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The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.—Montaigne.

A CRASH AND A TRIAL

IN THE criminal branch in one of the federal courts in New York, is transpiring a trial of deep interest to every voter in the republic. It is a sequel to that notorious day last year, when every bank in the United States went out of business temporarily.

It has always been asserted by its apologists, that the panic of last year was precipitated by reckless banking in New York City. One of the reckless bankers was C. W. Morse, now on trial. Depositors' money was a means of which Morse and his colleagues played their game of high finance.

The significance of this financial game is that it is claimed to have plunged this country into a panic. That panic closed every bank in the country. It threw 2,000,000 men out of employment, and a million and a half of them are still idle.

\$20,897,000, are now \$23,773,000. The gain in deposits in the year has been \$19,483,000; in "cash means," \$12,876,000. We suppose a similar showing could be made in many cities.

FULTON, WOOL AND OTHER THINGS

WITH the price of wool one third lower than it ought to be, Senator Fulton in his speeches in Eastern Oregon made no reference to the tariff on wool.

Nor did he discuss his own record as a foremost champion of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Nor did he explain to the voters of Oregon why the Taft convention at Chicago, in which he was an influential delegate, voted by more than seven to one, against direct election of senator.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY—AND OTHERS

AN OREGON CITY news item in the Portland morning paper says that "leading Republicans are exceedingly nervous over the probable result in Clackamas county, and fear that Taft will carry the county by only a very narrow margin."

It is the "leaders," observe, who are worrying, who are "exceedingly nervous"; that is, the politicians, the erstwhile machine manipulators. The rank-and-file Republicans do not seem to be nervous in the least.

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Oregon Sidelights

A Vernonia peach measured 3 1/2 inches in circumference. A pipkin apple on display in Forest Grove is two years' old, and shows no signs of decay.

A Marshfield man has made a table comprising 1,000 pieces of wood and representing a great many varieties. Twenty per cent more stamps were canceled at the Canyonville (Douglas) postoffice in September than in September, 1907.

It is reported that the crop of alfalfa this year alone will bring the farmers of the valley in Lake county over \$150,000. Iririon captured at first and second prizes at the Pendleton fair. As this was Iririon's first attempt of this kind, it speaks well for that town.

A Marion county farmer who raises considerable Dent corn says it is profitable for summer food for his pigs and cows. It yields 30 bushels to the acre. Yamhill Record: It is reported that a petition is being circulated to bring the recall against the town council. The controversy arose over closing up an alley in town.

The Wilson family, of which John H. Wilson of Mist is the eldest, is composed of twelve members, eight sons and four daughters, whose ages range between 45 and 70 years, all of whom are living and well.

Sheridan Sun: The vacant houses in the city are now all practically empty and still there is call for more. Some twelve of fourteen families have moved here in the past two weeks and more are on the way.

There will probably be twice or three times as much grain sown in this country this year as last, says the Hepper Times. There will be very little of the wheat crop, however. Apples well cared for do well here. Berries are unfailing and grow prolifically.

Athena Press: The rains of the past week have put new life and energy into all business, for when the farmer gets a good rainfall, his long delayed work of seeding will now begin in earnest and thousands of acres will be put in wheat within the next few weeks.

Two men have acquired title to 26,000 acres of rich sage brush land east of Lakeview, and are building two reservoirs at a cost of \$700,000 each, to provide a water supply for irrigation and other purposes. It is reported they are erecting a fine class of buildings, and are clearing a big acreage and are getting ready for farming on a large scale.

The Lakeview Examiner received a letter from a congressman house in Kansas City, Mo., requesting one box each of Spitzenberg, Yellow Newtown and Winter Banana apples. He expressed them, and added: "We are coming to Golden Goose Lake valley 10,000 strong during the year 1909. So get ready for us. We are coming to stay."

Only about one third the number of cattle fed by the farmers of Butte county at a cost of \$1,000,000 last year, says the Butte News. Every present season, while between 50,000 and 60,000 sheep will be wintered here last year, only about 10,000 were. From a ranch on upper Butte creek every ton of hay raised this year will be fed to sheep—something that has not occurred for years.

What Dufur wants and must have, unless the farmers will see what can be done to relieve us, is a society. Says the Dispatch. It would seem as if in a farming community, such as this, eggs would be the most plentiful item of the larder, but they are not. Every week, past, it has been next to impossible to get an egg at any of the stores, and when the merchants are asked why, they look worried and say the farmers don't bring them in.

