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THE LUMBER RATE CASE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that the Interstate Commerce Commission has advanced the hearing of the Pacific coast lumber rate cases, setting them for December 11, less than a month hence, will be most gratifying to the lumber manufacturers...

OKLAHOMA. THIS IS the day when Oklahoma comes in, when the union is increased to 46 states—though the additional star will not appear on the flag till after July 4 next.

MONEY AND BUSINESS.

THAT THERE is a present stringency in volume of the circulating medium everybody will admit, and not a few will say that such a stringency is constant, has become chronic.

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to less than \$3,000,000,000, of which a large fraction is idle, so that such money as is in motion needs to be composed of "nimble speculations" in order to make the settlement of all kinds of balances sure and create confidence in credits.

But a disturbance occurs—the cause of this one we have heretofore sufficiently set forth—and then the percentage of cash is the important thing. Some, seeing or thinking it will become scarce and dear, call in what is due and hoard until it will purchase much more than it would normally of anything else, even of credits.

THE time is about at hand when no possible combination can be bigger and stronger than the people of the United States, bent on securing a "square deal."

MORE MONETARY DOGMATISM.

A GAIN WE hear that gold is an undoubted, absolute, sure, right and only money standard, regardless of its quantity—simply because it is gold, as if it had been so ordained by the creator of the universe.

Many statesmen, including the president and Secretary Taft, think that Oklahoma has gone entirely too far in this direction, that its constitution-makers have undertaken to do a great deal that should be left to legislatures; but the people of that territory had closely observed the farces performed by the legislatures of other states, their failures to serve the people well, their persistent and universal faults both of commission and omission; and resolved to frame up a constitution that would give legislatures small chance to play them false.

If Arizona and New Mexico could agree to unite and come in as one state, they would probably be admitted soon also, and then the American territories, as to the contiguous continent, would be things of the past.

Whatever may be decided, or thought, about Mrs. Bradley, few will commiserate the fate of her victim, whose cruelty overshadows her prior faults.

Henry G. Davis' Birthday.

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only unpatriotic, but unwise. I believe that if this money of the country, wherever hoarded, were at once put back to fulfill its functions in the channels of trade, there would be within 24 hours an almost complete resumption of business operations.

The governor is to be congratulated on discovering, and announcing, that the holidays are not quite so bad as had been generally supposed. Considerable public business can be done in spite of them, for which many thanks.

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Letters From the People

Unjust Criticism of Mr. Steel. Portland, Or., Nov. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—Believing that The Journal is always ready and impartial in presenting both sides of any public matter, I take pleasure in addressing this open letter to the public through your columns.

It seems to me that unwarranted and uncalled for criticisms may be made in times of public stress which upon a more deliberate consideration would be considered at least unkind.

Having had the honor and pleasure of many business transactions with Mr. Steel, I can truthfully say I have never met a man in my business transactions who I would so much as wish to see hurt.

The people of Oregon, both Democrats and Republicans, elected Mr. Steel because his honesty and integrity were unquestioned and if he has made an error, it is a mistake of judgment, not of judgment he has made.

Dog License Not Abolished.

Portland, Nov. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will you kindly answer through the columns of your paper the following question, which no doubt will interest other readers as well as myself.

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This Date in History.

1093—St. Margaret of Scotland died. 1315—Swiss defeated the Austrians at the battle of Morgarten. 1686—Treaty of neutrality between England and France for America.

ing to in the crisis. Is it not high enough duties which keep wages high and everybody employed, make the trade balance favorable, and stuff the market with money we had fondly believed.

People are beginning to write to the newspapers to ask if this is to be known as the "Roosevelt panic." That is comparatively unimportant. The certain and significant thing is that it will be known as a Republican and high tariff panic.

Now, what are the Republicans going to do when the Democrats hand them back their poisoned chalice? What, when they get the tariff as an infallible and magical creator of wealth and guarantor of prosperity?

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Small Change

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