

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Aurelia Mining company, for the purpose of electing a board of directors, and for any further business that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of E. C. Moore, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, the 4th day of November, 1908.

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PETITION FEE UNPAID

Portland, Nov. 2.—The Telegram said last Saturday:

Out of the wreck of the Farmers & Traders Bank of La Grande has come a petition from J. W. Scriber asking that the former cashier be declared a bankrupt and that his property be turned over for the satisfaction of his personal debts. The estate is valued at \$97,000, and the amount of his indebtedness is given at \$94,000.

Among the list of his creditors no mention is made of the depositors of the wrecked institution, the United States, or claimants against the bank. It is undoubtedly true that all the stockholders of the Farmers & Traders bank will be assessed by the receiver to raise funds to liquidate the bank, and it is thought that this claim will be so heavy against the estate of Scriber that there will be little left for the other creditors.

In listing his assets many stocks are set down at their face value, while others that have heretofore had a market value are considered to have depreciated to a large extent.

Scriber owned 166 shares of the stock of the bank, and had contracted to purchase another block of 134 shares. These shares are now held as collateral security for loans made by various banks of the state, which money was used by him in his private business enterprises. Other loans of his character, showing a total of over \$59,000, are secured by stocks in the Grande Ronde Electric company and the Hot Lake Sanatorium company.

Among the secured claimants, many of them with bank stock which is now valueless, are: The First National Bank of Baker City, \$2500; German-American Bank, Portland, \$2300; Mrs. M. M. Hassett, \$2000; Capitol National of Salem, \$1000; Merchants National, Portland, \$13,000; P. L. Willis, Portland, \$5000, and Ladd & Bush, Salem, \$7500.

Scriber lists the ownership of real estate in La Grande and vicinity valued at \$42,000, all of which is town property, with the exception of 120 acres of grazing land valued at \$600. His personal property is listed as being worth \$10,200. Ten thousand dollars of that represents notes given by George Kreiger, Walter M. Pierce and J. B. Thorson, all of the notes being pledged by Scriber as security for other loans.

He has an equity of \$2500 in a life insurance policy in the New York Life. The amount of unsecured debts is fixed at \$39,405, and is said to represent money borrowed upon personal notes.

The bankruptcy petition has been received at the office of the clerk of the United States court but has not been filed because no one has appeared to pay the fees.

OCTOBER SET MARKS

October came to a close Saturday night, establishing two new marks in the meteorological records of the city. One of these records dates back nine years and maybe longer, but no record has been kept beyond that time, and the other goes back eight years. In the former instances, it is a matter of temperature. The records closely maintained by W. A. Worstell for nine years, show that last October was the coldest of any similar month in the period stated. Then, too, October saw the heaviest precipitation of any October since 1900.

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