Echo Register, Oregon has nine kinds of climate and is big enough to make about that many kingdoms such as are trying to get up in business. Every growing season, rich lands, transportation at her doors and facilities along manufacturing lines, and a great variety of Oregon. No strumps to grub, no treacherous bars to cross, good prices for all agricultural products.

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SAME TUNEFUL, HAPPY SHOW IS "THE TIME, THE PLACE AND GIRL" WHICH HAS HELPED HIMSELF UP TO LAW

By J. F. S. The Howard sort—"Blow the Smoke Away," "I Don't Like Your Family," "Thursday's My Jonah Day," "The Wandering Honeymoon," and "It's Lonesome Tonight"—all of which have been popular and still maintain their hold upon the memory. And the chorus is rather better than usual—certainly better trained.

The girls dance well and are lively. They play the tambourine and castanets, however, and tambourines and castanets after 9 o'clock always dull the ears of sleep. They have the same soporific effect upon some of the male members of the chorus, too, it would seem. In waking moments it was evident that they were terribly bored.

They yawned in our faces without so much as covering their mouths or begging our pardons. It would be interesting to know if that is the usual effect of soporifics upon the artistic temperament.

The rest is much the same as last year. Elizabeth Goodall plays Molly Kelly the "dars it" nurse, Theodore Rooks is good in a farmer part, J. S. Kinlow is Laurie Farnham and John E. Young retains his popularity as a stage-riding gambler. Mabel Melvine plays the widow Faraday and E. Coit Anderson is Tom Cunningham the hero, who dispenses money and analysis and batteries with impartial generosity.

For the sake of the music and the chorus, "The Time, the Place and the Girl" is still worth seeing. It is a tuneless, rather happy, inconsequential sort of show, and will be at the Helix the rest of the week.

SALEM MURDERER AND HIS VICTIM



Thirty-Seven-Year-Old Silas Timmons and His 19-Year-Old Wife, Stella.

SENTIMENT IN RURAL OREGON IS STRONG FOR BRYAN TICKET

Straws tell how the wind blows, according to the old saying, and straws oblige here and there show that wind in Oregon is blowing in the direction of William J. Bryan. Throughout the rural sections of the state, there is a strong drift towards Bryan, as is shown by the general trend of conversation and the straw votes taken. Wheatgrowers, sheepmen, fruit farmers and ranchers generally are expressing their preference for the Nebraska.

A letter comes from George S. Canfield, a merchant of Lyle, Wash., who has kept a memorandum of the expression of those with whom he has discussed the presidential campaign. Some of the men have been from Washington and more than a dozen are from the Columbia. Most of them are

"I have kept a list of the men I have talked with," Mr. Canfield writes, "and it now reaches 103 names and addresses in my little memorandum book. These are men who are for Bryan this time but who were never for him before. They are in all walks of life, but mostly producers—farmers and ranchers—and from the Oregon side of the Columbia, and include a number of woolgrowers who got 8 cents for their wool last spring in a time of unbounded prosperity." (For some.)

E. T. Slaton of Prineville writes that farm hands and men in the harvest fields of eastern Oregon are for Bryan. "In polling the harvest crews over the country," he writes, "in crews of 10 men there would be about an average of eight men for Bryan and two for Taft."

VEIL OF AUTUMN HAZE IS LIFTED REVEALING SNOW-CAPPED PEAKS

Did you see the mountains this morning? Or late yesterday afternoon? They were out in all their glory, entirely covered with snow, and stood out grander and more magnificent than ever, it seemed, as a result of their long disappearance in the summer haze and autumn rain clouds.

For a few minutes yesterday afternoon the sun shone upon Mount Hood, and more than a dozen people living on the heights telephoned to one another and the women were soon out with aprons over their heads and baring the tops of their heads over the beauties of the grand old mountain.

Yesterday was the first time that all the mountains had been in plain view for some time. Late in the day the clouds lifted and the mountains, showing all the snow they had taken on since the fall rains began, loomed up commanding and beautiful, as if they had only been awaiting an opportunity to show off before the thousands living in Portland and vicinity.

RAINIER YOUTHS FORSAKE HOMES TO EMULATE YELLOWBACK HEROES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Rainier, Oct. 22.—George Sandell and Walter Weber, two young boys of this town, ran away from home Monday and have not been seen since. Their parents are anxiously searching for them, and are trying to ascertain their whereabouts. They were seen on a freight train at Goble house on Portland Tuesday, October 24. That is the last trace.

Both boys were close readers of detective stories. "Diamond Dick," "Nick Carter" and others.

George Sandell is a large boy, 14 years of age. He would easily pass for 16. He has fair hair and light blue eyes. Walter Weber would be very easily identified as his right leg has been amputated above the knee. He is 14 years of age, has dark hair, dark skin and dark brown eyes.

