

\$12,750 PAID IN ON ASSESSMENTS

GEORGE ACKLES CLEANS OUT HIS SHARE OF \$6000.

Many Small Payments on Assessments Have Been Made—Litigation Likely to Come in a Few Instances—Ackles Said to Have Mortgaged Property—Some Pay All.

Twelve thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, of which amount George Ackles contributed \$6000 alone, have been received by Walter Niedner, receiver of the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank, as payment on the 100 per cent assessment levied on stockholders. The time limit for making either a part payment or wiping out the assessment entirely, expired last Saturday. From now on the residue of payments due from the various shareholders will continue to come in intermittently. There are a few who may commence litigation, such as Mrs. Hassett, who owns 30 shares, and Mr. Rinehart of Summerville. These sold their stock to J. W. Scriber, but never received full payment, he having given his notes for the balance, the transfer never having been made. The outcome of these and a few similar cases will be awaited with interest. For the most part, the \$12,750 represents only part payments.

Ackles Pays in Full.
George Ackles of this city, is one of the few who have paid in full. His shares, assessed at 100 per cent, meant \$6000, and it is said that he has mortgaged all of his property to raise that amount, having lost heavily in the bank when it failed. Rather than meet the assessment a portion at a time, he wiped out the whole indebtedness that the creditors of the bank may be paid a liberal dividend at an early date.

Among those who have paid their assessments in full are Kaiser of Salem, A. N. Gilbert, a former postmaster at Salem, and Mr. Smith of Tacoma.

Walter M. Pierce is home from Portland, where he attended a meeting of the Northwest Electric Light & Power company managers. The meetings were very profitable, and came to a fitting end with an elaborate dinner Saturday evening.

BOYS ARE HERE.

University Glee and Mandolin Club is Ready for Tonight.

They are here. They came this noon from Baker City. They will be here tonight at the Steward opera house in college wit, song and music. We refer to the University of Oregon Glee and Mandolin clubs. The city this afternoon had a college air, for the college boys spent most of their time on the streets, and where a crowd of university students are gathered there is always a different atmosphere. The Baker City papers speak very highly of their performance there last Saturday evening.

The club is much more efficient than last year. While they were here several former students of the same school met them and enjoyed pleasant hours with their old-time college friends. Manager Steward believes he will have a fine attendance this evening as he feels sure he is giving the public something well worth while.

BITTER RAILROAD WAR APPEARS A CERTAINTY

HILL ONLY PLAUSIBLE COMBATANT AGAINST HARRIMAN.

Colorado Southern Railroad Taken Over by Hill—Is Railroad Outlet to the Gulf—War Between Equals is Coming.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Railroad men here see in the acquisition of the Colorado Southern railroad by James J. Hill, a bitter war between him and Harriman. By the purchase Hill secures a long wanted railway outlet to the gulf, and has brought the total of his mileage close to Harriman's. Hill is recognized as the only man who can menace Harriman's position, as Hill now controls 23,959 miles of railroad, or about 5000 more than Harriman.

MAD KING RAVES.

Bavaria's Crazy Ruler Locked in Padded Cell—End is Near.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—King Otto, of Bavaria, is today in a padded cell in a palace, a raving maniac. The passive idleness which made him a pitiable figure for many years, has developed suddenly into a destructive mania. It is believed his death is near.

PASADENA GIRL DIES OF HUNGER

DEPLORABLE CONDITION AT "BALANCED TENURE" HOME.

One Child Dead and Others Ill or Dying Following Weeks of Starvation—Parents Wrote on "Balanced Land Tenure" While Children Starved—Sad Condition.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 21.—One child is dead, and physicians are trying to save the life of another, and a third one is ill at the home of Warren Brokaw, once editor of the Single Tax Courier of St. Louis, and intimate associate of Henry George. Brokaw admitted today that while he and his wife were writing books on "Balanced Land Tenure," the children went hungry. Leo, aged 3, who died, had not touched food for three days before her death. It is said they got down to the last drops of poverty in an attempt to work out the theory of balanced land tenure.

Brokaw said: "If we had food last week our child would be alive now. I am unable to leave my wife alone to seek employment. She is deaf and cannot care for her children. We lived the past three years on an income of \$300 per year, and paid out of that \$100 interest on a mortgage. Other expenses cut the fund for food to \$125. Several days ago we ate figs picked from a tree in the field. Then the children were taken ill."

