

# LEADS LOS ANGELES IN BUSINESS LEAS

## Portland in Better Financial Condition Than Southern California Metropolis—Comparison of Stores—Citizens Here More Self-Dependent.

By Thomas B. Merry.  
Los Angeles, Jan. 15.—I knew dear old Mrs. John Drew during her lifetime and came up from Honolulu to San Francisco in 1861 with her husband on his return from Sydney. Mrs. Drew was the greatest impersonator in the world of the character of Mrs. Malaprop in Sheridan's comedy of "The Rivals." In the course of which play she gave utterance to the dogmatic assertion that "comparisons are odorous." At the risk of incurring the wrath of those who live in her teachings, as well as those who claim that Los Angeles is the first city on the Pacific coast which was probably true on the 15th day of April, 1868, and never since—I am desirous of calling your attention to the fact that while Portland resumes business on a hard money basis on the 15th day of December, in last year, the banks in this city are still paying depositors checks and certificates of the local clearing house.

### Money Loaned on Call.

At the same time, they are gratefully accepting deposits of gold and greenbacks from every depositor. Now, this city did not have a single bank suspension during the panic which began in the last week of October, while Portland had four suspensions. Portland is virtually a month ahead of this place in the resumption of business on a hard money basis. Where does all the money go, which has been deposited in the past 60 days—that is, all the gold and the greenbacks? In my belief there is not less than \$40,000,000 of Los Angeles money today that is being loaned out "on call" in the New York market, and as long as depositors will take scrip in lieu of the hard money deposited by them, just so long will the present condition of things continue.

I am not altogether sure that this city is on as sound a financial basis as Portland—or that it ever was. The daily papers here publish monthly, a great review of the building permits issued in the previous 30 days but they never tell from what source is derived the money which goes to pay for their construction. In seven cities of the city it is borrow in the east through the agency of some local bank or trust company and when the rental is collected monthly from the tenants of these skyscrapers, after paying taxes and janitors' wages, how much of it remains in this city? Mighty little of it, if you hear me.

### Portland's Development.

On the other hand, Portland's building development is, to a great extent, due to the reinvestment of local capital, and outside of the big Wells, Fargo & Co. block nearly all the larger business buildings of Portland have been erected from the incomes derived from smaller ones, owned since the sixties by the very same people or by their estates. Twenty-seven years ago I lived in the old Multnomah block, the site of which is now being erected a business building that would be called hand-made even in New York. Few men knew Senator Corbett better than I did, and he always impressed me as having a surplus of what you might call corner-lot sense. The Cambridge, the Worcester and the other big blocks of Portland, his shrewdness in that direction. Then there is the Ladd, Falling, Ainsworth, Lewis and a dozen other estates, belonging to the pioneer families of Portland, all of which increment has been reinvested within the corporate limits of the city where it was earned. I have not my studying cap to try and determine whether that fact is not the primary cause of Portland's going back to a cash system of business, but her banks claim ahead of Los Angeles, which claims to have 60,000 more population.

### Does Not Surpass Portland.

As a wholesale town, I fall to see where this place surpasses Portland. There is a big concern here called the Union Hardware company, whose store covers an entire block, but outside of that one store there is not a hardware store here in which I cannot buy a jack-knife for five cents. There are some 30-odd wholesale liquor stores here, but nearly all of them contain bars, so that

### MIDNIGHT HOWLERS FREE FROM MIDNIGHT BARKER'S CRUEL FATE

Cats are particularly numerous in Portland. That they are to continue rather numerous is quite probable. There is no city ordinance covering the cat question. Therefore the city authorities are powerless. And for this, no doubt, the cats, are duly thankful. The poundmaster says he receives many complaints from people living in all parts of the city and all of these are about the cats. Cats are about to take the respective neighborhoods. Cats, it seems are seldom seen but heard. It is figured that the authorities can never estimate the number of cats in the city because at times there is enough noise to make one imagine that

### MINERS TO MEET AT INDIANAPOLIS Not Likely That Coming Convention Will Declare in Favor of Strike.

(United Press Lensed Wire.)  
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—Every thing is in readiness for the nineteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America, which will be called to order in this city next Tuesday morning. At this convention John Mitchell, who has piloted the organization for a number of years, will formally relinquish the presidency, and the voters will elect the result of the referendum vote on his successor. Though no official announcement has been made it is understood that Vice-President T. L. Love is the favorite for Mitchell in the presidency. There are many important questions that will confront the delegates to the coming convention, among the most important being matters connected with the wage scale. The wage agreements between miners and operators in the

### Heppner Banks Elect Officers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Heppner, Or., Jan. 18.—The following officers of the Bank of Heppner have been elected: President, W. O. Minor; vice-president, J. H. Hensley; cashier, W. S. Wharton; assistant cashier, Crawford; directors, W. O. Minor, J. H. McHaley, W. G. Scott, W. S. Wharton, C. E. Woodson.  
For the First National Bank of Heppner the following officers have been elected: President, C. A. McRea; vice-president, A. Rhea; cashier, George Conser; first assistant cashier, Clyde Brock; directors, C. A. Rhea, J. P. Rhea, C. A. Rhea, John Nier, L. A. Ayers. This is the twentieth consecutive year that Mr. Conser has been elected cashier.

