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## GIRL FORTUNATE IN BIG LOTTERY

114,000 APPLICATIONS ARE RIPPED OPEN AT DALLAS.

Great Crowds Witness Opening of the Government Land Lottery in Dallas—Little Girls Reach for Applications and Bring Forth Lucky Numbers—First Name That of a Lady From South Dakota—Thousands of Applicants Registered.

Dallas, Oct. 19.—The first name to be drawn in the Tripp county land lottery was May A. Metzger of Kennebec, S. D., who gets the first choice of all lands thrown open by the government. The drawing began today after thousands of applicants had registered.

The land seekers arrived early and in big crowds, to witness the drawing. Little girls selected to draw the applications were lifted to a platform while the crowd cheered. The metal cases were ripped open and 114,000 applications were scattered on the floor of the platform. After the name of Miss Metzger was drawn, the girls alternately plunged their hands into the pile of applications and drew forth the lucky numbers.

### STUMP SPEAKERS COMING.

Republicans Will Bring McGinn to La Grande October 30.

The republicans will wind up the campaign in this county with several talented speakers. Among those to come here is Judge Henry McGinn of Portland, who speaks here on October 30.

## AMUCK IN WALLA WALLA

IRATE ELECTRICIAN BREAKS PLATE GLASS.

Was Enraged Over Article Appearing in Walla Walla Statesman—Fought Viciously With the Police.

Walla Walla, Oct. 19.—Enraged by an article appearing in the Statesman Friday, L. L. Boyse, an electrician, at 4 o'clock this morning broke all the plate glass windows in the front office of that paper, valued at \$750. He fought viciously with the police. The story printed was to the effect that Boyse was taking another woman to the fair grounds in a buggy while his wife and children were destitute.

### NEW COLONY LIKELY.

Mormons May Take Nevada Will a New Colony.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 19.—Nevada is alarmed over the announcement that another Mormon colony will be established in Nevada, near Reno. Representatives of the Mormon church are looking over the land. The colony is expected to locate here by spring.

### Family Burned to Death.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 19.—Word was received here from Paintertown that George Stafford and three children were burned today in his home last night. Mrs. Stafford tried to escape by jumping from the second floor. Her neck was broken.

Do your cooking tomorrow and bring your basket to the Baptist church Wednesday. An old-time basket dinner for all who attend the convention. This is a special feature and we ask a general co-operation.

## BRASEL CASE UP FOR SETTLEMENT

CIRCUIT COURT GRINDS OUT NUMEROUS CASES.

Eastlack Case Disposed of—Minnick of Union, Arrested and Pleads—Kuhn Jury Retired This Afternoon—Brasel Case One of the Big Suits Against the O. R. & N.—Baker Attorneys Represent the Defendant in \$25,000 Suit.

The \$25,000 damage suit which E. Brasel of this city is bringing against the O. R. & N., has been taken up by the circuit court today. Attorney Spencer of Portland, represents the O. R. & N., while Attorneys Lomax & Anderson of Baker City, are advancing the cause of the defendant. This is only one of the big suits against the railroad company for the present term. Cases are being disposed of with more rapidity this week than heretofore. The jury in the case of the State vs. Kuhn, wherein the defendant is charged with larceny of an overcoat, went to the jury this afternoon.

John Minnick of Union, has been arrested and arraigned on a charge of stealing two heifers. He pleaded not guilty today and was given his temporary liberty on a \$1000 cash bond.

In the case of the O. R. & N. vs. Eastlack, the jury Saturday night returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, awarding \$1300.

### Kuhn Not Guilty.

Later.—Late this afternoon the Kuhn jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

## CATCH NAMED AS RECEIVER

RECOMMENDS, HOWEVER, THAT ANOTHER BE NAMED.

Gatch Calls for Check Books—Receives Appointment But Tries to Have an Expert Appointed—Is Pressed for Time—Attorney Evans Gives Interview to Portland Paper That Uncovers News Heretofore Not Published—Old Forgeries.

National Bank Examiner Claud Gatch has been appointed receiver of the suspended Farmers & Traders National bank. He received his commission yesterday, but has wired the comptroller of the treasury to be relieved, asking that some other expert be appointed. Mr. Gatch stated that his reason for so doing was that he was now behind in his bank examinations and thought some other examiner might be secured. He wired the treasury department last night, and owing to the fact that he has not received an answer, might be taken that his request is to be granted and the department is looking about to secure another before answering.