The children were not allowed to attend the public school. They received their education from their parents. Brokaw said he did not think childhood had sex. He taught them to use "it" instead of names when referring to each other.

ROBBERY AT UNION.

Cigar Store of Ex-Sheriff Bolles Entered—Owner Locked Up.

The cigar store in Union owned by ex-Sheriff Bolles, was entered Friday night by one or more persons, who bored a hole through the door and opened the lock. The phone wires were cut so no alarm could be given and the room in the rear, which the proprietor used as a sleeping compartment, was locked. The drawer contained about \$25. However, in some manner \$13 were overlooked.

AGED WOMAN IN MOUNTAIN ALONE

STEVENS WHISKY CASE IN HANDS OF THE JURY.

Anderson to Be Tried on Another Whisky Count—Mrs. Josephine Graybeal is Suing O. R. & N. for Ten Thousand Because She Was Put Off at Wrong Station.

One of the most remarkable causes for litigation that has made its appearance in the circuit court of Union county, is about to occupy the attention of the present term. Mrs. Josephine Graybeal, aged 50, is suing the O. R. & N. company for \$10,000, because she was forced to walk in the dead of night through the mountainous country to the east of Bingham Springs. Her midnight stroll, alleged to have been occasioned by the carelessness of a passenger crew, so wrecked her nervous system and inconvenienced her, that she brought this suit. Attorneys Eugene Ashwell, F. S. Ivanhos and John Hodgkin are her attorneys. The complaint, which was filed today, states that while a passenger train on which she was traveling, approached Bingham Springs, the trainmen called out "Bingham Springs." That was her destination, and she alighted. The train left and she found to her horror that she was not at Bingham. It was merely a lonely stopping place. With wild animal yelping in the immediate vicinity, and thick underbrush to impede her progress, she wandered about that night until she eventually reached her destination, greatly dilapidated physically. The outcome of it was \$1000 of the suit today.

Is Whisky Whisky?

The jury which heard the John Stevens case went into retirement at 2 o'clock today. Stevens is from Summerville and is charged with selling whisky in violation of the local option law. The entire case hinges on the question of whether or not "Homer's Ginger Bitters" sold by Stevens in his Summerville soft drink establishment, is alcohol or not.

Another Whisky Case.

Charles Anderson will be tried on another count, the charge being similar to the one from which he was acquitted by a jury Saturday. The jury is now being selected.

Utah Teachers to Meet.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 21.—President Jacob Gould Schurman, of Cornell university, and State Superintendent Ackerman of Oregon, are among the prominent educators who will address the hundreds of Utah teachers who are assembled in Salt Lake City today for their annual state convention. Among the topics of discussion during the convention are industrial training, juvenile courts, science and nature study and school athletics.

Ready for Fight.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Sam Langford of Boston, and Jim Flynn are both fit and ready for the 20-round bout tonight at the Coliseum.

REST FOR CHRISTMAS.

Skating Rink Proprietors Help the Fund—Start After Holidays.

Messrs. Matlock and Hunlock turned in one-half of the proceeds at the skating rink, amounting to \$5, on Friday night, to the Riverside Park association.

These gentlemen are newcomers to our city, but by this act show that they are business men whom we are glad to call fellow citizens.

The committee on membership to the association have decided to wait until after Christmas before going out again, but after the holidays will use every energy to raise the funds to improve the park. Save your pennies for them.

MARRIAGE PERMITS.

Clerk's Office Issues Christmas Presents.

The following marriage permits have been issued by Country Clerk Ed Wright:
Earl Arnold and Maud Shockley; Charles E. Thornburg and Vella Hope; Frank Sanford and Alice Dawson; W. J. Cantrell and Hilda Brown; William Cruikshank and Anna Mae Brazzserer.

Settle Baseball Disputes.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—The crisis in the State-Coast leagues baseball imbroglio will come tonight when the second conference will be held here. All signs point to a falling through of the negotiations in which event there will be a merry baseball war next year. National Commissioner Pulliam who is now here, has given up all hope of patching up the differences.

BRING SIKHS HERE.

Planned to Bring Thousands to Louisiana as Laborers.

