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HARVEY SCOTT.

It appears from the columns of the Portland Evening Tribune of August 2, that our friend the enemy is "skulking" round with his catlike tread seeking to place the moral burden of his depraved conduct upon men who charge the editor of the Oregonian with a rare co-partnership with an ex-convict who it is alleged was furnished with quarters in the palatial Oregonian building. There Harvey could have access to the rooms of this boon companion, who had been appointed receiver of one of the broken banks of Portland.

It also appears that our Harvey Scott was a stockholder in the bank but sold his stock for a premium above par, then withdrew from the bank with the proceeds of the sale of his stock and unearned premium in his pocket.

From Harvey Scott's well-known character for honesty and veracity the inference is a logical one that the premium extracted by Harvey from the bank must have been paid out of money which his investment had not earned. Hence he wrecked the bank as far as his relations to depositors and those interested in it could tend to produce such a result, for had all the other stockholders been able to extort the same unearned premium upon their stock, it is evident that the bank would have been broken in one hour.

It further appears that our Harvey furnished quarters for an exile from prison, an ex-convict, to complete the wrecking work while Harvey remained a "silent" partner, for Harvey only broke his silence when he found it necessary to shift the responsibility for his rotten career upon someone else. In the future it should be sufficient notice to any depositor to withdraw his funds or investments from any institution which has been cursed with the relations of Harvey Scott as manager in the remotest degree, where extortion from friend or foe can be made efficient in Harvey's hands.

The fact that Harvey Scott had made his assault upon it for his cash for his stock and unearned premiums should surprise no one, nor does it surprise us that Harvey Scott should seek out an ex-convict as one of his accomplices as a bank-wrecking receiver. The assets of the bank, once blasted with the touch of Harvey Scott, would suffer the same fate that awaits the character of a citizen whom Harvey Scott has selected as the victim to bear the odium as well as the consequences of crimes, felonies and misdemeanors, which are the logical sequences of the moral conduct of Harvey Scott in every political transaction in this state, including his attempt to seat H. W. Corbett, that political relic which Harvey has brought forth from the pigeon holes of the republican party, besmeared with the cobwebs of a quarter of a century. A man who it is well-known could not be elected to any office in the gift of the people of this state. Fraud is stamped upon every political act of Harvey Scott's, life but he has

reached the climax of his political crimes in the robbery from this state of an United States senator. There is one gratifying assurance to the friends of good government, that there will be no escape for Harvey Scott when the next grand jury return their verdict which will take place early in next June.

ARTIFICIAL GOLD.

Artificial gold is nothing new but Dr. Stephen H. Emmens, of Brooklyn, manufactures a product which stands the mint test and is received by the government as real gold, which is the biggest kind of a novelty. At least the mint records show that they received gold of him to the amount of over \$500 last year and the doctor claims he made it. From Mexican silver dollars it is changed to a metal which the discoverer calls "Argentaurum" or "silver gold" but the assay office fails to distinguish it from the virgin article.

Dr. Emmens is a scientist of distinction, an author whose works on nickel, on ordinance and on logic are standard and who for years past has been in the employ of the war department as an expert. The explosive Emmensite used in the army and navy is also his discovery. Such a man is not likely to be reckless and make extravagant claims but regard for his reputation will lead him to carefully consider his statements and so more importance is to be attached to his claim.

Of his work the inventor says: "The gold producing work in our argentaurum laboratory is a case of sheer mammon seeking. It is not being carried on for the sake of science, or in a proselyting spirit. No disciples are desired and no believers are asked for." All he asks is to have the government buy his gold.

Civil service reform was changed Thursday from a veil concealing the shady methods of politicians to a cloak protecting the innocent officeholders. President McKinley then made an order that no one be removed from office without charges filed and proven after full investigation. This has all along been the weak point in civil service reform, it previously being only a long preamble with no resolution. Mr. McKinley has created consternation in political circles and made himself an object of wonderment to all other professed reformers by extending the rules before he had made all the changes and not after, as they had done.

