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READY TO SET PROPERTY VALUE

PROMINENT FINANCIERS CALLED INTO BANK SUNDAY.

Report of Condition of the Suspended Farmers & Traders National Bank Will Be Ready Tuesday—Establish Value of Defunct Bank Property by Careful Assessment Tomorrow Afternoon—Tuesday's Report Will Be Secret.

Tomorrow afternoon the stock property of the defunct Farmers & Traders National bank, will be duly assessed and valued by a competent set of judges, who will aid the receiver, Walter Neidner. This action is as prescribed by law, and is the finishing touch to the first report to the comptroller of the currency, which Neidner will make not later than Tuesday of next week.

In order to name the valuation of the bank property, it is desirable that more than one opinion is to be brought into service, consequently three of the most capable men procurable to lend their experienced judgment with that of the receiver in naming a value on bank property have been secured.

Three of these judges will be F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National; Fred Holmes, a director of the La Grande National, and president of the M. & M. company, and Guy E. McCulley, for several years connected with the defunct Farmers & Traders. It is likely that still other men of competence will be drafted into service.

The report will be completed by Tuesday and sent to the comptroller. It will be secret, as other reports to the department have been, but will be released for publication from the Washington office after being perused by the comptroller.

REPUBLICAN PROSPERITY.

Southern Pacific Gives Workmen Extra Donation on Payday.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 7.—Train gate-men on the ferry lines of the Southern Pacific, found in their pay envelopes today \$5 extra. Accompanying was an announcement that the road now finds it possible to grant the increase which was asked for more than a year ago by the gatemen. Several hundred will be affected.

MINERS SCORE SIGNAL VICTORY

UPPER IDAHO AGRICULTURAL INTEREST HURT BY DECISION

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—The agricultural interests in the Coeur d'Alene valley, Idaho, have been notified by their attorneys in this city that the United States circuit court of appeals has sustained a decision of the circuit court for the Idaho district, dismissing their complaint against the mining interests.

Farmers, representing \$500,000 in agriculture and livestock are represented in the mining interests valued at \$12,000,000, have filled streams with silt, preventing navigation, injuring crops and poisoning livestock.

The mining men claimed their properties represented an outlay of \$2,500,000 over the total values of the agricultural interests annually. They declared that to prevent the operation of the mines would ruin the development of the state's mining industry. The decision was modified by the higher court by ordering the suit dismissed without prejudice.

Today's Football Finals.
Harvard, 17; Carlisle, 0.
Dartmouth, 10; Princeton, 0.

SAD ELOPEMENT COMMENCED HERE

VAN VLACK-GIBSON MYSTERY STILL UNCLEARED.

Theodore Van Vlack of This City, Throws Some Light on Events Leading Up to Elopement of Local Couple That Ends in Death of the Girl at San Francisco—Gibson Well and Favorably Known Here—No Details at Hand.

Portering out the Vesta Van Vlack and James H. Gibson—not Gilbert—mystery, it develops that local relatives of the dead girl know little or nothing of the manner of her death at San Francisco last Monday.

The fatal ending of the innocent elopement came at the Bay City after two or three weeks of mysterious absence from La Grande. Either three or four weeks ago last Tuesday, James H. Gibson, well known in La Grande, eloped with Miss Vesta Van Vlack, aged about 15 years, who has a mother living at Cove, and a brother, Theodore Van Vlack, at 1515 Madison avenue, this city. Hymen's plot was so skilfully wrought that neither the brother nor mother knew of the whereabouts of the couple until last Monday, when a telegram apprised the brother of his sister's critical illness in San Francisco. A few minutes later another telegram arrived apprising him of the death of Vesta, and also a message asking for money with which to bury the remains. A message to Portland papers states that the coroner there refused the burial permit, instituting an investigation that revealed criminal operation. No other authority to corroborate the veracity of the dispatch is at hand.

Left Home a Year Ago.
About a year ago Vesta Van Vlack left her home near Cove to accept a position with neighbors. During that time she was a frequent visitor at the Theodore Van Vlack home in this city, as was also Gibson during that time. Van Vlack said today that he had for the past two years known Gibson as an honorable, upright fellow, a carpenter by trade, and that he was always a welcome visitor at the Van Vlack home.