Vancouver, B. C. In an effort to relieve the congestion in India, a well organized movement is on foot to start an influx of East Indians, principally Sikhs, direct from their native land to Louisiana, to work in the sugar and rice plantations there. The first influx will involve 10,000 Sikhs, who are said to be an excellent class of agriculturists. The announcement of this project was made public today by T. C. Crawford, a mining man, who arrived here from London.

Tuesday Shortest Day.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock the sun will mark the sign of Capricornus, marking the astronomical beginning of winter. For the inhabitants of the Northern hemisphere this will be the shortest day of the year.

TAFT-BORTON FRACAS IS FULLY EXPLAINED

OHIO SENATORIAL FIGHT WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE.

Taft Angry Because Impression Existed That Taft Expressed Obligation to Burton—Not Opposed to Burton.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The cause of the recent disagreement between President-elect Taft and Representative Burton of Ohio, was explained today by Chairman Brown of the Ohio republican central committee. Brown said the split was caused primarily by Taft's belief that Burton misrepresented his attitude on the Ohio senatorial fight. He denied the break resulted from Taft's opposition to Burton running against his brother Charles in the senatorial fight. Taft was angry with Burton after a conversation with the latter, in which he told Burton he was not politically embarrassed by the candidacy of his brother, Charles Taft, and that he thought his brother should enter the race. Taft was angry because the impression had gained strength that Taft expressed himself as being under obligation to Burton.

MAY WITHDRAW REID.

American Ambassador Entertains too Lavishly, Thinks Taft.

London, Dec. 21.—Persistent rumors are being revived here that Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to the court of St. James, will lose his place when the Taft administration is inaugurated. Both Taft and Roosevelt are said to be displeased with the extravagant manner in which Reid entertains.

Cashier Suiettes.

Omaha, Dec. 21.—W. R. Kelly, cashier of the Union Pacific in South Omaha, and nephew of the former solicitor general of the same road, was found dead in his apartments last night with a bullet hole in his head. It is believed he committed suicide. In a note left for his wife, who went to Kansas City, he said: "Each day at the office is full of horror," but is not known just what he meant.

Sails With Sealed Orders.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The battleship Maine sailed today from Hampton Roads under sealed orders. She has probably gone to Venezuelan waters.

Old Prospector Murdered.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 21.—William T. Clark, a pioneer prospector and a familiar character in the Montana mining camps, was found murdered in the mountains south of here today. Clark recently discovered a rich gold vein. It is believed this had something to do with the crime.

SHOPPING DONE EARLY.

Best Things in All Lines But Food-stuffs is Gone.

La Grande Christmas shoppers have established a new precedent this year by doing their shopping early. Nearly a week ago the best things in every department of all stores in the city had been snapped up and today there is but little to choose from. Customarily the shopping is left until the evening before Christmas, but it has been different this year.

Christmas dinners will not wait in this city next Friday. Christmas goodies are to be had on every hand, and prices are not above the average for this time of year. While the novelty men have been doing a rushing business for the past two weeks, the time has now come for the dealer who sells the articles that make up the yuletide feasts.

Superintendent of Schools H. J. Hockenberry is confined to his home with illness.

S. F. RICHARDSON OPPOSES CAUCUS

THINKS BEST REPRESENTATION PROVIDED IN THIS WAY.

While Republican Factions are Warning Representative-Elect Richardson Believes Best Policy is to Fight Both Caucus Schemes—Avoid Family Fight.

If the coming session of the Oregon legislature is organized the way that Representative-elect S. F. Richardson wants it, neither statement No. 1 nor anti-statement clique will hold caucus, but the two factions will go into one session and elect the most competent men. While metropolitan papers are devoting columns to the question of which faction will organize in caucus, local interest has naturally centered in what Mr. Richardson will do with the petitions that have come to him from both factions. In an interview today, Mr. Richardson said:

"There is much being said about what members of the legislature should do this coming session, and there seems to be a diversity of opinion as to what should be done. As there are certain duties for them to perform at this session, which do not usually occur, it might be a difficult question many times, perhaps, to tell right from wrong. When people are united it is easy for any officer or servant to comply with their wishes; when they are not, it is far different. Their representatives, in any event, cannot suit all. Grover Cleveland seemed to give universal satisfaction during his first term of office, but how different it was when his party became divided within themselves. So it is also with our neighbor state, Idaho, which has the same trouble in the Dubois and anti-Dubois factions."

