

VANCOUVER BANK FAILURE

FIRST NATIONAL WRECKED BY DISHONEST OFFICERS.

Both President and Cashier Ended Their Lives by Pistol Route.

The First National Bank of Vancouver, Wash., was on last Friday, closed by a United States bank examiner who, after a careful examination of the bank's condition, found that the institution was not only legally rotten for many months, but was in such a state of insolvency that it had not only accepted deposits as usual but had borrowed money on their personal notes from confiding friends, whose only consolation was their empty purses and a keen regret for misplaced confidence.

Bank Examiner McGraw, whose business was to make stated periodical examinations of the condition of these institutions, arrived at the bank Friday, and he had not proceeded far with his examination when he became satisfied that things were in a very bad condition. Further investigation disclosed a gross violation of the banking laws by a gross credit entry of \$10,000 in the February statement, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, falsifying the accounts of the bank and making a false report to the controller of the currency, for which crimes the officers were liable to heavy fines and long terms of imprisonment. It is understood that the bank's liabilities include \$800,000 of deposits, a great deal of which comprises the entire fortune of many of the depositors who in some instances are completely ruined and on the verge of self-destruction.

The actual assets of the bank are not yet known, but it is believed that not more than 25 per cent will be realized by the depositors. An effort is being made to have a capable receiver appointed for the bank, through whose management there is some hope that the affairs of the bank may be ultimately straightened out in such a manner as to make good the greater portion of its liabilities.

When the president and cashier of the defunct bank were confronted with the evidence of their crimes they secured a revolver and walked a mile from town where they ended their lives with the same weapon.

It will probably be some time before the condition of the bank will be made public as the examiner can only make a report to the controller of the currency at Washington, and the latter official can use his pleasure about making a public statement, but enough is known about the affairs of the bank to disclose the fact that its history for the past ten years is one of bad management, loose business methods, a makeshift policy in banking, deception, falsification of accounts and records, embezzlement, perjury and other then exposure, confession and suicide.

Brown and Canby, the president and cashier of the defunct bank, had both lived in Vancouver for a long time and were married and well connected and both of them had held positions of trust and responsibility before engaging in the banking business.

KALAMA TO VANCOUVER.

Construction Work Began on Washington and Oregon Road.

Ground was broken at Kalama Monday for the construction of the Washington and Oregon railroad between Kalama and Vancouver, Wash. About 200 men went to work on the Kalama end of the line. The force will be increased as fast as the men can be secured and it is expected to have 500 men on the work by the end of the week. The distance between Kalama and Vancouver is 20 miles, and the plans of the company contemplate the running of trains over the road by the middle of September. No contracts will be let on the work, and it is not expected anything will be done above Ridgefield hill after the June freight has passed, on account of the proximity of the grade to the high-water mark. The new road is not a part of the Northern Pacific system as some have supposed, but it is an independent line, and will be extended on to Seattle as soon as the extension from Kalama to Vancouver is finished. It will also be extended into Portland as soon as the bridge across the Columbia can be completed.

SOLDIER HOMESTEADER.

Recent Case of Contesting Soldier's Right to Land.

On Monday of last week Anton Kerowski made final proof before the county clerk, on a homestead which he had entered several years ago. About the time Kerowski's notice of final proof appeared, it was discovered that a contest for the right to the land was on the tapis. Kerowski proceeded according to his notice, however, to prove up, and his contest case was set for hearing a day or two later before the register and receiver of the land office. It was alleged in the complaint against Kerowski that he had procured the land in the name of the United States in neither the army nor the navy.

Kerowski, in offering his testimony in support of his right to the land, did not claim to have resided continuously on it, but he did produce a number of affidavits from the United States army which contained more than one complimentary reference to his behavior and bravery while in the service. He served in Company I, Eighteenth Infantry, volunteers, in Cuba and enlisted and was discharged from the Philippines. B. A. Miller, of Oregon City, was employed to conduct the contest case against Kerowski, but when certified copies of his army papers arrived at the land office, along with his final proof papers, the contest was withdrawn by the contestant, and the county clerk here notified to that effect by the receiver Tuesday morning. The land in question is in the vicinity of Valley.

