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HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

While the language free and bold Which the bard of Avon sung, While this with reverence meet, Ten thousand echoes greet, From rock to rock repeat, Round our coast:—

While the manners, while the arts, That mold a nation's soul, Still cling around our hearts— Between, let ocean roil, Our joint communion breaking with the sun; Yet still from either beach, The voice of blood shall reach, More audible than speech, "We are One." —Washington Allston.

There are many reasons for believing that time will prove Senator Owen was right. The New Freedom when on Saturday at hand he declared the currency bill to be the greatest piece of legislation enacted since the civil war.

The new law will accomplish so many beneficial things it is difficult to enumerate them. One effect of first importance to the general public will come from increased confidence in banks and in our financial system. There will be solid reason for this increase of confidence.

With the new plan in operation there can be no such thing as a financial panic such as overspread the country in '07. Through the regional banks the reserves of the various banks will be mobilized and made available when needed. There will be discount advantages such as the banks have not enjoyed heretofore and which should help them greatly. There is a provision for guaranty of deposits, the guaranty fund being accumulated from one-half the profits of the reserve banks in excess of six per cent.

These features and others such as the provision for emergency currency, should provide a banking system in which people may repose implicit confidence and confidence is a wonderful thing in business. The new plan means that business may proceed along legitimate lines and feel safe. The nightmare of financial depression must vanish never to return for under the new deal a money panic will be impossible.

But that is not all. The chief merit of the currency bill of course is that it provides for greater governmental control than in the past. The key to the country's financial welfare will not be in private hands as in the past. It will rest with the government. If the law does not kill the money trust it will at least hem it in that octopus sufficiently that it will not have its old time privileges. It won't be possible in the future for any coteries to bring on a nation-wide paralysis of business in order to get away with some prize like the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring an image of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text: 'HOUSEHOLD DUTIES AND FAMILY CARES', 'severely tax a woman's strength', 'and when wife or mother complains of fatigue, nervousness, loss of appetite or energy, she needs rest, out-of-door exercise and building up.' 'The first thought should be Scott's Emulsion, which is medicinal food free from alcohol or narcotics. Its nourishing force quickly fills hollow cheeks, builds healthy tissue, enriches the blood, restores the healthy glow, overcomes languor and makes tranquil nerves. Nothing equals or compares with Scott's Emulsion for just such conditions, but insist on SCOTT'S. At any drug store.'

The currency bill paves the way for the new freedom of which President Wilson has spoken and by the passage of that bill the president and his followers have rendered this country a great service.

Dr. Best and the unspeakable sheet that publishes his stuff are screaming again about a "shortage" in the books of the water commission. Why all this frenzy? Are not the books of the water department being checked up by experts employed by the city council? Has not the city council been making a disinterested investigation of the work at Thorn Hollow? If there is any shortage or any evidence of wrong doing in the accounts of the water board won't the experts find it? If the work at Thorn Hollow is all wrong and incompetently managed, won't the council discover the fact? Why should Dr. Best rush to the front again with his cheap calumny and mudslinging? Is he unwilling to let the council and the experts handle the matter? Is he trying to supplant those men and force the people to take his garbled, unfair version of the case instead of the real truth as found by honest men after a careful investigation.

Dr. Best's behavior is an insult to the council and is too contemptible for endurance. The council has been conducting an investigation with a view to giving the people an unbiased report on the subject of the water board's accounts and the work at Thorn Hollow. But Dr. Best seems unwilling to wait for that report. He tries to supercede the council and make the report himself and make it so as to cast odium and disgrace on the water commission no matter what the truth may be. It is the limit.

Yet, after all, this sort of stuff is what the people may justly expect when they give office to a man who has been shown by sworn evidence to be unworthy of a public trust.

Furthermore, such actions as those by Dr. Best and his inkpot assistant are a feature of nearly every fight wherein a community seeking pure water or other betterment runs counter to the wishes of a public service corporation with willing lackeys to do its bidding and pull its chestnuts from the fire.

NEWS OF FARM AND RANGE

OUTLOOK FAVORABLE FOR GOOD WOOL PRICES

BOSTON MARKET SHOWS GREAT SCARCITY IN SEVERAL YEARS.

Activity of Past Week Involved 10,000,000 Pounds; Thus Reducing Stock to Lower Point Than Anticipated.

For Oregon woolgrowers who may feel discouraged over the removal of the tariff on wool there is good cheer in news from Boston to the effect that there are indications January 1 will find the smallest stock of domestic wool available for purchase that the country has seen in several years, a fact that should assure favorable prices next spring. Transfers of wool the past week it is claimed have been the largest of any such period this year. Total transactions are estimated at 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds and even higher. Buying has been well distributed among prominent mills. The leading interest is represented to have acquired some very good lines of territory wool, which is supposed to indicate a demand for duplicate lightweights. The situation is much more encouraging than it was a fortnight ago. Foreign wools and fleeces are quiet relatively. Leading houses are finding the wool market in better shape than they expected, as the last half of December is generally very quiet. Visitors to the market have been prepared to find a quiet tone, whereas some lines show more activity than at any previous time during the year. This activity will tend to reduce stocks of unsold wool to a point much lower than was predicted.

Buying Weston Hogs—Charles E. Rude of Pendleton was in Weston last week buying hogs, of which he expects to ship two carloads from the Weston and Athena districts, and is paying 7 cents a pound, live weight for prime stock. Ralph Tucker sold him 50 head. Nate Ratnes of Pendleton was also a recent buyer in this vicinity.—Weston Leader.

State Irrigation Congress—February 12-14 was set yesterday as the date for the 1914 meeting of the Oregon Irrigation congress which will be held in Portland at the Imperial hotel. The executive committee has prepared a tentative program, but this will not be announced until communications have been sent to all of the speakers who are to be requested to participate.

New Forest Supervisor—W. W. Cryder, the newly appointed supervisor of the Umatilla forest has arrived at Heppner with his family and they are domiciled at the Louis Kings

Large advertisement for Christmas Greetings. Features the text 'XMAS GREETINGS' and 'Holiday Remembrances of Practical Worth'. Lists various items for sale such as Fur Neck Pieces, Muffs, Beautiful Coats, Good Warm Stylish Coats, Slippers, and Handkerchiefs. Includes the slogan 'Only Two More Days 'till Xmas' and 'MEN buy her gift at the one big going out of business sale. Every article in every department being closed out completely.' The store is identified as F. E. LIVENGOOD & CO. and 'STORE OPEN EVENINGS'.

residence. Mr. Cryder comes to the Heppner office from Crescent, Klamath county where he was supervisor of the Paulina forest located in Klamath and Lake counties.

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Advertisement for Quelle. Text: 'You'll get the best meal in Pendleton at the Quelle. Particular cooks Attentive Service. For Breakfast Ranch Eggs Buttermilk Hotcakes Good coffee Every day. We invite your patronage and aim to please you. A clean kitchen. Regular Meals 25c. Gus. La Fontaine La Fontaine Block, Main Street'.