Strangely enough, the dead girl often remarked in a jocular manner, that she would "run away" with James. Mr. and Mrs. Van Vlack received the remarks as they were evidently stated—in a joking way. Then, suddenly, the two young folks disappeared and all efforts to locate them failed until the sad message of a few days ago.

Press reports covering the incident are conflicting and therefore impractical to re-publish.

It is evident, however, that Gibson has been arrested.

ROYALTY FLIES WITH AVIATOR

CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY TAKES LONG TRIP IN AIR

Berlin, Nov. 7.—Crown Prince William today made an ascension with Count Zeppelin and 12 other passengers in the great Zeppelin dirigible balloon. They headed towards Friedrichshaven.

When the balloon left the ground it went to intercept a special train bearing the emperor from Vienna. The train was sighted near Augsburg and the balloon was brought within 100 feet of the ground. The emperor peered through the window of the car and recognized the prince. He shouted he wished he was in the balloon.

TRIPLE CRIME IN PITTSBURG

WOMAN'S THROAT CUT; GIRL DECAPITATED MAN DEAD.

Gruesome Carnival of Crime Unearthed in East Pittsburg This Afternoon—Thought to Be Murder and Suicide—Woman Found in Bed With Throat Cut—Girl Near With Head Almost Severed, and a Man in Trunk, Chloroformed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 7.—A triple tragedy was revealed in East Pittsburg today when the body of Mrs. William Casey was found in a bed at her home with her throat cut from ear to ear. Beside the body, on the floor, was the daughter, her head almost severed, and a razor lay near. George Hartzell, Mrs. Casey's son-in-law, was squeezed in a trunk with an open bottle of chloroform to his nose. The bodies were found by William Casey, upon his return from a republican jollification meeting.

Detectives are satisfied Hartzell killed the two women and then squeezed himself in a trunk, where he committed suicide with chloroform. He was breathing his last when found.

Hartzell bought the drug, saying he wanted to kill dogs. Last December Hartzell was tried, but acquitted of the charge of murdering his wife. His mother-in-law refused to testify against him then.

TO PUBLISH CAMPAIGN FUNDS. Every Cent Given Republican Campaign to Be Accounted for.

New York, Nov. 7.—Treasurer Sheldon, of the republican committee, announced today that contributions to the campaign fund will be made public November 15. He says every dollar will be accounted for. The list is to be in the form of a sworn statement bearing Sheldon's signature.

Unique Football Beis.

Berkeley, Cal., Nov. 7.—Leading lights of the University of California are today signing a unique pledge, to remain unshaven a week if their football team is defeated at the annual Rugby match with Stanford university.

CHANGE FOREST SERVICE.

Much Forest Service Administration Matters Held in West.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The forest service today announced the creation of administrative district to which, after December 1, all business heretofore transacted at Washington, will be sent. The district will include stations at Denver, Ogden, San Francisco, Portland and Missoula.

Probe Virginia Case.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 7.—Hon. Charles E. Littlefield of Maine, the special master appointed by the United States supreme court to pass on all accounts in Virginia's great debt suit against the state of West Virginia, will begin the investigation on Monday. It will probably take him several months to complete the intricate business which demands his attention. Claims and counter claims of all sorts, together with the evidence pro and con, will be passed upon by the master, who is regarded as an expert in such matters.

His appointment is eminently satisfactory to the lawyers representing Virginia.

RAILROAD MAGNATE DEAD.

Union Pacific Vice-President Found Dead in Hotel Room.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—William B. Cornish, second vice-president of the Union Pacific, and one of the best known railroad men in the west, was found dead today in his room in the Auditorium. He came here from his New Jersey home yesterday.

DIVORCE IN BRYAN FAMILY.

Mrs. Leavitt May Sue Artist Husband for Divorce Soon.

Kansas City, Nov. 7.—The rumor W. J. Bryan, will take immediate steps to secure a divorce from her husband, who is an artist with a studio in Paris, was revived today by intimation made by a former member of the Bryan household here.

CONFESSES TO BANK THIEVERY

HALF MOON BAY BANKER CONFESSES HIS MANY CRIMES

Half Moon Bay, Cal., Nov. 7.—L. M. Contente, cashier of the bank of Half Moon Bay, now under arrest, confessed today that he stole \$3000 of the bank's funds by falsifying the entries in the books. He said he supported his family and ran accounts in various banks with the stolen money.