Ninety Dollars an Acre for Land.

A deed has been filed for record, conveying title to twenty acres of land at Scappoose, the purchase price of which was \$90 an acre, or \$1800 for twenty acres. Mr. F. A. Gerber, who has resided in that vicinity but a short time, is the purchaser, the lands being a part of the West estate, lying west of the railroad and joining the town of Scappoose on the north. Mr. Gerber has paid a good price for the land, but he has a property worth the consideration.

A. C. Williams Dead.

A. C. Williams, aged 74 years, died last Saturday at his home near this place. He was a son of the late Samuel Williams, one of the founders of Hillsboro. He came to Oregon in 1843 and located at Hillsboro on the P. Jackson place. He moved to this section about a year ago. The remains were taken to Hillsboro for interment in the family burying ground.

Mrs. C. H. Newth Dead.

The death of Mrs. Mabel A. Newth, wife of Dr. Newth, occurred at her home in Philomath, Monday, April 15th. Internment occurred at the Newton cemetery, Wednesday. Mrs. Cotton conducted the funeral services at Kenas chapel. Mabel A. Woodward was born in Iowa, October 4, 1857. She was married to Dr. Newth in Kansas, December 25, 1880. The family moved to Oregon in 1889, settling in Vernonia, Columbia county. They moved to Philomath in April, 1907. Mrs. Newth leaves a husband and three children.—Corvallis Gazette, April 15.

Shyster Tax Paying Agents.

The time may come when people as a rule will wise themselves up, as the saying is, in regard to complacently trusting every Tom, Dick and Harry to act for them in the matter of paying their taxes. We do not mean to say that everybody is not to be trusted in this matter, but there are a great many who are not worthy the trust placed in them, and their acts demonstrate the truthfulness of this statement.

There is an element of shyster, petty-fogging expounders of the doctrine of the law in our neighboring city up the Willamette, who pose as tax paying agents, and they lure many victims along the road to traps of their own making. They collect the amount of tax owed by the unsuspecting individual in outside

CASH FOR COUNTY ROAD WORK

SUPERVISORS ISSUE ORDERS ON COUNTY COURT.

County Handles the Money and Treasurer Pays Warrants.

As the road law is not altogether understood throughout the county, the board of supervisors has issued orders on the county court to show how the road funds will be handled this year. The county commissioners made a levy of three mills on all taxable property for the purpose of road improvement. This tax is being collected with the general tax, and goes into the county treasury. Matters of property owners working on their tax as heretofore, and the supervisor hires the work done, and gives an order on the county, setting forth the amount of work done. The order serves as a bill against the county, and is audited and allowed or disallowed the same as any other bill against the county. Seldom, however, are one of these bills rejected. A warrant is then ordered drawn on the road fund, and is payable upon presentation to the treasurer. The amounts to be collected for road purposes this year, according to the valuation of the district, are as follows:

District No. 1	4528 00
" 2	294 00
" 3	598 00
" 4	352 00
" 5	423 00
" 6	325 00
" 7	183 00
" 8	195 00
" 9	318 00
" 10	189 00
" 11	117 00
" 12	241 00
" 13	240 00
" 14	240 00
" 15	240 00

The county treasurer, in his semi-annual statement issued last week reported \$2500 of road funds on hand, while the county clerk's summary showed but \$432 in road warrants outstanding and unpaid. Most favorable reports are coming from throughout the county concerning the condition of the roads, and it seems that the new system will have the effect of bringing about much good.

Gold in Crater's Gulch.

F. F. De Yo and V. H. Coffey returned yesterday from Crater's Gulch, where they went some days ago with Alex and Fred Norman to explore the new gold fields, says the Astoria Herald. They went further into the gulches than previous parties, traveling through some exceedingly rough country, and found the ore deposits. Crater's Gulch is a continuation was before known. There are two places, says Mr. De Yo, where gold in small quantities has been found in the gulch. The rock so far seen is all base ore, or sulphurates. The gentlemen located claims and have much faith in the future of the district.

