. Officer Defies Confederates to Show Letters From Union Leaders.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Col. J. E. Stuart, vice past commander of the Department of Illinois, G. A. R., issued a challenge last night to the Louisiana Historical Association to produce the letters alleged to be in its possession in which General U. S. Grant, General George H. Thomas and Admiral Farragut at one time offered their services to Jefferson Davis in the Confederate Army.

The challenge follows the statement made in Baltimore, Md., on Saturday by Captain A. L. de Rosset, of Wilmington, N. C. Captain de Rosset, through the medium of the Confederate Veteran, the official organ of the Confederate Societies, said the historical association had in its museum original copies of letters which these three distinguished Union officers wrote to Davis. General Grant is said to have written to Davis applying for a commission, January 18, 1861. Commander Stuart says:

"I challenge the production by the Louisiana Historical Association, by any society or individual, of any authentic letter written by either of these three men at any time which contains one word, or phrase from which the inference could be drawn they were willing at any time to aid or assist the cause of the rebellion."

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TRANSFER MILLIONS

First National Bank Receives Money From Sub-Treasury.

MADE UNDER POLICE GUARD

Gold From London Arrives and is Being Distributed to Western Banks—Railroads Clamoring For Clearing Checks—Saloonkeepers Suffer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Acting under telegraphic instructions from the Treasury department in New York \$3,000,000 in gold coin will be transferred today from the Sub-Treasury to the vaults of the First National Bank. The transfer will be made under police guard. The weight of the gold to be moved is about 12,000 pounds.

The Illinois Trust and Savings Bank expects to add \$1,500,000 in gold to its currency store tomorrow. This is also a part of the shipment of gold received last week in New York from London.

The question of clearing house checks, which are being demanded by all the railroads centering in Chicago and by the Chicago Association of Commerce, representing Chicago merchants, probably will be taken up again by the Clearing House Committee today. The committee has said that if the demand was strong enough these checks will be issued. It is expected they will be received as currency by all business houses and by transportation lines.

The engraving of these checks is completed, and copies of the four denominations that may be issued will be shown to the members of the clearing house at once.

The present tightness in the money market has hit a number of saloons in the outlying districts in an unexpected and tender spot.

For years it has been the custom of large concerns to pay their employees in checks. These checks the neighborhood saloons would cash for them, their brewers furnishing the money. The saloonkeeper got his profit out of the fact the workman he obliged would naturally spend some of the money with him before going home and the brewer gained by selling more beer to the saloonkeeper.

But when one brewery sent to its bank the other day for a large amount of currency to meet this monthly call, its cashier was told the bank could not spare it. Other banks were as obdurate in meeting the demands of other breweries, and the result has been the saloonkeepers did not have the money to cash the checks of their customers on payday and lost trade in consequence.

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