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RECORD BREAKER WEEK

Clearing House Re- Port Shows Portland Banks Doing Largest Business in their His- tory

Bank clearings for the week establish a record in the business history of Portland. Though the clearings for the same week of last year were considered unusually large, they are exceeded by more than \$1,000,000 by the clearings of the week just ended.

For the week ending today Portland's bank clearings amounted to \$4,820,897.75. For the same week of 1903 the clearings amounted to \$3,704,155.12. The difference shows that business in Portland's banks has increased more than \$1,000,000 during the past 12 months.

Local business men assert that the clearings for the corresponding weeks of this and last year are positive proof of the wonderful strides that Portland is taking in a business way.—Oregon Journal.

Will Pledge Candidates

(Observer Special)
San Francisco Nov. 21.—At the morning session of the American Federation of Labor the policy was unanimously endorsed to pledge all political candidates to the central labor bodies to legislation as they may desire and to publish the records of the candidates when it is thought advisable.

Blow Proved Fatal

(Observer Special)
San Francisco Nov. 21.—Thomas Wackford, an engineer 57 years of age, accidentally stepped on the trail of a ladies dress on Market street last night. This so enraged the man who was walking with the lady that he knocked Wackford down and they passed on and their identity up to this time has not been ascertained. The assaulted engineer never regained consciousness and died this forenoon.

Steamship Ashore

(Observer Special)
New York Nov. 21.—All efforts to release the steamer Syrian Princess, which went ashore on Long Beach Sun-

day morning failed when the high tide came this morning. Another effort will be made tonight.

There were 537 passengers, all of whom were immigrants from Italy, who were taken off in lighters during the day and landed at Ellis Island.

Left on Field

(Observer Special)
London Nov. 21.—A correspondent of the Central News agency at Shkabo river wires that after an all night attack on the Russian front, near Putiloff Hill resulted in finding 38 dead Japanese on the field. There has been fighting during the past 24 hours.

Japan and Russian war

(Observer Special)
Rome, Nov. 21.—A message from Tokyo states that General Oyama has wired that his attempt to draw the Russians into a trap has been frustrated but the Japanese armies are now excellently situated in fortified positions.

(Observer Special)
London, Nov. 21.—A message was received here this morning from the correspondent of the Central News at Shkabo river stating that the Japanese made a night attack upon the Russian front near Putiloff hill. They were forced to retire and left thirty eight of their men dead upon the field. The past twenty four hours has been quiet.

(Observer Special)
Tokyo, Nov. 21.—A dispatch has just been received here stating that the Japanese forces had undermined and occupied one of the principal outposts of Erilingham. This is one of the principal supports of Port Arthur and is considered a great victory for the Japanese.

(Observer Special)
Chefoo Nov. 21.—A Japanese officer who has just arrived from Dalny states that the Japanese will not make another general attack upon Port Arthur for several weeks. He also states the next general effort to take to fort will be the most tremendous affair known in ancient or modern warfare. More reinforcements are expected and it is his belief that this will be the last attack necessary to complete the fall of Port Arthur.

The Japanese are constructing additional coast defenses and it is believed the Japanese expect to entrench themselves in order that they will be in a position to defend Port Arthur when they have taken the fort.

Trial Called Off

(Observer Special)
Boston, Nov. 21.—The failure of the cruiser Pennsylvania to arrive here this morning caused the postponement of the official speed trial which was scheduled to take place today. It is thought that the cruiser will arrive tomorrow and that the trial will take place in a few days.

There will be no public school on Thanksgiving nor the day following.

OREGON VARSITY WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

College Team Enters Game Badly Crippled ---Three Best Players Are Absent.

Corvallis, Nov. 19.—The University of Oregon won the football game from the Oregon Agricultural college by a score of 6 to 5 and with the winning game went the college championship of Oregon. They made a varsity team touch down in the first half and kicked the goal. In the second half after a spectacular 90 yard run by Walker,

the college center, the agriculturalist made a touch down but failed to kick the goal.

The college team went into the game badly crippled, three of their best men being absent. The attendance was large, notwithstanding the fact that the game was played during a driving wind and rain storm.

Another Land Fraud Case is On Trial

Congressman Herman, Who was Commissioner of the General Land Office, will be a Witness

(Observer Special)
Portland Ore Nov. 21.—The case of the United States against S. A. D. Foster, Horace G. McKinley, Marie L. Ware, Emma L. Watson, Frank H. Walgamot and D. W. Tarpley was called trial before the Federal court today before Judge Bellinger. Owing to the fact that the cases have been so long before the public and the press of the

state have had so much to say regarding these defendants who have been charged with such gigantic government land frauds in the Western part of the state it is feared that there will be difficulty to procure a jury.

Congressman Herman, who at the time of the alleged conspiracy was Commissioner of the General Land Office has been subpoenaed as a witness.

Suit Makers Strike

(Observer Special)
Chicago, Nov. 21.—The strike situation here as it applies to the clothing manufacturers is still in a serious condition. The manufacturers made an attempt to open their shops this morning with unorganized tailors. The union workmen placed pickets on patrol in the district where the greatest number of shops are located and many tailors who were in search of work were turned back by the pickets. The police remained on guard and kept the crowds moving. The manufacturers are still advertising for non union workmen to learn the tailor trade in all its branches and they assert that they will not again operate union shops.

Football

Next Thursday afternoon the La Grande foot ball eleven will play the eleven from the Union High School at the base ball ground on Second St. La Grande lost their last game but expect to win the coming one. The game will be called promptly at 2:30 p. m. Admission 25. La Grande's colors are blue and white. Wear them. Come and help our boys win.