"There is much being said and various opinions expressed about our senatorial question, which was considered settled by nearly every one by the June election, and which I think will be harmoniously settled for the best by the legislature. There is also an unusual interest taken in the organization of the legislature. There are two distinct factions which there should not be. Men who were elected and sent to the legislature were elected by the people at large and by no faction. There has been talk about organizing the house and senate upon statement No. 1 principles and upon anti-statement No. 1 principles. It appears to me that the interests of the people would be best served in opposing both; that the most good would result in a policy to elect the most competent persons possible; to transact all other matters with economy, to exclude all personal preferences and to work in unison for the greatest good for the greatest number."

No Trees at White House.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In accordance with custom, the children of the president will have no Christmas tree. This has been the rule of former seasons as well as now. In fact, there has not been a Christmas tree in the White House since the Cleveland administration, when the little daughters of that president and their friends always made merry in the library on Christmas afternoon.

The first thing the Roosevelt children will do on Christmas morning will be to examine the well-crammed stockings which Santa Claus has tied to a corner post of each little bed. It will be an interesting and even exciting ceremony.

The inspection of stockings, however, will be merely introductory to the pleasures of the day. After breakfast the impatient youngsters will be allowed to enter the "study" upstairs, where the gifts are laid out. One corner of the "study" will be set apart for the gifts provided for each of the four younger children.

Many of the gifts that reach the White House at Christmas time are for the children, and some of them are very funny. It has come to be understood among the people at large that the Roosevelts are a strenuous family, much given to athletic exercises, and undoubtedly a considerable percentage of the presents sent by strangers this year will be in the line of football outfits, punching bags and gymnasium apparatus.

DEAL TO SALEM.

Took With Him Long List of Signers on His Pardon Petition.

R. W. Deal, convicted of horse stealing and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, has gone to Salem to intercede with Governor Chamberlain for pardon. He took with him a petition that is long and represents every portion of the county. In securing signers he went to all sections of the valley, and when he started for Salem, it is said that he had about 1000 taxpayers of Union county who pray the governor to pardon the aged citizen of La Grande.

Bargains in Ready-made Goods

Prices Cut in Two. Last of the seasons ready made goods must be closed out regardless of cost. Our stock is being reduced very rapidly

Ladies' Suits

We have only a few ladies' Suits left to be closed out at ridiculously low prices.

- 1 \$15 black Serge goes at\$4.95
- 1 \$12.50 black Serge goes at\$2.35
- 1 \$25.00 black Cheviot goes at\$9.85
- 1 \$18.50 black Cheviot goes at\$9.85
- 1 \$47.50 brown stripe goes at\$28.95

Millinery

All ladies' Trimmed Hats Half Price.

- \$10.00 Hats, to close, at\$5.00
- \$8.50 Hats, to close, at\$4.25
- \$6.50 Hats, to close, at\$3.25
- \$4.00 Hats, to close, at\$2.00
- \$2.00 Hats, to close, at\$1.00

Ladies' Waists

- \$8.50 wool and silk Waist, reduced to\$4.35
- \$6.50 all-wool and silk Waists, reduced to\$2.95
- Wash Waists, lot 1, reduced to95c
- Wash Waists, lot reduced to\$1.95

Misses' Coats

Our stock of Misses' Coats is very large and we have decided to make prices that will move them.

- Lot 1—Children's Coats, values to \$3.50, at\$1.00
- Lot 2—Misses' Coats, values to \$6.50, ages to 14 years\$2.85
- Lot 3—Misses' Coats, values to \$8.50, ages to 14 years\$4.85

Ladies' Skirts

You know our reputation on the famous "Beverly Skirts." To buy these at the prices we are offering them is surely an inducement.

- Skirts, in value to \$5.00, to close \$1.95
- Skirts, in value to \$8.50, to close \$4.85
- Skirts, in value to \$12.50, to close at\$7.65

Ladies' Coats

- Lot 1—Ladies' Coats, values to \$10.00\$2.50
 - Lot 2—Ladies' Coats, values to \$15.00\$4.85
- This is a reminder. If you want a coat, decide quickly.

FAIR STORE

La Grande, Oregon.