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## FIVE BANDITS WRECK BANK

### BOLD BANK ROBBERY IN A MISSOURI CITY.

Bandits, Five in Number, Crack a Willard, Mo., Bank and Get \$10,000 in Cash—Posses Hold Escape Passages in Mountains—Pistol Duel in Street Follows Robbery and Explosion—Robbery Well Planned and Boldly Executed.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 11.—One of the boldest and most successful bank robberies from a standpoint of beauty ever perpetrated in this part of the state, occurred early today when five bandits cracked the safe of the Willard, Mo., bank and secured \$10,000 in cash. They have not been captured as yet.

Willard is 15 miles from Springfield, Mo., and the police of both cities are operating on the case. The robbers forced their way into the bank and tore the safe to pieces with three charges of nitro-glycerin. The explosion aroused the townspeople, who rushed from their homes and engaged in a pistol duel with the burglars. The fleeing bandits seized a handcar on the Frisco road and made a dash toward the Ozark mountains. Posses are in every mountain trail and pass. Before dark, it is believed, the men will be captured.

### Senator Knox in Michigan.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 11.—Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Lincoln club of Kalamazoo this evening. In view of Senator Knox's presidential aspirations, his speech is awaited with a great deal of interest.

The invitation was extended through Senator Burrows some months ago. It is as Mr. Fox had agreed to attend the Lincoln day banquet of the Pittsburg chamber of commerce on February 12, he could not promise to go to Kalamazoo until certain that he

could get from there to Pittsburg in time for the dinner on the following day. Senator Burrows has made arrangements by which Senator Knox will be able to fill both engagements.

### Dedicate Livestock Building.

Columbus, O., Feb. 11.—With hundreds of members in attendance the Ohio Livestock association began its annual meeting at the Ohio State university today. At this same time, the new buildings of the College of Agriculture will be dedicated. These beautiful buildings, the finest of their kind devoted to livestock, will be dedicated in a fitting manner and the week will be a gala time at Columbus.

### To Participate at Tokio Fair.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate today passed a bill providing for the participation of the United States in the Tokio International exposition.

## WILL QUASH INDICTMENT

### AUGUSTUS HEINZE MAY ESCAPE CRIMINAL TRIAL.

Motion Was Made in the Federal Court Today to Quash the Indictment Against Former President Augustus Heinze of the Mercantile National Bank—A Demurrer Also Entered—If Overruled and Set Aside Heinze Will Stand Trial in March.

New York, Feb. 11.—A motion was made in the federal court today to quash the indictment against F. Augustus Heinze, former president of the Mercantile National bank, charging over-certification of checks to the Otto Heinze company. A demurrer was also entered in his behalf. Judge Hough took the motions under advisement. If he overrules the demurrer and dismisses the motion, Heinze must stand trial. In such event the district attorney's office will ask to have the case put on the March calendar in the criminal branch of the federal circuit court.

## NOW CHINA WORRIES JAPAN

### AMERICAN WAR STORIES REACH CELESTIAL SHORES.

While Japanese Officials in Mikado's Kingdom Believed Negotiations for Continued Peace Between Japan and America Were Going on Satisfactorily to the Yankoes, the Existing War Stories Belle It—China Won't Allow Annexation.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—Japan is excited over a batch of war stories in today's cables from the United States. Officialdom is puzzled by the tone of the dispatches, the officials having assumed the progress of negotiations between the two countries was giving entire satisfaction to Americans.

Messages from China have also taken on an increasingly ugly tone. Influential statesmen in the celestial kingdom are freely hinting that China will fight before permitting Japan to annex Manchuria.

### Taft Men Claim Victory.

Columbus, O., Feb. 11.—Adherents of Secretary Taft declare that they have been universally victorious in today's republican primaries in Ohio and that the Foraker forces have been utterly routed. A solid Taft delegation to the national convention is claimed by the followers of the secretary of war. Although the common pleas court has decided in favor of the legality of the Bronson primary election law, Foraker's followers maintain that the call for the primaries was illegal and that the senator will yet succeed in securing a portion of the Buckeye delegation.