One of the Weber boys' mother is Mrs. E. Weber, Rainier. She is a widow. The other boy's father is N. E. Sandell, Rainier.

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Postoffice Cashier Anticipates Arrest on Embezzlement Charge and Is Released on \$5,000 Bail—Lawyer Makes Statement.

Charles A. Straus, the suspended cashier of the Portland postoffice, hearing that a complaint charging him with embezzlement had been filed in the federal court, gave himself up to the United States authorities this morning. Mr. Straus was accompanied by his attorney, Charles J. Rehnbald, and was at once released on \$5,000 bail.

The complaint issued by Walter H. Evans, assistant United States attorney, was signed by O. C. Riches. The witness named in the complaint are E. C. Clement, C. L. Wayland, C. H. Welter and Miss Cella E. Bolman. Mr. Riches, the other three men are the inspectors who have been carrying on the investigation. Miss Bolman is employed in the financial department of the postoffice.

The charge is that Mr. Straus, as financial clerk, failed to turn over to the department remittances for stamps and other sums received from postmasters throughout the state amounting to \$2,073. Straus was arraigned before United States Commissioner Riches this morning and at that time asked for a hearing. The hearing was set for November 4.

A statement prepared by Mr. Rehnbald regarding the arrest of his client follows:

Lawyer Makes Statement. "Mr. Straus welcomes a judicial inquiry into all matters and things about which certain muckrakers have busied themselves for ulterior motives. Mr. Straus resents with all vigor any imputation or insinuation that he has made any contribution for the party, and the only person who was named in the complaint was none to make, and the naked accusation of those trafficking in the business of a dishonest man will be held to a strict accountability at the proper time. No one believes that Charles Straus is guilty of any crime, and it is a peculiar thing that some of the parties interested or affected in this matter are complaining. The facts are that the public, and I know Mr. Straus' friends and acquaintances will not prejudge Mr. Straus on one sided ex-parte statements.

"This matter has been a subject of discussion between the parties interested for some time. Previous to that time it has maintained the same position from that time until this and has never wavered, for the reason that there was no reason for it. A naked accusation is no evidence of guilt."

Says It Is a Mistake. Straus maintains that his accounts were straight in every way when he left the postoffice. Tuesday morning some time going over the books with the inspectors. It is understood that the books were found to be all right, but nevertheless the government agents say that the money is gone and that the cashier is responsible for the amount that is missing.

Straus left the service April 18. At that time he asked for a vacation, explaining that he was going to the coast. Previous to leaving he had been him a great deal of trouble. The leave was granted.

As a matter of form the clerks in the case of Mr. Straus checked up the accounts and the cash on hand. Two days after Mr. Straus had gone the shortage was discovered. The facts were made known to Postmaster Minto who in turn notified the department officials in Washington. Since then Mr. Straus has been working on the books most of the time.

Straus is bonded with the United States Fidelity and Security company, represented in Portland by Hartman & Thompson, in the sum of \$7,000. Owing to the shortage of money he has nothing on account of the shortage.

Salary Recently Raised. Since the first of the year the salary connected with this office has been \$1,500 a year. Previous to that time it was \$1,400. January first Straus as well as many other postoffice employees benefited by a raise in salary.

Straus has spent the greater part of the administration of A. B. Crossman. This was eight years ago. He continued in the position of cashier until the short time that F. A. Bancroft was in office and continued as cashier at the appointment of John W. Minto as postmaster. Previous to making the position with the government Straus was quite well known in Portland in a political way.

He lives at 456 Sixth street. Straus, some months ago, became interested in the Club restaurant, in Alder street, between Sixth and Seventh. While Mr. Straus has never had charge of the cafe on account of his eyesight, possibly, Mrs. Straus has spent much of her time there looking after the business.

It has been reported that several months ago Straus purchased property in the neighborhood of Twenty-third and Lovejoy streets at a cost of several thousand dollars.

RETURNS TO FUNERAL AND IS ARRESTED

Although he knew a warrant had been issued, a month ago, charging him with a statutory offense, Fleet Fox—yes, that is his real name—returned to Gresham this week to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Stanley, who died at the age of 99 years.

Constables Wagner and Kierman did not take into consideration the fact that Fox had felt compelled to return, and served the warrant upon him at 5 o'clock yesterday. It was sworn to by Carrie Beirs of Fulton.

Fox is in custody, his name having proved a misnomer.

PROSPECTOR DECLARES EXTINGUISHED VOLCANO HOLDS BED OF DIAMONDS

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