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THE PIANO.

When Paddy Rooney takes his seat and thumps the shining keys, his hearers cry: "They can't be beat—such harmonies as these!"

Over Moore

CRIMINAL BANK EXAMINERS.

Why should not the state prosecute C. S. Loveland and W. G. Cruse, the two state bank examiners whose connection with the wrecking of the State Bank of Commerce of Wallace has been testified to in the trial of B. F. O'Neil?

A like condition was shown to exist after the failure of the Idaho State bank at Hailey. The state examiners had secured "loans" from that institution under conditions which force the conclusion that the money was given them to keep them quiet relative to the condition of the bank.

In both instances the depositors lost nearly all they had. At Hailey one of the bank's officers has been sent to the penitentiary and others are likely to go.

Why should the bank examiners paid by the state who are supposed to be the guardians of the welfare and interests of depositors, be allowed to enter into collusion with rascally and dishonest bankers, secure for themselves large sums of depositors' money and then go scot free?

It cannot be possible that there is no law of the state which will reach conduct such as this. Why are the officials of the state and of the counties where these offenses committed silent? Why do they not do their duty made so plain to them as it has been in these instances?

RAILROAD BUILDING OF THE FUTURE.

The last transcontinental railway in this country has been built. Any idea that any other line will build across the continent may, we believe, as well be dismissed, at least for the next quarter or half century.

The opening of the Panama canal will revolutionize the transportation business of the country. Upon this all are agreed, but just what the changes will be none can predict with any degree of certainty or of satisfaction.

Unless means can be found by the railway transportation companies to offset the natural tendency, we may expect the railways of the future to devote their attention to the delivery of products of the interior to the nearest deep water point and to the delivery back to the interior from such point of the goods received in exchange.

The distance from Butte or Boise to San Francisco is not appreciably greater than the distance from the same points to Portland or Seattle. If our view of the future of railway transportation is right, it is inconceivable that the Hill lines, for instance, should be content to remain out of touch with the great San Francisco port and thus lose an immense business both to that port from the section through which a railway would traverse connecting that system with San Francisco and from it in supplying not alone the new territory traversed but the present territory served by that line.

Southern Idaho itself is an empire of untold wealth. If no other plan offers San Francisco, in its competition

with Portland and Puget sound points, cannot afford always to leave this territory untouched or be forced to communicate with it through several hundred miles of round about railway lines.

We cannot say how soon it will come, but it is just as certain to come not very long after the opening of the Panama canal even if it does not come sooner, that there will be rail connection directly between southern and southwestern Idaho and San Francisco, as it ever was certain that there would be transcontinental lines crossing this state seeking the northwestern ports under the old transportation system.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron.

HERE are many well-to-do and wealthy people in this country who don't bother much with the ordinary ten commandments but appear to take a certain sentence in the Bible for their special command, and that sentence is, "To him that hath shall be given."

One of the families in our neighborhood is very well-to-do and owns a beautiful touring car. Their neighbors on one side are also well-to-do and certainly could own an automobile if they wished.

But the fact remains that President Smith, in the exercise of his "rights as a citizen," did that which no other citizen of Utah or Idaho has a right to do; he inserted an article in a strictly ecclesiastical publication setting forth his views as a Republican, endorsing President Taft and his administration, and expressing a decided preference for the Republican ticket.

PRESS COMMENT

Let the Rich Run It! (Kansas City Times) "The country," President Taft says, "cannot afford to turn itself over to a class of men who do not deserve to figure in any more honorable light than quacks do in the practice of medicine."

In the president's view it really is an outrage that the people of this country are not ready to turn it over to rich men to run. That is the opinion of the group with which Mr. Taft associates. Men who have made their scores of millions feel that it is absurd that citizens who have no bank resources to speak of should have their say about the government.

If a cotton tariff schedule is to be revised, of course the wealthy cotton manufacturer, Mr. Lippitt, should do the revising. Doesn't he know exactly what he wants? If the country desires currency reform it ought to shut its eyes and take anything Mr. Morgan hands out. If it wishes to deal with corporations it should let Mr. Rockefeller draft the bill.

A few men of wealth ought to take charge. They will make themselves prosperous, of course. But some of the prosperity may leak through to the "lower classes."

And the funny thing about it is that Mr. Taft and the standpatters really believe it. They really do.

Smith is Too Modest. (Salt Lake Tribune)

President Joseph F. Smith is entirely too modest. He underestimates his influence. In his Boise interview published yesterday, he denies that he had anything to do with Utah's going Re-

publican, or with Governor Hawley's defeat in Idaho. And he makes the same old futile contention, asserting the same old deceitful and mischievous sophistries.

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Birthday Calendar



If This Is Your Birthday.

Do whatever falls to your lot with care and patience. The best way is steady perseverance, but do not allow spite or dull routine to take the place of studying plans for your own advancement.

These born today, though careless and wasteful, will have fine minds. Their worst faults will be cruelty and passion. With these handicaps comes the strength to win in spite of them, and future greatness is in store for them.

and Wyoming conclusively demonstrated. It is said that hundreds of copies of the Era were worn out during the campaign just ended, by zealous gunshoers, anxious to do the will of those over them by explaining that this editorial was God's political oracle from constituted authority.

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