Crater's Gulch is situated near Saddle mountain, in Clatsop county, and is in the heart of the most desperately rugged portion of the coast range. The ledge on which these locations have been made is believed to be the same one which crosses the Nehalem river at the old government trail, and crops out on Upper Rock creek, where several locations were made a few years ago, and where considerable excitement prevailed at that time. Those who made the first locations in Crater's Gulch claim to have received assays from \$4 to \$6, and it is said the same values were found in the Rock creek ledge. A number of prominent Astorians have formed a private corporation for the purpose of exploring the new district and developing some very promising properties which they have secured there.

PROPORTIONATE TAX PAYING.

Non-Residents Pay Four-Sevenths of All Tax in This County.

Much speculation has been indulged in of late as to the proportionate amount of tax paid by residents and non-residents of this county, and a search through the current tax roll reveals the fact that there are 2633 names on the tax roll, 1369 of which are residents and 1273 non-resident. The total valuation of property on the last assessment roll was \$1,483,000, of which amount \$840,800 is assessed against the non-residents, and \$642,200 against the residents. In other words, the non-residents pay about 58 per cent of all tax paid in the county.

Warren Happenings.

Mr. H. H. Clarke has taken all of the stock over to the Noon place near the Slough.

James A. Bacon, of the Third Artillery, Fort Stevens, was a Warren visitor last Sunday.

Mrs. Lizie Osfield and Mrs. Maggie Cooper, of Portland, spending a few days with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawkins, Mrs. Cora Gaus, Ernest and Clifford Killis, of Portland, visited with relatives a few days last week.

There will be services at the M. E. church at Warren this Sunday at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Fairchild. Sunday school was well attended last Sunday.

Olaf and Andrew Carlson, of Astoria, were the guests of their cousin, Louis Larson, a few days last week, returning home Saturday evening on the Hassalo.

The social dance given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Larson last Friday evening was pretty well attended. All report having had quite an enjoyable time.

There will be a social dance given at the school house hall this (Friday) evening to which everybody is cordially invited. Tickets \$1.25, including oyster supper.

George and Elmer Miller, of Kansas, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grewell. They intend looking around this part of the county, and if everything is favorable, they will locate here.

We are pleased to see Mr. J. S. Bacon up and around again. He is now attending to the store and postoffice, which Floyd Pusey has capably attended to during Mr. Bacon's illness. Floyd began fishing on the Willamette last Monday with "Bob" Lovat.

Sat Grange No. 294 met as usual last Saturday evening with a good attendance. Deputy Master Mrs. H. L. Vail and Mr. Miller, master of Evening Star Grange No. 27, of Palestine, Or., were present and assisted in the work of the order. Their services are very much appreciated by all who are members of the grange.

WANT HOMES IN OREGON.

A Nebraska Colony Wishes to Buy Fifty Thousand Acres.

The Independent Home Makers' Company, a corporation formed by the residents of Nebraska for the purpose of securing a tract of land in Oregon upon which to found a colony, has written to County Clerk Watts for information as to desirable localities. The letter also requests that any persons having suitable land for sale send information regarding it to the Company at Lincoln, Neb. The colony will send

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SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

one of their number to Oregon in a few

weeks to select a place where they will locate. What the expectations of these immigrants are can be gleaned from the following letter:

"Our company desires to purchase 50,000 acres good farming land in good sections of Oregon for the purpose of locating there a colony which is now in process of formation, and which will be composed of a most desirable class of people gathered from all parts of the Northern sections of the United States under the auspices of the Nebraska Independent. It is desired that the lands be unimproved and distant from a railroad will not be considered disadvantageous, if the soil, climate and rainfall make it adapted to diversified farming, small stockraising and fruitgrowing, and where these avocations will be reasonably profitable and no question exists that thrift and enterprise will be rewarded.

"We would prefer, if we could, to purchase from some individual or company owning such a tract and who is able to give clear title to the same."

