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NEW RECEIVER IS APPOINTED

DEPARTMENT WILL DIG DEEPER IN BANK DEAL.
St. Louis Man Will Take Charge of Bank—Is Now on His Way to La Grande—Government Will Prosecute Scriber, Says Report—New Man Well Versed in Banking Business—No Announcement Received Here Last Evening of Appointment.

The appended dispatch is taken from the Oregonian of yesterday morning. It throws light on the appointment of a new receiver for the local institution to displace Mr. Gatch, who asked to be relieved, and comes directly from the comptroller of the currency:

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Oct. 21.—Bank Examiner Claude Gatch, after preliminary examination of the books and papers of the Farmers & Traders National bank of La Grande, which was recently closed, reports to the comptroller of the currency that he found assets whose face value aggregates \$166,231, while he unearthed liabilities to the extent of \$213,515. In other words, the bank is short at least \$47,284 through the embezzlement of Cashier J. W. Scriber. Mr. Gatch's report is preliminary and does not pretend to represent the exact condition of the bank at the time it was closed. There will have to be further probing to determine whether or not there are outstanding liabilities not yet discovered, and until this examination is completed a final report cannot be made.

Receiver to Dig Deeper.
Walter Neidner of St. Louis, who for many years has been employed with national bank receivers and is familiar with their business, has been appointed permanent receiver of the defunct La Grande bank and is now on his way to La Grande from Arizona. He will confer with Mr. Gatch, the temporary receiver, and learn from him everything thus far discovered with regard to the bank's condition and Scriber's forgeries, and will then take active charge of the bank's affairs.

The Treasury department never makes public reports of bank examiners, and particularly regards as confidential reports on banks that have gone into the hands of receivers. For this reason no information can be obtained from the comptroller as to the exact nature or extent of Scriber's operations, other than shown above. He forged numerous negotiable papers, it is understood, but how many, on what names or for what amounts can

not be learned.
Prepare for Prosecution.
The report of Mr. Gatch and the subsequent report of Mr. Neidner will be turned over to the department of justice to assist them in instituting criminal proceedings against the cashier. That is an additional reason why information bearing on the case is treated as confidential. Notwithstanding that Scriber has confessed his guilt, the department intends to prepare for prosecution, for it is possible he may change his mind and plead not guilty. Should he do so, the information collected by the treasury agents will be necessary for the prosecution.

The first intimation of the appointment to reach Mr. Gatch was the dispatch read in the Oregonian last night. He is acquainted with Mr. Neidner, however, and is loud in his praise of the man's ability.
Receiver Gatch this afternoon received notification that his resignation had been accepted and his successor had been appointed and was on his way.

DRIVE CONGRESS TO PROBE SCANDAL

PANAMA SCANDAL SUBJECT OF FUTURE INVESTIGATION.

Rainey of Illinois Will Ascertain if Taft's Brother Had Hand in Panama Steal of Several Millions—Thinks President Roosevelt Ought to Know Members.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—An investigation by congress of the alleged Panama canal purchase scandal will be demanded by Representative Rainey of Illinois, at the opening of congress on December 1, according to a statement made today. "The president," said Rainey, "ought to be able to tell whether or not his brother-in-law, or Taft's brother were interested in the American syndicate which succeeded in getting control of securities in the Panama canal company, involving several million dollars. The president ought to know who the members of the American syndicate were. The country is entitled to know about it, and I intend to see that it is made public."

Bed Springs Stretched.
Old springs made good as new. Don't throw them away. W. H. Ricks with his new patented Universal Bed Spring stretcher, guarantees his work. Will only be in La Grande one week. Phone him at Rende Valley house, and he will call. Work done at your home. Machines for sale 10-23-29

GOVERNOR GOODING IN LA GRANDE

HE AND OTHER PROMINENT MEN WITH EXCURSION TRAIN OF IDAHO ODD FELLOWS IN THE CITY

Two hundred Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, returning delegates from the Idaho grand lodge, were in this city this morning long enough to visit the exhibit hall and take breakfast. The delegates were residents of northern Idaho and had been in attendance at the grand lodge at Boise. They all expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the exhibit and what little they were able to see of our city. The delegates were being transported home in a special train and from all appearances the trip was being made a specially joyous one.

Governor Gooding Present.
Among the delegates present was Governor Gooding, who was a delegate from his home lodge. The governor seemed to be enjoying the trip as much as any of the delegates. He stated that if there was any one place where he felt more at home than at

another, it was at an Odd Fellows' grand lodge.

State Candidate Along.
T. J. Taylor, one of the leading editors and politicians, was also among the number. Mr. Taylor is a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of state auditor, and says that though a good Odd Fellow would naturally be somewhat timid regarding political matters at an Odd Fellow meeting, he felt safe in saying that he believed the brothers would make no mistake in placing him in the office for which he has allowed his friends to nominate him. Like the governor, Mr. Taylor seemed to be thoroughly at home. Mr. Taylor was accompanied by his wife, who has no hesitancy in saying that she believes her husband is the exactly the proper man for the place.

HAS MACK IN A SERIOUS HOLE

HISGEN STIRS UP MESS IN DEMOCRATIC RANKS.

