

MANY WILL LOSE BOND HOUSE CRASH

Quite a Number of People in Douglas County Had Made Investments.

MORRIS OUT ON BAIL

Arrested for Giving False Testimony to Aid in Securing Naturalization Papers—Fred S. Morris Furnishes \$2000 Bail.

AUDIT BRINGS OUT NAMES.

The audit of the books of Morris Brothers, Inc., is bringing out the names of a number of Douglas county firms and individuals who will be affected by the collapse. Among those who have purchased most heavily of the interim certificates in this county are:

- The Drain State Bank \$4000
- George W. Kimball 3000
- Riddle State Bank 1000
- R. L. Gile 1000
- Dr. B. R. Shoemaker 500

There were other investors in various parts of the county named in the list given out by the auditors, and additional lists will probably be forthcoming.

That the loss to Douglas county residents as a result of the crash of the Morris Bros. bonding house will total nearly \$20,000, is believed as additional facts are brought to light. Several of the smaller banks about the county bought heavily of the certificates, and consequently stand to lose amounts varying from \$1000 to \$4000. Fortunately none of the Roseburg banks were concerned. Several Roseburg residents and a number of people residing in various sections of the county, as well as many railroad men, invested in certificates. These people will receive some return on some money as the firm will have some assets.

It is officially announced that all creditors concerned in the case should file soon their statements of claims with the referee in bankruptcy. Unless such claims are filed creditors are not considered and should dividends be paid they will receive none, no matter how meritorious their claims may be.

The audit of the books is proceeding slowly, and in the meantime, according to advices from Portland, no one is allowed to remove any property from the building other than personal effects in safety deposit boxes.

Morris Arrested.
Fred S. Morris, who succeeded to control of the firm after the resignation of Etheridge as president, has been arrested for giving false testimony at the time the ex-president secured his naturalization papers. It is claimed that Morris testified that Etheridge had never been convicted of a felony, although he was at the time cognizant of the man's prison record in New Jersey. The maximum sentence for such an offense is five years in a federal prison and a fine of \$5000. Morris has been released on bail bonds in the sum of \$2000. He furnished his own bonds, depositing \$2100 worth of Liberty bonds in a Portland bank and raising the cash to secure his liberty until the case against him is heard.

An inquiry is now being made to ascertain whether or not the personal property belonging to Mr. Morris can be seized to apply toward the debts of the defunct company. Mr. Morris has already surrendered his claim to the \$75,000 worth of bonds deposited by Etheridge with the express company at Tacoma. He has also allowed the district attorney of Multnomah county to examine his safety deposit box and secure the numbers on the bonds held there. Two automobiles belonging to the firm will be turned over to the receiver.

Etheridge in Luxury.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 29.—John L. Etheridge, quondam bond magnate of the Pacific coast, continued to deny himself to all visitors while enjoying the best accommodations that could be accorded in the city jail, today. Every consideration was being shown him, according to understanding about police headquarters.

Jailers were instructed to give out no information about him, his mail was being specially handled and a subtle distinction seemed to be drawn between him and other prisoners.

The story of the wife of a reformed convict, who will stand by her husband in another time of trouble, whether he appears right or wrong, because she loves him and believes in his honesty, was told by Mrs. John L. Etheridge, wife of the Portland bond broker.

Faith of Wife Unshaken.
Her husband was released from

WATER COMING UP.

The warm weather melting the deep snows in the mountains causing the North Umpqua to rise more rapidly than has been known for many years. Already it is higher than it has been for many seasons and is still going up. The Douglas County Light and Water company reports that its water power is useless and it has been forced to resort to its steam plant to furnish light and power to the city. This greatly handicaps the plant and it is stated that the power service may not be up to the usual standard for a short time. Residents of the city are asked to co-operate in saving energy as much as possible by using only such light and power as is absolutely needed. If this is done there will be sufficient electricity for necessary uses.

The New Jersey penitentiary 14 years ago and is awaiting deputy sheriffs from Portland to take him back to the Rose City in connection with alleged discrepancies in the books of Morris Brothers, bond dealers of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma. But this does not shake her faith.

She brands many of the accusations against him as lies and declares that he had lived an honest and useful life. She says he is a big man—public spirited and generous—who has striven for years to live down a mistake made in his earlier life.

Her story tells of a man's hard, uphill fight after he has trespassed upon the law, even though he has once paid his full debt to society for his wrong doing. It is a plea for a more fair-minded public and a more honest and less condemning public press.