Mr. Gatch stated that whether it was himself or another, that it would require a receiver several days' hard work before a statement relative to the resources of the bank could be ascertained and given out, possibly two weeks. He has already notified the depositors to send in their bank books for a careful checking up. This will require several days.

Mr. Gatch also stated that the objects and duties of a receiver was to so conduct the affairs of the bank to provide the greatest protection to the depositors and in doing so until this had been accomplished the interests of the stockholders were not to be considered.

### Forgeries of Long Standing.

The Sunday Oregonian contains an article with reference to the bank failure which includes an interview with Deputy District Attorney Evans upon his return from La Grande to Portland, which, if correct, shows that Scriber's forgeries first commenced five years ago, and that he lost \$60,000 in the Sumpter failure.

### The Evans Interview.

Returning yesterday from La Grande, where he went to investigate the failure of the Farmers & Traders National bank as a result of which Cashier J. W. Scriber is under arrest, Deputy District Attorney Evans refused to explain the mystery surrounding the bank loan of \$6000 in 1903 to A. B. Thomson, says the Oregonian. Mr. Thomson was receiver of the United States land office at La Grande at the time.

## COAST SERVIANS TO FORM ARMY

EXPECTED THOUSANDS WILL HELP IN BALKIN WAR

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—A mass meeting of Servians was held here tonight for the purpose of enlisting the sympathy of the natives of that country in the movement to protest the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria. If necessary, they may raise an army here.

Mladen Merchop, formerly a lieutenant in the Austrian army, is at the head of the movement here. He says at least 4000 Servians on the Pacific coast will enlist. Already 285 have enlisted. Local men are confident that 200,000 will be enlisted in the United States. They will ask the United States to intervene and prevent a consummation of the annexation.

## WANTS TO SERVE HIS TERM

ADOPTS PRISON TERM TO WIPE OUT MORPHINE HABIT.

Portland Murder Case May Not Be Appealed—Martin Willing to Serve 15 Years.

Portland, Oct. 19.—Edward Martin, convicted last Saturday of the murder of Nathan Wolff, in a pawnshop last summer, announced today that he will, though innocent, abide by the verdict of manslaughter, in order to cure himself of the morphine habit, unless the sentence is excessive. The maximum penalty for manslaughter is 15 years, and Martin says he may even consent to serve that length of time if it is imposed.

### Grande at the time the loan was made.

"Investigation of the failure shows by the confession of Cashier Scriber that the first shortage had to do with a supposed bank loan of \$6000 to A. B. Thomson," said Mr. Evans. "That, according to the cashier, was his first shortage, for when the note became due and was not paid Scriber forged the name of Thomson to a note for a like amount in order to pass over the shortage. That was the beginning and in order to protect the bank since that time other forgeries have been committed."

### Never Sued for Collection.

Mr. Evans declined to give the cashier's reason for forging Thomson's name to another note instead of starting action to collect the amount of the original note. Action was never begun, though it is said that the bank's records show the note was never paid.

Mr. Thomson, maker of the original note, is now chairman of the republican county committee of Umatilla county and was a delegate to the national republican convention at Chicago in June. He was indicted and tried while receiver of the land office at La Grande on a conspiracy charge and was acquitted.

Mr. Thomson was a member of the state legislature in 1901 during the memorable senatorial struggle between the late Senator Mitchell and the late H. W. Corbett. Thomson was one of the strongest Corbett supporters and during the long struggle voted for him until the very last moment. Then he turned to Mitchell, who was elected. Immediately thereafter Mr. Thomson was appointed receiver of the La Grande land office. In political circles it was commonly believed that the appointment was the result of a deal which explained the change of his support from Corbett to Mitchell.

### Inspector Was Completely Fooled.

"Scriber continued to pay the interest on this forged Thomson note," said Mr. Evans. "The forgery was consummated just before the inspection of a national bank examiner, who was completely fooled. The Sumpter bank failure cost Scriber \$60,000 and from that time on things grew worse."

Investigation further showed that Scriber is a man of most exemplary habits so far as his personal life is concerned. There has been no discovery of any wrong-doing except unfortunate speculation and similar unexplained expenditures which he attempted to cover by means of forged notes. He is said to be on the verge of nervous breakdown as a result of his troubles.