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### FATIGUED MAN DESERTS TWICE

### Mrs. Lillian Booth of Lewiston, Idaho, Swears to a Warrant for Husband.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 18.—After having followed her faithless husband from Lewiston, Idaho, to Tacoma, where she found him with a woman who had been her schoolmate and lifelong friend, Mrs. Lillian Booth has again been deserted by her husband and his affinity, and she has sworn out warrants charging him with desertion and a misdemeanor. According to the story told by Mrs. Booth she and her husband had experienced five years of ideal married life, marked by the fact that no quarrel or disagreement disturbed their domestic happiness, previous to December. Then neighborhood gossip at Lewiston were responsible for the alienation of the husband's affections.

Mrs. Booth is a handsome blonde two years younger than Mrs. Booth, was a boarder at the Booth home. Miss Thomas was a school teacher and a long chum of Mrs. Booth. Before she had suspected anything wrong, Mrs. Booth found herself alone, her husband having departed with Miss Thomas, taking with them their four-year-old daughter and all the ready cash he possessed.

Mrs. Booth believed what her husband told her and decided to remain. For a week all he worked during the daytime and spent each night at home until Tuesday. Then he remained away from home until an early hour in the morning. This aroused Mrs. Booth's suspicions and when she telephoned to the mill where her husband had been employed, she found he was not at work. Later she learned that he and Miss Thomas had left Tacoma together on the Puget sound electric train bound for Seattle. Last night she swore to a warrant charging him with desertion.

### PROSPECT GOOD FOR THE UPPER PROJECT

Better Feeling Prevails at Klamath—All Are Sanguine of Great Progress This Year.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 18.—The present outlook is good for the signing up of sufficient land in the upper project to secure the construction of the Clear Lake dam this year. No announcement has been made by the reclamation service as to how the \$400,000 appropriated for this project this year is to be expended, but it is understood everything is in readiness to commence work at a moment's notice, so far as the engineering department is concerned.

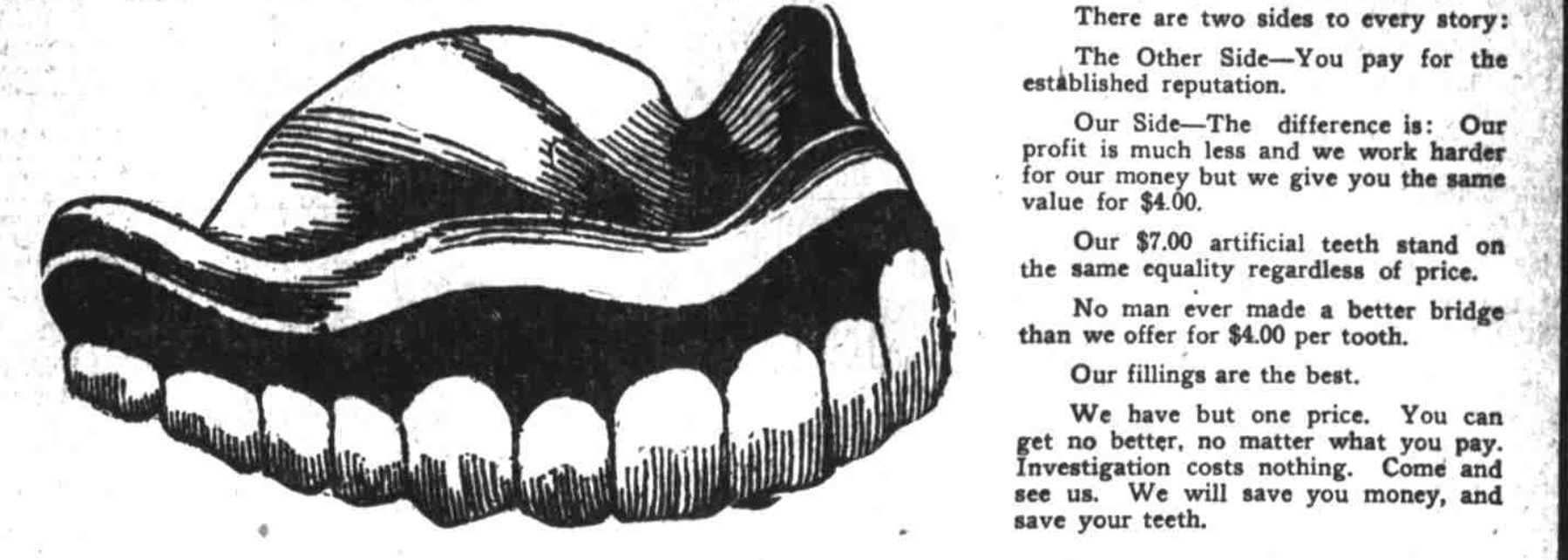
### INITIATIVE PETITIONS SIGNED IN CLATSOP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Astoria, Or., Jan. 18.—W. E. Burke of Seaside has completed the work of securing 1,000 signatures to initiative petitions as follows: To amend the constitution so as to give voters the power to dismiss public officers and elect their successors for a law restricting the members of the legislature to elect candidates for the United States senate, who receive the largest number of votes at the general election; to amend the campaign expenses of candidates and providing punishment for corrupt practices in campaign and at elections; changing the plan of election by pluralities, which may be less than majorities, to an election to legislative offices by proportional representation; and of other officers by actual majorities.

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