### Suffragists Arrested.

London, Feb. 11.—Suffragists today stormed the house of commons, but were beaten back by the police after a fierce struggle. Forty-four arrests were made. The prisoners refuse to pay their fines.

## INSTRUCTS BANK TO OPEN DOORS

### SUSPENDED PORTLAND BANK TO OPEN SOON.

Merchants National Bank of Portland is to Open in a Few Days—Financial Conditions Are Such That the Treasury Department is Satisfied to Allow Doors to Be Swung Open Again—President Watson Can Open at Any Time He Chooses.

Portland, Feb. 11.—The Merchants National bank of Portland, which suspended operations in November when the financial panic first made itself felt, will reopen within the next few days. Comptroller of the Currency, Ridgeley, who is reported today to have resigned, has notified President Watson of this city to resume business when he is ready to do so, as the condition of the bank is now satisfactory to the treasury department.

### WILL RETURN.

Oregon Produce Company to Return to La Grande.

A. Gust, who formerly was in charge of the Oregon Produce company, which did a general commission and produce business in this county, was in the city today and stated to an Observer representative this afternoon that his company would resume business in this county, with La Grande as its headquarters, next season.

Mr. Gust will assume the management of the company, and as he is too well known in eastern Oregon to need introduction, it is unnecessary to remark that there will surely be something doing in the fruit and commission business the coming season.

### CABINET TROUBLES.

Bannerman Will Resign From England's Ministry Next May.

London, Feb. 11.—England has just missed a cabinet crisis. The month of May will see the resignation of Sir Henry Campbell-Banner from the ministry as the result of pending parliamentary struggle over the country's increasing naval expenditures.

Though begun by anti-imperialists' opposition to the government's policy it has the support of so large a proportion of liberal members that the two parties are considered allies on the question of equal increases.

### MORE APPLES MOVE.

Five Cars Sold in May Park—Now Busy Packing.

The fruitgrowers in May Park yesterday closed the sale of about 2700 boxes of apples to Page & Son of Portland, which includes the remaining stock of C. M. Riddle, E. Adler, B. A. Davis, P. H. Dickenson and others. With the exception of about three cars this will clean up the apple stock of this section. The price reported was in the neighborhood of \$1 per box, which means about \$2700.

### Heavy Snow in Josephine.

A Grant's Pass dispatch says: When Grant's Pass people looked out yesterday morning they were surprised to find three inches of snow, the greatest depth known in the Rogue River valley for three years. As snow comes only infrequently in this section it is a luxury to the boys and girls. Snowballing and the building of snow men were in order for the young folks all day Sunday. As the snow was soft it was not good for sleighing.

Trains were delayed Sunday morning and evening because of the heavy fall of snow in the Siskiyou south of here. The stage road between Grant's Pass and Crescent City was also blocked for a time on the divide, the snow being from four to six feet deep.

### Oil Hearing in Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Hearing of the government's suit against the Standard Oil company was resumed here today before a notary, who is taking evidence relating to so-called unfair competition of the Standard

Oil company and discrimination in favor of that company by various railroads. The government is represented at the Albany sitting by Charles B. Morrison and J. H. Graves, and the Standard Oil company by John G. Milburn. Inquiry will be made at the Albany hearing respecting the alleged unfair competition of the Standard in the New York and New England territories. The hearing at Washington is scheduled to begin again on February 24.

### Alaska Labor War Bitter.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—Federal Marshal Perry of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been authorized to swear in enough deputies to maintain peace in the bitter labor fight which has broken out here. The department of justice is keeping in close touch with developments.

## A CHANGE OF VENUE ASKED FOR

### IN WEBB-GUST CASE JURY FINDS FOR PLAINTIFF.

E. W. Bartlett Has Filed a Motion for a Change of Venue From Union to Umatilla County—Case Set for 17th—Either Judge White of Baker City, or Judge Bean of Pendleton, Will Preside.