City of Edmonton May Lose.
PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Because John L. Etheridge failed to pay for \$1,135,000 in bonds of the City of Edmonton, the credit of the Canadian city has become imperiled and it may be forced to default on obligations, due Friday in New York, which officials expected to meet with funds obtained from Etheridge.

F. Barnhouse, treasurer of the Canadian city, has been summoned to Portland to help unravel the tangle. The bonds, amounting to \$1,135,000, now held in custody of the United States bank, arrived here December 29, and Treasurer Barnhouse was busy all the following day signing them at the bank so they would be ready for delivery to Morris Brothers, Inc., on a contract of sale which stipulated that all of the bonds would be taken up and paid for by December 31.

Issue Is Involved.
Nearly all of these bonds have been sold by the Etheridge institution and interim receipts issued to purchasers pending actual delivery of the bonds.

Failure of the Portland bond house on Monday placed the \$1,135,000 of undelivered securities at subject to the direction of the Canadian city, the United States National bank and the receiver of the house of Morris Brothers, Inc.

It had been intended by Dr. J. D. Duback, a creditor of Morris Brothers, Inc., or an interim certificate calling for 1000 of the Edmonton bonds to file an attachment suit on them this morning, but his attorney, Barge E. Leonard, learning of the peculiar status of affairs which estopped an attachment proceeding, decided that no relief existed in this direction.

Buys Interest of A. J. Bellows

Roy Bellows, manager of the Bellows Company dry goods store here for the past seven years, today purchased the interests in the firm belonging to A. J. Bellows. Mr. Bellows has built up a wonderful business in the county and states that the business will continue along the same policies under his ownership. He is planning to enlarge several departments of the institution and the stock will be enlarged considerably to meet the demands of the trade.

Marshfield Man Head Organization

By Associated Press
PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce re-elected Charles Hall, of Marshfield, as president late yesterday; J. T. Horick, The Dalles, E. E. Brodie, of Oregon City and W. H. O'Brien of Astoria as vice presidents. Leslie Butler, of Hood River, was elected treasurer.

Mad Poet Escapes In an Airplane

By Associated Press
TRIESTE, Italy, Dec. 30.—The hostilities at Fiume ended last night. D'Annunzio is reported to have left in an aeroplane.

BABY DROWNED IN DEER CREEK

Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith Victim of Sad Accident.

FELL FROM A BRIDGE

Was On Way Back to House After Playing at Barn, and Stopped to Play in Water—Body Washed Into a Shallow Place.

Clarence Robert Smith, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith, who reside on North Deer creek, was drowned yesterday afternoon when he fell into the creek while on his way from the barn, where his father was working, to the house. The body was washed up into shallow water and recovered soon after the accident occurred.

The accident occurred at the Smith home, commonly known as the Gilmore place, at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and was reported soon afterward to Coroner Ritter. The evidence in the case was plain and no doubt was deemed necessary.

The three older children had gone to the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Trussell, and later will carry advertisements in many of the magazines along the coast. The incubator extends the full length of the building, and is so constructed that another deck can be added at any time, which will double the present capacity. The mechanism of the incubator is unique, and represents the expenditure of several thousand dollars. The sections of the incubator contain screen trays for the eggs, and an automatic contrivance has been arranged so that the entire setting can be turned at once. Formerly each egg had to be handled in this process, which represented a great deal of work. Ventilators have been installed over each section and a small mechanism controls these devices which will keep the temperature of the incubator at an even degree at all times. A small coal furnace supplies the heat, and will only have to be fired up once every 24 hours. In case something goes wrong with the heating apparatus, an alarm will be sounded in Mr. Vosburgh's home by means of an electric bell. The testing of the eggs will be an easy matter on account of the new screen trays.

Mr. Vosburgh will start the incubator about February 5, for the first setting and expects about an 80 percent hatch. He is making a very careful selection of the incubator stock, and besides the regular hatching and will handle custom hatching also.

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Between the house and the barn there is a small stream which must be crossed on a foot bridge. Immediately above the bridge another stream joins in and where the two meet there is a rapid eddy. The prolonged rains have caused the stream to become quite large and where they meet there is a whirlpool which has worn a hole four or five feet deep, where the water whirled and splashed and creates a dangerous eddy. This place had always fascinated the tiny chap and he had always begged to be allowed to stop and play there. On account of the danger his parents had never allowed him to play in the water at that place and on several occasions he had been punished for stopping on the bridge to paddle in the foamy water underneath.