Demands Name of \$300,000 Contributor—Open Letter Printed Throwing Mack and Haskell Into Bad Light—Bryan Has a Bad Set of Friends in Taggart, Sullivan and Others—Says Chairman Mack is Habitual Liar, Not to Be Trusted.

Toledo, O., Oct. 21.—The request for the name of the contributor of \$300,000 to the campaign fund of democracy in the national election of 1908, addressed to W. J. Bryan by Hisgen, the independence candidate, printed here. It denies Roosevelt is the author of the charge of a donation from the Standard Oil. It declares the question demands a letter, because the people are wondering as to the contributor. Hisgen said he would rather explain the situation to Manager Mack, of the democratic committee, and stated he made a deliberate misstatement about the contribution, and that he did not have the money. The letter says it is hard to tell when Mack is telling the truth.

Reviews Haskell Case.
Hisgen reviews the Haskell charges in the letter. He says Haskell and Mack are bad eggs from the same basket, and closes by saying Bryan is unfortunate in the choice of friends, referring to Senators Bailey, McLaurin, Roger Sullivan, Tom Taggart and J. W. Kern.

Bryan has denied that such a fund as \$300,000 existed. The denials are supported by Mack's statements.

SNOW IN CANADA.
Transportation Demoralized by Heavy Snowstorms This Week.

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—One of the worst snowstorms known in this section of Canada at this time of the year, is raging. Transportation is completely demoralized. There have been no trains from the east today. At many places the snow is 10 feet deep.

PULL HARD FOR BRYAN IN CAL.

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN AT LAST HOUR TO WIN CALI.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—A whirlwind campaign in a special train carrying nearly every democrat of prominence in the state, was arranged today by the democratic state central committee, for the last week of the campaign. Theodore A. Bell and J. D. Phelan, the former mayor of San Francisco, will be the principal speakers.

The democratic leaders expect the tour to carry the state for Bryan, despite the normally large republican majority. The train will leave Red Bluff Monday morning. All presidential electors will travel on the special. Nominees to congress and different legislative districts will travel on the train within the limits of their respective districts.

In Desperate Fight With Whale.
Bellingham, Oct. 23.—In a desperate fight with a whale, six Indian fishermen narrowly escaped losing their lives in Bellingham bay today. From a rowboat they attacked the whale in an attempt to kill it. While it flopped it upset the boat, throwing the occupants into the water. Two were rendered unconscious from the blows of the whale. Comrades rescued them later.

ENGLAND CASE IS DISPOSED OF

O. R. & N.'S OFFER OF \$6500 FINALLY ACCEPTED.

Jury in Case of E. S. Brasel Vs. O. R. & N., Where Damages to the Amount of \$25,000 Were Asked, Brings in a Verdict for the Defendant Last Night—Trial of George Lewis on This Afternoon—Charged With Robbing a Freight Car.

Last night the verdict of the jury in the case of E. S. Brasel vs. the O. R. & N. company, wherein the plaintiff received while in their service, brought in a sealed verdict and when court opened this morning the verdict read in favor of the defendant.

England Case Compromised.
Yesterday it was reported that a compromise was being attempted in the case of Charles England, who is suing the O. R. & N. for damages to the amount of \$50,000 for injuries received. Those who were keeping a close watch on the case wondered what effect the England case the jury verdict in the Brasel case, would have. Whether or not it had any many never be known, but within 10 minutes after the Brasel verdict was announced, the attorneys in the England case advanced before the court and stated the case had been settled out of court, it being understood that the amount paid Mr. England by the company was \$6500.

The unexpected withdrawal of the England case rather took the court by surprise and it required a few moments to adjust matters so that the least time would be lost in setting other cases. The jury was dismissed until 1:30 this afternoon, when the case of the State vs. Lewis, who is being held on a charge of robbing a box car.

Evans and Ross were arraigned on the charge of larceny near Elgin, and entered a plea of not guilty, and the Ross case was set for next Wednesday. Evans asked the court to appoint an attorney to defend him, which will be done.

CABINET WILL STUMP FOR TAFT

ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE SENT OVER THE

Washington, Oct. 23.—At a meeting today it was decided that the entire Roosevelt cabinet will take the stump for Taft next week, and join actively in the campaign in his behalf. Root will speak in Cincinnati, Toledo and New York. Postmaster General von Meyer will speak in Ohio and New Jersey. Metcalf goes to West Virginia. Secretary of War Wright will speak at Baltimore. Secretary Cortelyou will be in New York Thursday night. Bonaparte, Garfield, Wilson and Straus will continue their present tours.

Long Relay Race.
Tacoma, Oct. 23.—Plans are perfected for a great relay race from American Lake to the Y. M. C. A. building in this city, a distance of 12 miles, on Saturday afternoon. Three picked teams of 12 men each will enter.

Bank Vaults Robbed.
Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—The vaults of the State bank at Hartwell were dynamited today by yegmen, who escaped with \$3400.

Escape Drowning in Collision.