A raffle was held at Goble, in F. M. Fowler's store last Saturday, for a beautiful silk cravat quilt made by Mrs. E. E. Davis. The lucky number, 147, was drawn by Mr. Fowler's son, Cass, while attending the raffle. Mr. Fowler, formerly a member of the Goble, is the winner, and the quilt will presumably adorn his bed to the wonder and envy of everybody at McCormick, Wash., where he is now living.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement which this week appears, of Stanwood & Sherman Bros., of Yankton, who are operating a sawmill and turning out a first-class quality of rough lumber and bridge timbers. These boys are not only manufacturing a good quality of lumber, but they are offering it for sale at a most reasonable price. When the public is in need of anything in their line it will be well to visit the establishment before buying elsewhere.

Mr. C. E. Philbrook has a call to go to Clatsop on May 5th, and consequently will not preach at Yankton and Bachelor Flat on that day.

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Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at St. Helens, Oregon, this 22nd day of April, 1901.

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NOTICE OF FILING FINAL ACCOUNT, BY ASSIGNEE.

In the matter of the assignment of A. F. ADYTS and S. H. KISTNER, partners, doing business under the firm name and style of ADYTS & KISTNER, insolvent debtors.

To the creditors of said ADYTS & KISTNER, and to whomsoever it may concern, attention is hereby called that said final account will be taken in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, in final account as such assignees and that said final account will be taken and heard and passed upon by the said Court at the County Court house in the City of St. Helens, in the County of Columbia, in the State of Oregon, on Saturday, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1901, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard and passed upon; also that said assignees will then and there pay to the Court for his discharge and for the release of the sureties on his bond from all liability, upon the final distribution of the assets that he has in hand, if any.

Dated at the City of St. Helens, Oregon, this 21st day of April, 1901.

E. H. GRUBER, Esq., Attorney for the Assignee.

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CLATSOP AND VICINITY THE SCENE OF OPERATION.

The city of Clatskanie is much interested in what seems to be a well-founded report that a large lumber flume is soon to be built from that city to tap a large tract of fine yellow fir timber, situated about five miles south of town on Bear Creek, a tributary of Conyers Creek and the Clatskanie river. Rumor has it that Nicolai Bros., of Portland, who have a bond on 70,000,000 feet of timber in that neighborhood, propose to buy the Flippin mill, which is located at a point convenient to the timber, and build a large flume from the mill to a point on the A. & C. road near town, and there build a large planing mill with which to dress their lumber and prepare it for shipment. Nicolai Bros. have taken a bond on the Flippin mill property, and have agents at work viewing a line for the flume and securing a right of way for it. The promoters are known to be men of energy and financial strength, which fact, together with the businesslike manner in which they are going to work, greatly encourages the belief that the enterprise will be successfully prosecuted. An enterprise of this nature will be of far-reaching advantage to Clatskanie and vicinity, as it will bring to market a large tract of valuable timber, besides giving employment to 200 or 300 men, thereby creating a pay-roll which will be the agency through which a great deal of money will be circulated in that part of the county.

High-Grade Cows.

Farmers throughout the county are buying only the highest grade of cows for dairy purposes. Many of them have secured separators and milk-testers and they know whether a cow will measure up to a high standard, and whether it will pay to buy her. The farmers have found by experience that it pays to get the very best breeds, that will yield the highest per cent of butter fat. The cheese factories and creameries are buying and paying for what milk they use according to the quantity of butter fat contained in the milk. It costs as much to keep a poor cow as it does a first-class animal, and hence most all scrub cows have disappeared and rarely a poor one is seen where cheese and butter factories have been established.—Rainier Gazette.

FARM FOR SALE.

Farm of 80 acres, four miles east of LaCenter, Wash.; 12 acres plus road, 20 acres added, and picked; good running water; house 15x20, 16-foot walls; woodshed and cellar; barn 24x30, 16-foot walls; 1 acre in orchard; cedar trees; sawmill flume runs through place. Pfitzen thum, of LaCenter, has the place for sale, terms payable by the flume. For further information call on or address L. MEKES, LaCenter, Wash.

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