"The system of forging notes has extended over a period of many years," said Mr. Evans, "and was successful in preventing government officers from discovering the true condition of the bank. It has been examined eight times by eight different inspectors in the last five years."

"It is not known at this time how many of these notes are outstanding, but the examiner will not be surprised if they total a large amount."

### COLLISION IN NEBRASKA.

Passenger and Freight Come Together Killing One Man.

Kansas City, Oct. 19.—One trainman was killed and 22 passengers were injured today in a collision between a passenger and freight trains on the Santa Fe road at Braddock, Kan. The passengers were hurled from their seats and consciousness was lost by

## UNCLE SAM AND THE MIKADO SUP

SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL PREVAILS IN TOKIO.

Most Elaborate Dinner Ever Held in Japan Given in Honor of Visiting Fleet—Toasts Leading Toward Kindly Feeling Prevail—Admiral Sperry Bitter in Criticism Against Court Martial for Being Lenient With Young Evans.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—The first day of the reception to the Atlantic fleet in Tokio closed tonight with a brilliant dinner in the Imperial hotel to the officers and Ambassador O'Brien, attended by the diplomatic corps of Tokio, and a number of Japanese merchants and members of the cabinet.

The dinner was one of the most formal ever given here. Good will between the United States and Japan was the keynote of the toasts. The great hotel was elaborately decorated in chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms, and American flags were crossed with Japanese flags.

### Young Evans Insufficiently Punished.

Admiral Sperry today criticized the findings of the courtmartial of Lieut. Frank Evans, son of "Fighting Bob," who was accused of using profane language to a superior officer, and being intoxicated while acting officer of the deck when the fleet was at Honolulu. The courtmartial was held when the fleet was at Manila. The court recommended that Evans be returned 150 numbers and be reprimanded. Admiral Sperry was severe in his criticism, and is quoted as saying that he will recommend to the navy department the dismissal of Evans from the fleet.

### PATRICIDE NEAR BURNS.

Son Shoots Drunken Father to Prevent Personal Attack.

Burns, Ore., Oct. 19.—News was received here of the fatal shooting of Thomas Vickers by his son, Lennie, on their farm, several miles from here. The son has surrendered. He says the father was intoxicated and started to attack him. The son fired two shots killing his father.

### Two Batches of Joy Papers.

County Clerk Ed Wright has issued two marriage licenses today. One of them is a paper granting Frank Baker a license to wed Miss Edith Canady, both of this city. The other was one issued to Clarence L. May and Virginia Jones, both of Baker City.

The Baker City party was married this afternoon by Justice of the Peace Angus Stewart.

## LAST LAP OF CAMPAIGN RACE

TAFT AND BRYAN EACH RUSHING OVER MANY STATES

Newark, N. J., Oct. 19.—Taft today began a strenuous campaign tour, beginning the last two weeks of the campaign. He will tour this state and then invade Delaware, Indiana, and also Ohio. He opened the speaking in New Jersey at Blaney.

### Bryan Finishing the East.

East St. Louis, Oct. 19.—Bryan today began a whirlwind tour which will take him through Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, New Jersey and New York. He will be accompanied by his wife. He addressed eight thousand people today.

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\$2.50  
Boy's Shoes  
**\$1.89**  
a pair

**Odds And Ends SHOE SALE**  
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**49c**  
a pair

\$1.50 and \$1.75 little folks Shoes, odds and ends, Sale Price <b>\$1.19 a pr</b>	\$3.50 and \$4.00 men's Dress Shoes, odds and ends, Sale Price <b>\$2.98 a pr</b>	\$3.50 to \$4.50 ladies' Shoes, odds and ends; Sale Price <b>\$2.95 a pr.</b>	\$2.25 to \$25.0 misses' Shoes, odds and ends; Sale Price <b>\$1.69 a pair</b>
\$1.25 and \$1.35 boys' and girls' Shoes, odds and ends, Sale Price <b>89c a pr</b>	\$2.50 to \$2.75 ladies' every-day Shoes, odds ends, Sale Price <b>\$1.95 a pr</b>	\$4.00 to \$5.00 men's odds and ends, Sale Price <b>\$3.45 a pr</b>	\$1.50 and \$1.75 ladies' Shoes, odds and ends, Sale Price <b>\$1.29 a pr</b>

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