Evidently tiring of his play in the barn, he went to the bridge, possibly on his way back to the house, and it is presumed that he became fascinated with the water and stopped there to play. Evidently he fell from the bridge into the deep hole, where the swift water kept his body beneath the surface for several minutes, muffling any cry which might have been made.

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HATCHERY BUSINESS HAS FINE FUTURE

Earl Vosburgh Installs Giant Incubator Capable of Handling 6000 Eggs.

RECEIVES MANY ORDERS

Plans to Enlarge Business Next Year And May Install Incubator With 24,000 Egg Capacity—Mechanism of Plant Is Unique.

Earl Vosburgh, well known Roseburg poultry man, has just completed the installation of a giant 6000-egg Newtown Mammoth incubator in a building near his home on Fullerton Street, constructed especially for the construction of a hatchery. The new incubator is by far the largest in Douglas county, and Mr. Vosburgh plans to enter into the hatching business in an extensive way. He has already a large number of local orders for chicks, and if the present demand for chicks continues, states that next year he will increase the hatchery to a 24,000 egg capacity.

He has named the establishment the "Chick-O-Peep" hatchery, and later will carry advertisements in many of the magazines along the coast. The incubator extends the full length of the building, and is so constructed that another deck can be added at any time, which will double the present capacity. The mechanism of the incubator is unique, and represents the expenditure of several thousand dollars. The sections of the incubator contain screen trays for the eggs, and an automatic contrivance has been arranged so that the entire setting can be turned at once. Formerly each egg had to be handled in this process, which represented a great deal of work. Ventilators have been installed over each section and a small mechanism controls these devices which will keep the temperature of the incubator at an even degree at all times. A small coal furnace supplies the heat, and will only have to be fired up once every 24 hours. In case something goes wrong with the heating apparatus, an alarm will be sounded in Mr. Vosburgh's home by means of an electric bell. The testing of the eggs will be an easy matter on account of the new screen trays.

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CAR DRIVERS ARE NOT TO BLAME

Death of J. B. Fessler Caused by Unavoidable Accident Verdict of Jury.

TESTIMONY CONFLICTS

Both Roy Siegrist and Clifford Howard Claim That They Dimmed Their Lights and That the Other Party Did Not.

That the death of J. B. Fessler was caused by an unavoidable accident was the verdict reached by the coroner's jury at the inquest held over the body late yesterday afternoon. Fessler, an aged Edenbrow resident, was struck by an automobile driven by Roy Siegrist Saturday evening, and died at the Mercy hospital Tuesday evening as the result of the injuries. Attorney I. B. Riddle questioned the witnesses and the coroner's jury consisted of E. N. Ewart, L. J. Barnes, Geo. A. Burdick, Percy Webb, Napoleon Rice and W. H. Fisher.

Much conflicting testimony was introduced by the occupants of the two cars, both Clifford Howard and Roy Siegrist, the drivers, claiming that they dimmed their lights. Their testimony was corroborated in each case by their passengers.

The accident, which afterward resulted fatally, occurred Saturday evening, December 25th, at 6 o'clock on the road between the highway store and the corner where the highway turns to go to Edenbrow. A fine rain was falling which clung to the windshields of the cars, obstructing their vision to some extent. J. B. Fessler, with his brother-in-law, George C. Gilmore, of Portland, were walking home after spending the afternoon in Roseburg.

Dr. B. R. Shoemaker was the first witness examined, and stated that he was called to attend Mr. Fessler following the accident and found him completely paralyzed from the neck down, caused either from an injury to the upper part of the spinal column or from a fracture of the brain. He also found a large bruise on his back caused by a blow from some heavy object, with similar small contusions on his face.

Roy Siegrist, the driver of the car which struck Fessler, was called and testified to see Roseburg and Douglas county the center of the chicken hatching business, predicted Mr. Vosburgh today. "There is no reason why we cannot rival Petaluma, California. Our climate is better suited and we have already demonstrated the fact that the poultry business can be carried on here in a successful way. I expect to enlarge my plant each year. Suitable hatchery stock can be obtained near Roseburg and in Myrtle Creek, and it will make a very valuable industry for this section. Local orders already guarantee a good future for my business and as soon as I get the giant incubator in operation, I will be able to advertise along the coast. My little local in the News-Review has already swamped me with orders for chicks."