Berry Grant, Capt

Now in Denmark

(Observer Special)
Fredericks Harbor Denmark.—The second division of the second Russian Pacific squadron has just arrived here.

Again Postponed

(Observer Special)
Hoboken, Nov. 21.—The meeting of the Northern Securities Co., which was to have been held in this city today was again postponed. The meeting is now scheduled to take place Monday.

Mr. Nash's Funeral

A special car left this city Sunday morning conveying about twenty five railroad men and friends to attend the funeral of the late Conductor Nash which took place yesterday in Pendleton. A short service was held at the home conducted by Rev. Van Nuy and the Masonic service at the grave was conducted by Hon. W. T. Wright of Union. Among the pallbearers were Martin Anderson, Fred Story, Fred Waffle, A. V. Andrews, H. C. Grady and W. H. Kelsey.

Conductor Nash was laid to rest in the adjoining grave of the late Conductor Chas. Brown.

Mrs. Moon's Funeral

The funeral of Mrs. Moon, the beloved wife of Engineer O. W. Moon, took place yesterday afternoon from the Baptist church, Rev. Day, the pastor, officiating. The interment was in the Masonic cemetery. The pall bearers were all engineers: C. J. McLain, Geo. Hansen, C. W. Humphrey, John Shea, Pete Thelsson and John Gardiner. There were many floral pieces and the house was crowded to its fullest capacity to pay their last respects to one whom they honored and loved for years.

Birthday Party

Saturday afternoon quite a gathering of little merry-makers met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Buehler to celebrate little Miss Bessie's 9th birthday. After a most pleasant afternoon of games and music, the little guests were invited to the dining room to partake of a dainty lunch to which they did ample justice. Bessie will long remember the occasion not only by the pleasant time, but by the many tokens of love in the form of gifts the little ones brought. At five o'clock they all departed wishing their host many more birthdays if they might only be permitted to take part in them.

Those present were: Nora Arbuckle, Rana Bacon, Sarah Smith, Miriam Smith, Ethel Wright, Helen Bartlett, Etha Thomas, Lois Given, Dorothy Meyers, Hazel Jones, Ruth Jones, Leona Newlin, Mary Newlin, Mabel Enloe, Allene Peare, Cecile Lilly, Marie Snodgrass, Josie Walsh, Vera Joel, Bessie Buehler, Lynn Bohnenkamp, Robbie Pattison, Arthur McCrary, Charlie Kelly, Freddie Beck, Willis Snodgrass.

Coming

McKenlass' colored Vaudeville Steward's Opera House Wednesday November 23rd. Ten big acts. Ten. Headed by the original great McKenlass, who has made millions laugh. Our singing excels. Dancers great. Girls pretty. Comedians funny. Adults 50, children 25, reserved seats 75.

Why South Rebelled

There are so many persons now in the United States who were not here when the South seceded in 1861, that do not know why they attempted to go out of the Union that the following facts as a reminder of the real cause is reproduced. The several southern states in their ordinances of secession announced as their reason for quitting the Union was "the election of a man (Abraham Lincoln) to the high office of President of the United States, whose opinions and purposes are hostile to slavery."

The Confederacy was organized at Montgomery, Alabama on Feb. 4, 1862 by the election of Jefferson Davis President, and Alexander H. Stephens Vice President.

In March following, the Vice President Alexander H. Stephens in a public address at Savannah Georgia in explanation of why the South went into revolution, said:

"African slavery as it exists among us, is the proper status of the negro in our form of civilization. This was the immediate cause of the present revolution. The prevailing ideas entertained by Jefferson and most of the leading statesmen at the time of the formation of the old Constitution were that the enslavement of the African was in violation of the laws of nature; that it was wrong in principle, socially, morally and politically. It was an evil they knew not well how to deal with; but the general opinion of the men of that day was that somehow or other, in the order of Providence, the institution would be evanescent and pass away. These ideas, however, were fundamentally wrong. They rested on the assumption of the equality of the races. Our new government is founded upon exactly the opposite idea; its foundations are laid, and its corner stone rests upon, the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery to the superior race is his natural and normal condition."

CHARGED WITH ARSON

Ex-Sheriff Placed Under Arrest and Will be Tried on Charge of Arson

(Observer Special)
Zanesville, Ohio, Nov. 21.—John Hunter, ex-sheriff of Allen county, Ohio, was brought to this city this morning under arrest charged with being responsible for the burning of four buildings which were destroyed within the past thirty six hours at Roseville a town near this city. There has also been four such fires in this city which are charged to him. All the fires have occurred within the past week.

Hunter has been drinking very hard of late and he is now bordering upon insanity. It is thought that the evidence against him is sufficient to convict him.

Fine Produce

Mr. J. A. Chandler of May Park displayed several samples of produce grown on his farm which should be on exhibition at the Lewis and Clark fair. In the collection were Early Rose potatoes that measured 14 inches in length and one Gold Coin that tipped the scales at four pounds. All grown without irrigation. Notwithstanding such growth Mr. Chandler believes that water could be used to advantage and has installed a pumping plant, consisting of a three horse gasoline engine and centrifugal which will lift 500 gallons of water every minute. This spring he planted 14 acres in straw berries and next spring is preparing to plant seven acres more. From a small patch not exceeding one third of an acre the results were so satisfactory that he knows that there are few products that will bring the same returns as a well cared for berry patch.

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