President Goldman discovered the shortage when he learned that Contente failed to make a record of \$1000 deposited by a depositor.

Labor Federation.

Denver, Col., Nov. 7.—Delegates representing organized labor bodies of the United States and Canada are beginning to arrive in Denver today for the 28th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. The session will open Monday morning. Political matters will likely occupy much of the time and attention of the delegates. Rumors are in circulation that an attempt will be made to depose Samuel Gompers, president of the organization, but he has already stated he would not accept a re-election to succeed himself.

Birthday of White.

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 7.—Today is the 75th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Andrew Dickson White, the first head to Cornell university, former minister to Russia and ex-ambassador to Germany, and special observance marked the day at the great educational institution with which he was long identified.

PLAN CENTRAL BUREAU.

Coast Lumbermen Will Band Themselves Together for Effective Work.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 7.—A central committee to be known as the Lumber Inspection bureau of the Pacific coast, is planned today by local lumbermen of the Merchants Exchange. A meeting of the Pacific Coast, Oregon and Washington bureaus will soon be held for the purpose. The three bureaus do not now work in harmony. The idea is to have inspectors paid by shippers and importers.

PENDLETON IS MUCH HEAVIER

RIVAL HIGH SCHOOLS STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY.

Before a Large Crowd, Local High School Team Battles Royally With the Visitors From Pendleton—Team Arrived Last Night and is Much Heavier Than Locals—Reynolds on the Side Lines—Competent Officials Run the Game.

It is done. When the readers obtain this issue, the Pendleton high school football team will have clashed with the little fellows from this city, and the score will be known. In charge of Prof. Landers and others of Pendleton, the visiting team arrived here last evening, and as they have spent the day quietly on the streets, it has become evident that the visitors are much heavier than those who make up the La Grande roll. There is no vast difference between the two teams in most instances, though Pendleton has two or three players who will underweigh the heaviest on the La Grande team. But eight of the eleven are large, well built, and active players.

The attendance was the largest on the new football grounds, and with few exceptions proved itself an orderly aggregation of excited rooters. The officers in charge were Messrs. Mark Moorhouse of Pendleton, Clarke of Union, Mickelson and Mansager of La Grande.

This morning there was some speculation as to the condition of Reynolds, the first player. His ankle is in serious shape, and while not slated to play, he was on the side lines ready for an emergency. The line-up for the two teams as announced today by coaches and managers of the two teams is as follows:

Pendleton.	Position.	La Grande
Chapman	c	V. Bean
Hinderman	rg	Grout
Struvs	lg	Geddes
Bean	rt	Ingle
Devino	lt	Bean
Eturgis	re	Bolton
Haskins	le	Myers (Capt.)
Kimball	p	J. Williamson
Baker (Capt.)	fb	Childers
Stone	rh	Hamilton
McDill	lh	Carpy

The score at the end of the first half was 0 to 0.

PREDICTS GOMPERS' ELECTION.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—"Gompers will be re-elected unanimously to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor," was the statement made today by Walter McArthur, editor of the Pacific Coast Seaman's Journal, one of the most influential labor leaders of the coast. "The Pacific coast will send a solid delegation to Denver, where the annual convention of the federation opens Monday, for Gompers."

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75c Silk Floss Pillows After Six 59c each Size 20 X 20	\$1.50 to \$1.75 Ladies Shirt Waist After Six 95c each	STANDARD CALICO After Six 5c a yard 10 yds a customer
65c Mens Outing Night Shirts 38c ea	PROGRAM: "Peaceful Henry" Kelly "In the Goo d'Old Summer Time" .. Harvard Spirit Payson "Just for Tonight" O'Hare Solo—"Two Blue Eyes," ..Mr. Ferrin "Billy" Barron Souvenir de Baden-Baden, ..Bosquet Yankiana Lottis My Little Hong Kong Baby, Extra.	75c to \$1.00 Mens Negligee Dress Shirts 35c ea

12 1-2c cream or white Outing Flannel After Six 9c per yd	\$2.35 Comforts After Six \$1.79 each Filled With American Beauty Cotton
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