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TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE.

A representative of the News-Review will be present at the meeting of the Reedports chamber of commerce on next Monday when that body confers with the county court and members of the Roseburg chamber of commerce regarding the highway between the county seat and Reedport. In addition to covering the meeting at Reedport, the News-Review reporter will gather material for a number of articles concerning the lower Umpqua country.

stated that he resided near Edenbrow and was driving a light Ford delivery truck, which he uses to deliver milk, at the time of the accident. "I had just passed the Riverside store," said Mr. Siegrist, "when I noticed a car coming south. I was going north. When I reached the usual distance from the other car I dimmed my lights, and the driver of the other car did not. The road at this point is just wide enough for two cars to pass. The bright lights of the other car blinded me somewhat as I turned out to the side of the road to pass the other car. Just after I had passed the car, and was turning back onto the road, I saw a dark object loom up right by the radiator of my car, and struck it before I could stop. I was driving about ten miles an hour at the time, and stopped before I ran over the body."

Mr. Siegrist said he had seen nothing in the road previous to the time when he hit Mr. Fessler, owing to the fact that the lights of the other car had blinded him. "My lights were still dimmed when I got out of the car to see what I had hit," said Mr. Siegrist, "as I had not had time to turn them on again. We put the injured man in my car and took him home, and I stayed until a doctor had been called."

Mrs. Siegrist, who was with her husband at the time of the accident, was also placed on the witness stand and corroborated her husband's testimony in every respect.

George C. Gilmore, of Portland, who was with Mr. Fessler at the time of the accident, stated that they were walking on the right hand side of the road going north, and that although they saw the car in front of them they did not know that there was another one behind them until it was too close for Mr. Fessler to lodge. Mr. Gilmore, who is a much younger man, said he barely had time to jump out of the way before the car hit Fessler. He could give a simple skin test to determine which children are susceptible to diphtheria, and this ascertained, we can effectively immunize them so as to protect them against this disease.

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Public Offered Navy Blue Cloth

The United States Government, through its navy department, has placed on the market an enormous quantity of blue cloth material, according to a bulletin received at the Roseburg postoffice today. The material was originally bought by the government during the late world war to be converted into uniforms and overcoats for the naval personnel. It is equally suitable for civilian clothing, and ladies' suits, capes and coats.

The cloth is to be sold in quantities of not less than 50-yard bolts, and two weights are offered, one 13 ounces, the other 30 ounces, both 54 inches wide. For the lighter weight the price quoted is \$3.40 per yard, and for the heavier grade, \$4.00. A liberal discount is offered for orders of over \$250.

Additional information desired by intending purchasers may be obtained at the post office.

NO FORECAST ON 'FLU' RECURRENCE

Public Health Officers Say no Way of Foretelling Another Epidemic.

HEALTH WARNING GIVEN

Spectacular Epidemic Outbreaks Are Not Important Compared to the Daily Occurrence of Many Preventable Deaths.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—"There is absolutely no definite way of foretelling whether this winter will witness any recurrence of influenza epidemic form," said Surgeon General H. S. Cummings, of the U. S. Public Health Service. "As a result, however, of careful analyses of the epidemiology of influenza, especially as the result of intensive studies in homes where influenza occurred in 1918 and 1919, it may be stated that an attack of influenza appears to confer a definite immunity to a subsequent attack, an immunity lasting for several years. Inasmuch as the epidemic of 1918 and 1919 affected so large a proportion of the population, there would seem to be reasonable grounds for believing the 'flu' in case it should become prevalent here and there, it should not assume the epidemic proportions of the past two years, nor should it rage in such severe form."

"It is unfortunate that the public becomes so intensely interested in spectacular epidemic outbreaks of disease and is so little moved by the daily occurrence of so many preventable deaths in all parts of the country. Of the one and a quarter million deaths occurring in the United States annually, at least 100,000 could very easily be prevented by the application of available medical knowledge. For example, one of the diseases so prevalent about this time of the year is diphtheria. This disease alone is responsible for about 15,000 deaths in the United States annually. Practically every one of these deaths could be prevented, for not only have we an effective anti-toxin for the treatment of the disease, when it occurs, but, what is still more important, we are now able by means of a simple skin test to determine which children are susceptible to diphtheria, and this ascertained, we can effectively immunize them so as to protect them against this disease."

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Still Roosting High

