

THE BEND BULLETIN

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Some bankers object to postal savings banks for the reason that such institutions will compete with their business, and they say that is unfair. Their argument does not appeal with much force to the printer. For several years the government has been competing with the printer and beating him out of thousands of dollars of business every year by printing business cards on envelopes. What's sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander. If the government can benefit its citizens by establishing postal savings banks, it is the duty of the government to establish them regardless of the effect on a few bankers.

One benefit accruing from the present legal holidays is probably not realized by many. If the holidays had not been decreed and if the banks had been forced to meet all their obligations when the depositors first began to become frightened, the result would have been disastrous to many. The banks, for their own protection, would have been obliged to force payment from those who owed the bank. The holidays certainly have benefited the bankers, but the benefit does not stop there. They have also been a great help to many a poor man who otherwise would have been forced to meet a payment that, for him, would have been impossible.

Senator Foraker of Ohio is out for the republican presidential nomination. In his statement announcing his candidacy he shows clearly that he is the tool and servant of all those reactionary forces that have been fighting Roosevelt in his stand for clean government and honest and square business methods. If, by some hook or crook, Foraker should secure the republican nomination the dishonest corporations and high "financiers" could go serenely on their way robbing the people with never a fear of punishment. But Foraker will never be president. If the republican party should make the mistake of nominating a man whose sympathies are with the "System," Bryan would sweep the country like wildfire. However, there is not much danger that the republican party will make such a mistake.

The bill that Senator Fulton will introduce in congress to amend the interstate commerce act will have the united support of the shippers of the Northwest. The bill aims to prohibit the railroads from increasing any rate, if the shippers object, until after the commission has had time to testify as to the reasonableness of the proposed rate. A fair example of the harm that may come from an unwarranted raising of rates is seen in the recent attempt by the railroads to increase the rate on lumber shipments from the Northwest to the East. It has been necessary to call in the aid of the courts and secure an injunction suspending the proposed rate until a hearing can be had. If the rate is allowed it will be ruinous to the lumber industry of the entire Northwest, and any injury to this great industry will be felt in all lines of business. Freight rates exert too important an influence on the prosperity of the country to be left, without control, in the hands of a few men, especially when those

men are the ones that will be benefited by an increase in rates. Senator Fulton's amendment should become a law.

COMMENT BY OTHER PAPERS.

No Decrease Apparent.
Lakeview Examiner.
 While the railroads are discharging thousands of men all over the United States, no sign of a decrease in the working forces on the construction and surveying crews in southeastern Oregon is apparent.

Has Fears for the Atlantic.
Lakeview Examiner.
 Local opinion is creeping up on the saloons in Oregon; Kentucky has gone partially dry, Alabama has gone dry, and the Atlantic fleet is coming to the Pacific, doubtless fearing the Atlantic ocean will go dry.

What Would He Have Thought?
The Dalles Optimist.
 Gladys Vanderbilt of New York is to marry Count Szeceky, who is, we believe, not an American. His name sounds like a case of bronchitis. Wonder what the old commodore would have thought if one of his daughters had suggested such an alliance? We are not sure what he would have thought, or said, but we know what his actions would have been—the count's coat-tails would have been full of feet.

Good Advice.
Silver Lake Oregonian.
 The big savings banks of the country are not nearly so safe as they would have you believe. About the only really safe banks are the local, or home, institutions. They will be doing business when many of the widely advertised savings banks of the cities have closed their doors. If you have money in a city savings bank, draw it out as soon as possible and deposit it with one of our county seat banks. They are the safest, besides which, it is to them you would go if you wanted a favor, and not to a city bank.

The Best of Everything.
Laidlaw Chronicle.
 The irrigator is a progressive man while his brother in the East is in a rut and can not get out. The irrigator makes more on his small farm than the dry land man on his hundreds of acres. The irrigator has the social benefits to be derived by a thickly settled community and association for himself and family with other cultured people. He has the benefit of the best schools for his children from the time they begin their education until they have entered the college or university. This is true because of the dense population and the wealth of an irrigated section, which enables its citizens to have the best of everything.

Gambling is Robbery.
The Dalles Optimist.
 The question of the Oregon Monte Carlo, sometimes called Milwaukee, will soon be uppermost in Clackamas and Multnomah counties. "To bet or not to bet" will be the issue, which is only another way of saying "To rob or not to rob," for when you talk about fair games as conducted by gambling houses you are all to the bad. There never was a fair gamester and never will be. Even the busi-

ness man and capitalist who play poker always take every advantage their skill will allow. Gambling is only a smooth name for robbery, and Milwaukee had better cut it out or her name will go down as the filthiest place in Oregon.

GATHERED FAR AND NEAR.

Southern Pacific surveyors are making permanent locations on a survey north of Lakeview.

Three mild cases of small pox are reported at Mitchell. The cases are quarantined and it is thought there will be no further trouble.

Lakeview is out of wood and is having difficulty in getting it hauled from the timber. They may be obliged to close the schools temporarily.

Prineville is shipping dressed turkeys to the Seattle market. The Journal says that Stroud Bros. sent 40 the other day and others are to follow.

The contest case of Grover G. Gerking vs Champ Smith, R. W. Wilson and the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company has been decided in favor of Gerking.

J. C. McEachern, an experienced well driller of Clem, Oregon, will soon move one of his machines to Silver Lake and will drill for artesian water in that vicinity.

The cost of the new M. E. church at Prineville will be \$7,200 without seats for the auditorium, and with chairs, furnace, pulpit, etc., saved from the church that was burned.

It is said that for some time not a man has left his job on the government reclamation work at Klamath Falls, due to the fear that he would be unable to secure other work during the present flurry. That's a condition of affairs that has not existed for several years.

The ducks and geese are beginning to leave the swamp, as the recent cold nights froze thin ice over much of the water in the tules. However many birds usually remain here all winter, feeding along the creeks, where ice does not freeze over the running water.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

The Prineville Journal says that on the 16th of November the mill at that place was without a barrel of flour in its warehouse. Since the beginning of the season the mill has run on an average 18 hours a day and for several weeks past the machinery has not been allowed to stop. The average output is 50 barrels per day.

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