In the case of B. F. Webb of Alleel, vs. A. A. Gust, wherein the value of a carload of potatoes was involved, the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$137. It is the intention of the defendant to appeal the case.

The case of the state of Oregon vs. Thomas Featherston is on trial this afternoon. This is the case wherein the defendant is charged with burglary from Mike Nelson's saloon at Elgin.

In the case of the State of Oregon vs. E. W. Bartlett, which is set for the 17th, a motion was filed by the defendant asking for a change of venue. Judge Crawford stated this afternoon that he did not know whether Judge Smith of Baker City or Judge Bean of Pendleton would be present on the 17th to hear the motion. If the motion of the defendant is granted the case will be tried in Umatilla county.

### Ridgeley is Bank President.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11.—W. E. Ridgeley, comptroller of the currency, has accepted the presidency of the National Bank of Commerce, succeeding Dr. W. S. Woods, who was president at the time of its failure. His salary will be \$25,000 a year. The bank reopens soon.

### King Not Sworn In.

Lisbon, Feb. 11.—The boy king leaves Lisbon in a few days for one of the royal estates at Cintra. He remains there until the chamber of deputies meets on February 20, when he will take oath of the throne.

## NATTY ELKS IN GORGEOUS MARCH

### RESEMBLE GRAY-COATED SOLDIERS OF OLD.

With La Grande Band Swinging Down Adams Avenue, With a Martial Air the Elks Parade Draws Busy Office Tenants to Roofs and Fire Escapes—Prominent Elks in Curtain Raiser to the Magnificent Monster Minstrel Production—McKennon and Polack Wear "What Is It?"

It was not a regiment of confederate soldiers, that gray-coated phalanx that strode up and down Adams avenue through mud and snow and sleet and rain at high noon today. Nay; far be it from such!

Rather, it was a hundred stalwart Elks marching with military step to martial airs coming from the La Grande band. The parade was an imposing one. Elks who neither whisper of nor allow others to allude to their personal attractions, strode with proud step over snow bogs and mud holes with a carriage that reflects the true soldier. When, by chance, a tenacious snowflake interfered with the rhythm of the procession, willing and helpful friends that lined Adams avenue for two blocks, came to the rescue with a merry Hip! Hip! Hip! and most of them "hipped." Swinging their canes with befitting majesty Colonel Ivanhoe and Jack Peare led the curtain raiser to the big Elks' minstrel at the Steward tonight. Gaily dressed in natty jackets, the line kept its alignment with military perfection. Prominent Elks to the number of scores formed the line. Down at the rear, to keep the extreme left flank at "right dress" came "Percy" Childers, and the parade was over.

### McKennon Makes Hit.

There was a patriotic and inspiring halo about the parade as a whole, but comments and compliments were all poured on J. D. McKennon and E. Polack. What the two grocermen wore as "skypieces" is beyond description. A few advanced the theory that Mr. Polack had absconded with a goodly portion of McKennon's "lid," thus leaving the latter's head protection rather abbreviated.

Despite the storm and inclement weather the Elks' parade was the center of attraction during an otherwise dull day. The first performance of a two nights' stand takes place this evening.

### Count Boni Fined for Fighting.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Count Boni de Castellane was fined 100 francs this morning for striking his titled cousin, Prince de Sagan, with a cane in a recent street brawl. At the same time the prince's claim for one franc damages was allowed. Count Boni's brother, Jean, who was with Boni at the time of the assault, and made a co-defendant in de Sagan's suit, was acquitted.

## TIMELY SPECIAL SALE of Beverly Skirts—this week

This sale embraces every Beverly Skirt in our stock—in Black Voile, Black Panama, and all novelties in every conceivable color—in the new stripes, plaids and checks, also a good assortment in light colored dress skirts, all at REDUCED PRICES this week.

\$30.00 Skirts	\$20.00	\$20.00 Skirts	\$13.34
27.50 Skirts	17.34	18.50 Skirts	12.34
25.00 Skirts	16.67	17.50 Skirts	11.67
22.50 Skirts	15.00	15.00 Skirts	10.00

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