Seattle, Oct. 23.—Three men narrowly escaped death in a collision between the ferry boat West Seattle and the tug Ruth, in the bay this morning. Passengers in the ferry boat were panic-stricken. The impact was not great because of slow speed. Three men who were standing in the bow of the tug narrowly escaped being caught in the crash.

Kern Jr. is Improved.
Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 23.—The condition of J. W. Kern Jr., is slightly improved today. The candidate refuses to leave the bed until all danger is past.

Dies From Burns.
Tacoma, Oct. 23.—Her clothes catching fire while bending over a stove, Mrs. Sarah R. Cory, aged 62, was burned last night and died this morning. Her son extinguished the flames. The woman inhaled the flames as they were leaping about her head.

CHANGES WILL AID APPEARANCE

EXTENSIVE CHANGES TO BE MADE IN NEAR FUTURE.

Adcock & Fritts Building Will Have Its Front Remodeled at Considerable Expense—Ralston Building is About to Undergo General Sprucing Up—Start Work at Once.

Improvements that will mean the outlay of considerable sums of money and go far toward giving Adams avenue a metropolitan city air, are about to be commenced. The buildings to profit is the store front of the building formerly occupied by Adcock and Fritts and the Pennington & Co. store. The former will be transformed to such an extent that the front will be very modern in every respect. The entrance will remain on the Adams avenue side, but the doors will be set well back, making room for an angular entrance way. The sides are to be plate glass and the show window behind the plate will also be modern in every detail. The background will be paneled and highly finished. The cost of this improvement will be considerable. The carpenters will be put to work in a few days, that Pennington & Co. can move in with the least possible delay.

Additional Improvements.
An improvement no less expensive is one that is planned by the Newlin Drug company. The building now occupied by the Pennington company will have its lower floor entrance

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JAPAN LOOKS TO AMERICA FOR AID

WILL CEASE INVASION OF PACIFIC IF POSSIBLE.

Viscount Makes Notable Declaration in Speech at American Fleet Reception—No Further Invasion of Pacific if the United States Will Expand Its Navy to be Ample Protective—Great Receptions on Every Turn for Fleet.

Tokio, Oct. 23.—That Japan welcomes the strong American fleet in the Pacific ocean as a guarantee of peace and that if the United States places more vessels in the Pacific, Japan will cease its policy of naval expansion, looking to the United States to prevent war, was the statement made tonight by Viscount Kaneko in a notable speech before the American Friends society. He said: "A powerful naval force is necessary to maintain peace in the Pacific." Admiral Sperry bid farewell to Tokio this afternoon, going to Yokohama. He was represented at the reception by Admiral Emory.

A reception to the American fleet and officers aboard Admiral Togo's famous flagship was the feature of the night's celebration in Yokohama. Sperry was the guest of honor. The fleet sails Sunday instead of Saturday. The last function of the fleet visit will be a reception by Sperry aboard the Connecticut in Yokohama bay.

POINTS TO TAFT.
Straw Vote in Ill. Gives Judge Taft Enormous Majority.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 23.—A straw vote conducted by the Chicago Record-Herald, Judge Kohlsaat's paper, today gives Taft a plurality of over 176,000 in Illinois. Roosevelt carried that state by 395,026.

Georgia Mob Wants Blood.
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 23.—A mob surrounded the jail at Lithonia today, threatening to burn Charles Michich, a negro, who killed Deputy Sheriff Peck Sunday. He was captured after a desperate fight. The negro was cut 15 times.

About to Give Up Search.
Tacoma, Oct. 23.—Hope of finding Fred W. Kloeber and Julius Kummie, who went hunting in the mountains Monday, was practically abandoned today. Forty men and four bloodhounds are scouring the country within a radius of 10 miles from the Green River hot springs, but have failed to find any trace.

ISLAND CITY WAREHOUSE IS DONE

KIDDLE LEFT TODAY FOR TOUR OF THE MIDDLEWEST TO BUY MACHINERY FOR THE NEW MILL.

The spacious and substantial warehouse for the use of the Island City Flouring Mill company, has been completed, all but the painting. The work was completed Monday morning and the building now stands as the first to rise out of the ruins of the late fire. It is 120x69 feet and 18 feet in height. It is substantially built.

Kiddle Goes East Today.
Ed Kiddle took his departure this morning for Spokane from where he goes to purchase machinery for the new flouring mill, yet existing on paper only. He will go to Kansas City, Indianapolis, Minneapolis and points in Illinois before returning. During

his trip he will purchase all the machinery requisite in the running of what is to be an up-to-date mill. As soon as additional specifications required in the plans are secured, the mill construction will be commenced.

Work on Foundation.
If the weather continues favorable through the week, the foundation of the new mill on the old site will be commenced. Masons are ready to go to work when indications point to settled weather. Except for preparing the foundation, nothing will be done until Mr. Kiddle has completed his tour of the middle west.

Warming Up for Races.
New York, Oct. 23.—Two dozen of the fastest racing automobiles in the world are sweeping around the great Long Island course today in the last

derbilt cup.
Taft Hammering Away.
Crawfordsville, Ind., Oct. 23.—Taft began his second day of the campaign in Indiana at Brazil today.