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A CRISIS AND THE WAY OUT

Panic Jingo Comes From Wall Street Claque Only.

It is a strange circumstance that disaster should be heard at a time when the prosperity of the country is tremendous, when there is no currency inflation and when there are neither war nor rumors of war. Assuredly, there is nothing in the industrial and commercial situation to create alarm.

The warning comes solely from Wall street and the money-changers—the nonproducers—and it contains a threat. The threat is aimed at the policies of the President, which are also the policies of the people.

Ask one of the financiers what the trouble is, and his answer will be "Roosevelt! He is going to ruin business." Inquire what has he done? and the response will be made: "He is threatening the railroads with confiscation. He wants to reduce the capitalization of the roads. He is trying to unsettle values and to disturb vested interests."

It is that he may be restrained from pursuing this line of action that the presidents of several of the greatest railroads have arranged to meet Mr. Roosevelt in solemn conference.

To underrate the power of these railroad managers and financiers would be foolish. If they want a panic, they can create one. Let us look squarely at the situation. Men gorged with wealth, even ill-gotten wealth, do not surrender it without a struggle.

There are good reasons for believing that the panic of 1893 was deliberately prepared by these interests.

DELINQUENT MONDAY

Payment of Taxes This Year Has Been Prompt

BUT A SMALL PART UNPAID

Penalty of 10 per Cent and 12 per Cent Interest Will Be Added Unless Half Is Paid.

All taxes become delinquent after next Monday, April 1, unless one half has been paid on or before that date. On all taxes on which one half has not been paid, a penalty of ten per cent will be added and after that date interest at the rate of 12 per cent, will also be charged.

The payment of taxes this year has been prompt, and but a small part remains unpaid, either in full or under the one-half payment clause.

If you paid your taxes on or before March 15 you were allowed a rebate of 3 per cent.

If you pay your taxes up to and including the first Monday in April, there will not be any rebate allowed and neither will there be any penalty or interest added.

If your taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday in April, they will become delinquent, when there will be added a penalty of 10 per cent, and the tax will also draw interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum in addition to the penalty.

If you pay one half of your taxes on or before the first Monday in April, then the remaining half may run up to and including the first Monday in October following, but if the last half of the tax due is not paid by the first Monday of October, it becomes delinquent, and there will be added to such balance a penalty of 10 per cent, and in addition, such balance will bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the first Monday in April until paid.

On all personal property taxes, if one-half is not paid on or before the first Monday of April, the law compels the sheriff to levy upon and collect the same after May 1, hence to prevent a levy upon personal property after May 1 it will be necessary for one-half to be paid as above stated.

The law compels the sheriff to sell all lands on which taxes have not been paid, and that such sale shall not be held later than March 1 of the year succeeding the year in which the tax levy was made.

He Snapped Up a Rich Farm.

Persons who have heard tales of the high priced land in Yakima, which sells for \$2000 an acre, will be surprised to learn that a young man recently filed on a 40-acre tract within one quarter of a mile of the city limits. The land lies in the valley of the Cascade mill, and is said to be rich bottom land, which has generally been rendered useless by high water. The land is fertile and probably by the time the claimant has established his residence by five years' actual settlement and secured a title the river will be under control and danger of high water obviated.

Death Does Not Void Entry.

There can be no contest on default on the part of a deceased entryman in the matter of residence or otherwise, and such default shall not work a hardship on his heirs, as all laches are cured by the death of the entryman, and his heirs may come in and complete the entry by residence on the land or by cultivation, and they are given a reasonable time to make the entry, according to a decision of the local land office at Washington. By that decision W. W. Bowman lost his contest against Harris E. Loomis, deceased, which contest was defended by Mr. Loomis' heirs.

Land For Sale.

A. L. Swaggart offers a snap in 800 acres of land, if taken within the next 30 days. The tract of land embraces 800 acre, 660 of which is tillable; 400 acre is now in crop, and 260 acres is being summer fallowed. Will sell for \$20 per acre. Well improved. New 4-room house, good spring, a fine well, land fenced in two fields; located 3-4 of a mile from school house, 1-2 mile from railroad station and 5 miles from Pendleton. If you want land, here is the best bargain you will ever find.

La Grande Militia Disbanded.

Company L, Third Regiment, O. N. G., located in La Grande, was discharged by orders of the governor, on the grounds of inefficiency. National Guard officials from Portland are checking the property books. Ordway Rogers is captain.

THE DAKOTA IS A TOTAL LOSS

Simoon Completes Destruction of the Famous Hill Liner.

The Seattle News says of the final and total destruction of the Hill steamer Dakota, on a reef off the coast of Japan:

During the terrible simoon Wednesday morning of last week, the stranded Hill liner Dakota, which went ashore on Osano reef on the night of Sunday, March 3, was completely broken up and will prove a total loss, according to cable advices which were received at Seattle.

Early Wednesday morning the Dakota commenced to yield under the tremendous lashing of the breakers, and the salvage steamers hovering in the vicinity became aware that the stricken steamer was doomed. With her bow 20 feet above water, the giant ship lifted and pounded as each mountainous sea struck her broadside. With a last lurch the Dakota listed sharply to the starboard, her funnel and cabins disappeared and as she settled her main mast and mizzen mast were swallowed in the great storm. Great quantities of wreckage were washed ashore which fishermen immediately seized.

Less than 5 per cent of the cargo was saved. The amount of freight taken from the vessel before she broke up included 11,000 sacks of flour, 477 bales of cotton and 473 sacks of wheat. It is estimated that London underwriters have lost \$2,000,000.

