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DIRECTORATE OF NEW BANK FIXED

T. J. SCROGGIN WILL BE ELECTED TO CASHIERSHIP.

Nine Prominent Men of the City Chosen to Direct the Affairs of the United States National Bank—Stockholders Adjourn and Directors Meet—N. K. West is Conceded the Next President.

The Directors.
William Miller, N. K. West, C. T. Bacon, E. P. Staples, A. T. Hill, J. L. Caviness, H. E. Cooldge, Frank Conley and T. J. Scroggin.

Thus stands the roster of the directorate of the United States National bank, incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. Stockholders in the proposed bank met in the director's room of the Eastern Oregon Trust & Savings bank this afternoon. Following the choice of directors, that body retired and selected the officers of the bank.

The stockholders met shortly after 2 o'clock, but did not cast the first ballot until after 3 o'clock.

Scroggin for Cashier.

It was nearly 4 o'clock before the new directors went into the first executive session. All officers of the new bank institution must be elected from the directorate, and the only matter of speculation is, who will wear the president's honor. N. K. West is prominently rumored as the man for the place, while William Miller is thought by some to be slated for the place. At any rate, T. J. Scroggin is as good as chosen cashier, as he is the only one of the nine who has had the practical experience in banking.

DEFENDS HIS WIFE

PORTLAND ACTOR SHOT IN ROOM WITH WOMAN.

Not Yet Dead, But is Fatally Wounded—Admits of Improper Relation With a Woman.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 8.—Hovering between life and death, Adrian Von Plank, a Portland actor, today made an ante-mortem statement admitting improper relations with the wife of Newton Blacker, a teamster, who shot him last night after finding the wife in a hotel room with the actor. The woman says the relations were not improper and that her husband's suspicions were unfounded.

JUVENILE COURT IS BUSY WITH SMALL LADS

NORDEN BOY IS NEW FACE BEFORE JUDGE.

Stull Boy Will Receive Final Hearing Tomorrow—Ira Newman is the Third Youth Implicated—Norden Boy Has Sad Story to Tell the Judge Is Under Sixteen.

Judge Henry, as judge of the juvenile court, is being kept busy the past few days. This morning he had three cases on his docket. The Stull boy is again up before him, and will come up for final hearing tomorrow with his partner in crime, Edwin Mordin. Norden was arraigned this morning and pleaded guilty to stealing sacks, bicycles, coal, and of stretching a chain across the sidewalk and thereby causing various pedestrians to fall and bring about numerous black and blue spots upon their anatomy. The Stull boy has been before the court before and is known as anything but

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PARTY'S PROMISE WILL MATERIALIZE

CANNON AND TAFT HOLD SECRET CONFERENCE TODAY.

Though Neither of the Two Men Disclose Subject, it is Believed to Be Tariff Revision—Taft Openly Avows That Party Promises Will Materialize—No Hitch and Cannon is of the Same Opinion—Rivers and Harbors Congress Instructive.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President-elect Taft and Joseph Cannon conferred for an hour and a half this morning. Both agreed not to divulge the subject discussed. It is believed it was the tariff. Taft announced the revision of the tariff laws will be thorough and that the party's promises regarding the question will be kept.

Cannon is reported to hold similar views on the tariff. It is believed no controversy has occurred between them. Another conference will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home of Representative Longworth, with members of the ways and means committee, having the tariff revision matter under consideration. A statement will be given the public later.

The Governors' Congress.

Vice-President Fairbanks today addressed the Rivers and Harbors congress. He said as work of a national character should be done under national authority, that a large share of the amount to be expended should be raised by a bond issue. Ambassador Bryan of England, also spoke. He said the canal aids the railroads, and will not compete with them. Representative John E. Ransdall of Louisiana, president of the congress, called attention to the fact that although not a single voice was heard against the rivers and harbors bill last session, the bill did not pass.

GREAT SUCCESS IS EARLY REPORT

PRELIMINARY SURVEY NEAR MT. GLENN TODAY.

Elated to a Degree Never Before Evident, Committee Seeking Subscriptions to Irrigation, Reas While the Peach Funeral is on—Acreage Subscribed Grows Large—Route of the Canal is High and Over Drains Thousands of Acres.

Excellent success has marked the efforts of the Commercial club soliciting committee to secure subscriptions in land to the irrigation project. Since Monday a large per cent of the committee of nine have been devoting themselves to the task at hand, and today they declare that success has been the fruit of their labor. They have called on a large number of farmers, and have succeeded in interesting them to the extent of 10, 20, and even 100 acres each.

Funeral Causes Rest.

Today the committee is not working for the reason that the Peach funeral attracted so many of the farmers from the territory where the committee is working. The first two days' work have been so successful that every member of the committee is highly elated today. There is no longer any logical room for doubt that the required acreage will be subscribed within a month.

Near Mt. Glenn Today.

The preliminary survey of the line of the canal for the big irrigator scheme, will be in sight of Mount Glenn this evening. Last evening when darkness overtook the engineer and his corps, Al Good's farm had been reached and it has already been demonstrated that the canal will be sufficiently high to irrigate every foot of land in the valley to the east of it, were sufficient water brought down the channel to cover the thousands and thousands of acres that lie beneath the canal route. The engineers' progress about two miles daily, establishing the grade and taking field notes.

The effort of the engineer is to hug the foothills as closely as possible to give as great lower acreage as possible. The canal will run much higher than had even been hoped for, based on judgments of eye alone, and not on engineer's figures. The route will sweep out over Sandridge with a great acreage on either side of it.