Secretary Sherman thinks that if the Canadian government attempts to be too oppressive upon the American miners in her territory the United States can retaliate by enforcing an already existing alien act here against the considerable number of British subjects who are searching for precious metals in this country. Reciprocity and retaliation have been the keywords of the most honorable and successful administrations of our department of state.

The United States army is being provided with targets in the likeness of men so as to create callousness of feeling in the soldiers for firing at human beings. The days when war carried with it any element of bravery are long past and the battles of today are contests as to which side can longest endure slaughter and not which has the highest spirit. To this end the men are trained to as near the semblance of machines as tireless routine can make them.

CLONDYKE.

The prevalent impression that Alaska is a region of icebergs, snow and ice and only that, is far different from the real condition of that country. Along the coast and in the lowlands of the Yukon are ranges of grass rivaling the far-famed blue grass of Kentucky and of the same variety. A blue-joint grass covers wide fields with forage five feet high. Barley and rye can here be matured as successfully as in lower latitudes.

Of the tree fruits only the wild crabapple is found but small fruits grow spontaneously there in

greater profusion than in any other part of the world. Wild strawberries of unusual size, red and black currants, gooseberries, cranberries which have already begun to find a market in the Pacific coast states, raspberries, blueberries, bearberries, dewberries, mossberries and roseberries, all these are in abundance and furnish a large portion of the Alaska Indian's diet along with seal oil which makes them more palatable, to the savage taste at least. The growth of plants in this snow country is wonderful. Hardly has the snow gone before a mass of herbage has appeared and spots which a few months before presented nothing but a white sheet are luxuriant with vegetation, leaves, flowers and fruit following one another in quick succession. During the short hot months of the Arctic summer the vegetation of the tropics is rivalled. Nature crowds on the plants as fast as possible that seeds may be produced before the blighting frosts of autumn come.

Supplies have now to be brought from the coast states merely because the resources of the country are undeveloped. Already the United States is planning agricultural experiment stations which will ascertain Alaska's possibilities and how to best preserve the food after it is produced. The officers say in another generation Alaska will be exporting great quantities of ship timber, butter, cheese, wool, mutton and beef, and perhaps her berries will find a wide market. Such are the natural resources for agriculture in what seems likely to be the world's treasure house.

Clondyke has been promised closer communication with the outside world soon by a telegraph company recently incorporated at San Francisco. They propose to connect Dyea, which is 1380 miles from Portland, with the town of Dawson, with branch lines at either end, one to Juneau and the other to Circle City. The entire length will be 1,000 miles and the wire will be laid on top of the ground, war-time style, being a quarter of an inch in thickness and heavily insulated. Work will be begun in three weeks and in six weeks more the line will be open for business.

The plan of laying the wires brings to mind the earliest experiments in this country when the lines were laid through iron pipes placed under ground. Mr. Cornell, who had charge of the construction, invented a plow by means of which the work of laying was expedited but on account of trouble with insulation the project seemed a failure until the idea occurred to him of raising the wires overhead on poles. From that time began the success of the telegraph and Mr. Cornell, through the Western Union company which quickly spread lines and absorbed smaller enterprises until it became the present gigantic corporation with princely dividends, reaped a rich harvest from his thought.

The survey has been completed for a railway 62 miles long to run from Skagwa Bay over the White pass to Lake Tagis and thence to the Upper Hootatiqua river. River steamers on the Yukon and Hootatiqua rivers from Dawson City and on the lake will complete the route which is 100 miles longer than that at present followed by the miners going into the Yukon basin overland from Dyea. The British American Transportation company, with ample resources for completing the work, is backing the enterprise and it is expected it will be open for travel by next Spring.

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Matches.....	1.00
Coal oil.....	2.00
Candles.....	2.25
Canteen and extra globes.....	3.00
50 pounds old canvas.....	5.00
15 pounds boat nails.....	1.00
2 1/2 gallons alcohol.....	5.25
Me. line (assorted).....	2.25
Needles and thread.....	.75
Palm and salfor needles.....	.40
Sewing twine.....	.40
Beswax.....	.10
Cotton cloth.....	1.00
Boat sail drilling (1 bolt).....	3.00
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