Marine engineers and underwriters at the scene of the Dakota's dissolution, believe that it will be impossible to raise the machinery.

The Dakota sailed from Seattle on February 17, for the Orient with 64 passengers and a valuable cargo and was due to reach Yokohama on the day she crashed onto Osano reef about 40 miles south of Yokohama. Captain Emil Frackue was in command. The passengers were landed safely and taken to Yokohama.

TO REVOKE PAVING DEALS

Walla Walla Is Near Limit—Saloon Licenses Are Lost.

Because Walla Walla has about reached the legal limit of indebtedness is the reason given by the city council for voting to revoke all paving contracts awarded upon which work has not been commenced. A communication was read from Warren Bros. stating that they would not force the city to stand by its contracts with them for paving. Councilman Tanski asked postponement, so that something might be done to pave Ross street, offering to pay his share but the motion was lost.

After a spirited discussion at the last session of the council in which some political animosity from the city election cropped out between Councilmen Glassford and Kirkman, the liquor license of Adolph Schwartz, who was convicted of having kept his saloon open on Sunday, February 24, was revoked, the revocation to take effect June 1. M. H. Schneidish made a piteous appeal to have the time extended for the revocation of his license, which was canceled at the last meeting of the council, it being alleged that he was an unfit person to conduct a saloon business. The appeal was tabled.

Louis Schmidt asked to have his license, which was recently revoked, restored on the grounds that his bartender, and not himself, had been arrested and convicted of keeping the place open on Sunday. He was told that he was responsible for the act of his bartender.

Gravity Water Turned On.

Pumping stations are a thing of the past in Walla Walla. Water from the new system is now all over the city except the territory south of Alder and west of Park streets. This portion will be supplied with upper Mill creek "oxyhydro" as soon as the proper connections can be made. It has been estimated the saving to the city by elimination of the pumping stations will be no less than \$20 a day or \$600 a month.

Raid Not Felonious.

In the case of the Northern Pacific Railway company against certain of the residents of Cuningbham, Wash., wherein the latter are sued for about \$300, the value of coal alleged to have been taken by defendants in a raid, defendants moved to strike that part of the complaint which alleged the taking of the coal was felonious. This was granted.

Woolen Mills Close Down.

The car shortage and congestion of traffic on the Oregon Short Line and O. R. & N. caused Pendleton Woolen Mills to be closed down for lack of fuel with which to run.

WHEAT IS TIED UP

W. & C. R. Railway Stations Hold 500,000 Bushels.

A HEAVY ITEM OF EXPENSE

Interest and Insurance Charges Pile Up Because Grain Cannot Be Hauled.

Pendleton March 29—Nearly a half million bushels of wheat is still stored in the warehouses along the W. & C. R. and the people owning the same have been forced to pay insurance and lost interest on the money tied up for the past four or five months because the road has been unable to handle the business.

Last fall great difficulty was had by the grainmen in securing cars for the W. & C. R. Much grain was gotten out on flat cars and gondolas. Then during the winter the line was out of commission for many weeks and since the road was repaired the situation has been but slightly improved because cars have not been available.

Of the wheat now stored along the W. & C. R. about 250,000 bushels is owned by the Paget Sound Warehouse company, while the remaining half is owned mostly by the Balfour-Guthrie company.

Because of their inability to have their grain shipped promptly the companies owning the wheat have lost much this year.

To add to the difficulty of the present situation comes the prospect of a railroad strike that may tie up all the transcontinental lines and thereby delay the roads many weeks longer in catching up with their business.

Grand Jury Strikes.

Conspiracy to defraud the government was the charge in the indictment returned by the federal grand jury at Boise, against John I. Wells, Patrick Downs and L. M. Pritchard of Boise who were arrested by United States Marshal Rounds. The charges involved securing of timber lands for the Barber Lumber company, whose great mills have been recently completed eight miles above that city. The bonds of the accused were placed at \$5,000, which they are endeavoring to fill, the marshal holding them meanwhile at a hotel. Other indictments have been returned but no names are divulged. It is thought many other Boise men will be caught.

Land Board Considers.

The state land board has taken under advisement a lot of school land certificates, alleged to be forged, that were presented by Jacob Holtzman of Minneapolis, who represented the holders of some certificates for which he wished to obtain deeds to the land therein described. The certificates were among those issued upon what is commonly termed the Kelliber-Turner applications and which ex-State Land Agent West alleged were forged certificates, and which were so reported, after an investigation by the Marion county grand jury in 1905 to the state land board. The certificates held by Attorney Holtzman were a part of those that had been canceled by the state land board after the report of the Marion county grand jury and covered some 2,800 acres of land. Most of them are held by residents of Dayton, Ohio.

Gamblers Are Fined.

In the circuit court Tuesday Jack Noble, marshal of Echo, plead guilty to the charge of gambling and malfeasance in office. He was fined \$50 and costs on each charge. M. H. Gillette, proprietor of the hotel at Echo, was also fined \$50 and costs on two counts for permitting gambling in his place of business. Thad Barnes was also fined \$50 and costs for gambling.

Will She?

Geo. Whitehorn, who has been a resident of Helix for the past three years, left Tuesday for Pasco, Wash., where he has purchased an interest in a general merchandise business. His many friends in this vicinity wish him worlds of success in his new location, but the question is asked, will not a certain lady of Helix now follow more closely the old injunction to "Keep your eye on Pasco?"—Helix Herald.

Will Delay Spring Seeding.

There is every indication now that spring seeding in the Palouse country will be extremely late this year. The weather has been such all through the month of March as to make it impossible to do any outdoor work. During the past week rain or snow has fallen almost every day and the ground is thoroughly soaked.