Damage Suit Against Herald.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Tomorrow has been set for the hearing of the case of MM. Andre Messager and L. Broussin against M. Pierre Veber, the dramatic critic, and the New York Herald company. The complainants ask for \$19,000 damages on account of an article written by Veber and published in the Paris edition of the New York Herald.

Telephone Girls Vaccinated.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—A force of doctors are engaged in applying vaccine points to the arms of several telephone girls. All of them were not vaccinated on the arms, for many of them are limping slightly today. The order to vaccinate was issued by the board of health after it had been discovered that Miss Ida Pankow, an operator on the West exchange, had smallpox.

INJURED BY BOMB.

Black Hand in New York Wrecks a Tenement and Injures Twenty.

New York, Dec. 9.—Twenty are injured today as the result of the explosion of a bomb which wrecked a five-story tenement. The bomb was dropped by a Black Hand agent from the roof of an adjoining building. Five victims were taken to the hospital in a critical condition. It is reported the members of the Black Hand are angry because certain families refused to contribute money to the society.

"MAUD" IS DEAD

FAMOUS MULE DIED OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE, IT IS SAID.

Mule "Maud" of Almost National Fame, Dies in Nevada's Desert of Human Ailment.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 9.—"Scotty's" famous mule "Maud," is dead on the desert 60 miles from Winnamucca, a victim of wine and rich food. Physician's diagnosed "Maud's" ailment as Bright's disease, due to high living. Ever since Scotty took his mule east on the famous train over the Santa Fe, when he fed her champagne from a bucket, the animal has not been the same. Scotty and his mule went in search of a new mine last week. Maud died, stranding her master in the sagebrush, 40 miles from the nearest spring.

MORE FULL PAYMENTS ON BANK ASSESSMENT

SECOND INSTANCE WHERE STOCKHOLDER IS MAGNANIMO

H. B. Smith of Tacoma, Contributes \$1000 on Assessment Levied on F. & T. N. Bank Stockholders—Mrs. Dice Makes Part Payment—The Spirit Commendable.

Another liberal \$1000 payment on the assessment levied on the stockholders in the suspended Farmers & Traders' National bank, and part payment of a smaller denomination today attended the assessment fund of Receiver Niedner's account. Again, as in the first payment made, the payee demonstrates a commendable liberality. When the Salem attorney paid an assessment in full some time ago, he did it when there was room for doubt that the banking laws could force him to it. He paid the assessment from a sense of duty only. But today his actions were duplicated by H. B. Smith of Tacoma, who had contracted with J. W. Scriber for the sale of the stock, but never had his name stricken from the books.

He paid the assessment in full, eight days before the time limit has expired. With the check he sent a personal note to Mr. Niedner, which has brought forth the following reply that reflects the gratitude of the receiver for such liberality:

La Grande, Ore., Dec. 9, 1908.
Mr. H. B. Smith,
Tacoma Washington.

Dear Sir and Friend:
It gives me exceptional pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 7th inst., enclosing your check for \$1,000, in full payment of a 100 per cent assessment on ten shares of stock of the Farmers & Traders' National bank, of La Grande, Ore., standing in your name on the books of the bank. Your liberality in pay-

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RUEF JURY TO RETIRE TONIGHT

LONGEST AND GREATEST TRIAL YET ON RECORD.

Fifteen Weeks and Three Days Since Trial Started—Has Ramified Frequently to Prosecute Side Issues—Prosecution Demands Verdict of Guilty in Face of Ruef's Recent Confession—Is Free With Insinuations of Jury Bribery.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The fate of Abe Ruef will be placed in the hands of the jurors tonight, after one of the longest and most sensational trials on record. From the time of the first preliminary move made, 15 weeks and three days have elapsed.

"It is the height of ridiculousness for us to be here two months trying this man who confessed, going through a complicated trial to determine whether he is guilty when he admitted his guilt. Are you prepared, in the face of this confession, to declare him innocent? If you are, by the living God, we know the reason why!" shouted Prosecutor Hiram Johnson in the closing argument. He minced no words and dwelt upon the attempts to bribe the jury. Johnson delivered the address instead of Prosecutor Heney.

A Review of the Case.

Out of the trial sprang many important dramatic issues. Two Ruef attorneys, Frank Murphy and A. W. Newburgh were jointly indicted for attempting to bribe a prospective juror for a vote for acquittal of Ruef. E. A. Balke, a former contractor, who testified he was an agent of Murphy and Newburgh, was tried and convicted. He confessed his share in the plot to the district attorney.

Following the custom of former trials, not a single witness was placed on the stand by the defense. At a time when public interest was waning, Morris Haas, a rejected prospective juror, attempted to assassinate Special District Attorney Francis J. Heney, and then committed suicide. A week ago Chief of Police Biggy was lost overboard from the police launch, and his body is yet missing.

Shortly after the Heney shooting, Alexander Lathan, Ruef's former chauffeur, was sought by the prosecution since the trolley indictments, and was captured in Portland, Ore., brought back to San Francisco, where he was indicted on a charge of bribery. The trial just closed was on an indictment charging Ruef with offering a bribe to former Supervisor Furey. Nearly 2000 veniremen were examined. The jury was in custody 11 weeks. Three million words are in the transcript, not including preliminary hearing and other records introduced. If convicted, Ruef will receive a sentence of not less than one year nor more than 10.

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The Grandest Display of Christmas Goods ever in the city. We will not go into detail as to what all we carry but you will find Fancy Goods, Toys, Dishes and Wearing Apparel

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La Grande, Oregon.

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La Grande, Ore.