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BANK CHARTER IS SLOW IN COMING

ACTUAL TRANSFER OF TITLE AWAITS CHARTER.

Holiday Rush at Washington is No Doubt Responsible for Non-Appearence of the New Bank Charter—Money and All Requisite Papers in Hands of Local Bank—Receiver Niedner is Busy With Report and Can See Callers Only on Urgent Matters.

The building in which was housed the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank is now virtually the property of the United States National bank people, though the actual transfer of the title has not yet been consummated. The reason for this is that the local banking concern, which hopes to soon open its doors, has not received its charter from the comptroller of the currency. The delay in arrival is credited to the holiday period which no doubt has congested matters at the national offices.

With the arrival of the charter, which at the longest is not anticipated to be more than a few days from now, the new bank will become a reality. All money required in the purchase of the building and the requisite papers that the new bank will acquire by the actual transfer, are now held in one of the local banks pending the arrival of the charter from Washington.

Receiver Busy.

Receiver Niedner has been working both day and night, with Sundays included, lately, in the completion of voluminous reports to the comptroller. For this reason a sign is attached to the front door, informing those having business with the receiver, that unless very urgent, conferences should be postponed until tomorrow. The public has been very obliging in this respect since Saturday morning, and the officials have been left to themselves in the arduous task before them.

LUMBERMEN TO FORM NEW BODY

HOLD CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES HERE.

Following Arrival of Wallowa Train Dozen Big Timbermen Get Together to Discuss Feasibility of Withdrawing From Spokane Organization—Thousands in Sawmill Property Represented by Gathering This Evening—Not Satisfied.

Union county and all other eastern Oregon lumbermen may withdraw from the Spokane association of affiliated lumbermen, if plans to be presented at a meeting of those interested, in this city this evening, mature. A dozen men representing hundreds of thousands of dollars in sawmill property, met in La Grande this afternoon. From Baker, Wallowa, Umatilla and other eastern Oregon sections, they congregated in this city today, but the conference was not opened until the arrival of the train from Elgin and Wallowa county, bringing other timbermen.

It is said that the Oregon lumbermen, including the many members in Union county, are not satisfied with their affiliations to the Spokane body and, if feasible, they will withdraw. The plausibility of this movement will be discussed this evening.

Secretary K. Hogg, of the Spokane organization, arrived in La Grande this morning to attend the meeting. The lumbermen will take advantage of the conference to become better acquainted.

DELAY GRAFT CASE

ABSENCE OF HENEY MAY DELAY THE PROSECUTION.

Patrick Calhoun, the Second Abe Ruef, Demands Immediate Trial—Postponement Likely.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Owing to the inability of F. J. Heney to reach this city tomorrow, when the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, charged with offering a bribe to a member of the board of supervisors, was called, it is probable the case will be continued until January 12.

The postponement will be strenuously opposed by attorneys for Calhoun on the ground that the client has been insisting on immediate trial for some time, and that District Attorney Langdon and his assistant, John O'Gara, were present. A telegram from Heney announces he will be in the city on whatever day to which the case is continued.

NEW COMPANY AFTER CITY BOND

HAS UNIQUE PLANS FOR FINANCING THE PROJECT.

Representative Lowry Here Seeking Negotiations About Taking Over Water Bonds—Has a Plan to Present to Council Next Wednesday Night—Seems Plausible.

The American Light & Water Company of Kansas City, represented by Frank K. Lowry, is certainly desirous of buying the Beaver creek water bonds and constructing the pipe line. Mr. Lowry was here last year and made the council a proposition, or rather submitted a bid to do the work for \$157,000, and take the bonds at face, with interest at 5 per cent.

Mr. Lowry is now here and is going over the plans and estimates made by Engineer Pickler very carefully and will submit another bid at the council meeting Wednesday night. Mr. Lowry states his present bid will be less than his former, owing to several causes. If he secures the contract, machine wood stave pipe will be used and pressure pipe at such places as indicated in the engineer's plans, which also includes the development of 300 horse power before the water is turned into the reservoir.

Mr. Lowry states that if his bid is accepted and the attorneys for his company approve of the legal proceedings leading up to the issuance of the bonds, his company will have the entire work completed within four months after they commence work. His proposition will receive the attention of the council Wednesday night. Just at present the council is not in a position to make a contract owing to the fact that they have given the Chicago bidder until January 20 to perfect his purchase, or get out of the way.

Current Topic Meeting.

The Current Topic club will be entertained tomorrow afternoon by Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. W. L. Brenholts at the home of the latter.

Cosgrove Returns Thursday.

Paso Robles, Jan. 4.—Cosgrove announced today he will leave here Thursday of this week for Olympia, where he will be inaugurated on January 11. His health continues to improve. All plans for departure have been completed. After the inauguration he will probably return to Paso Robles.

Standard a Victor.
Washington, Jan. 4.—The supreme court of the United States today denied the government's petition for a review in the case in which the Standard Oil company was fined \$29,000.

SECRET SERVICE STAND DEFENDED

"BIG STICK" SWUNG ON MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.

Firmly, But Quietly, Roosevelt Defends His Recent Statement About Secret Service Men—Reply to Inquiry From Congress May Have a Quieting Effect—"Does Congress Wish to Deteriorate the Law and Enforcement?" is Question Asked.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt's expected special message on the secret service was sent to the house today. It denies the statement made in the house resolution of inquiry that he had charged any member of the present congress with corruption or that the majority of congressmen were in fear of investigation by detectives. He gives the names of former senators and representatives convicted in connection with land frauds, and reiterates the declaration made in his annual message that the limitation placed by congress on the operations of the secret service could be of benefit only to the criminal class.

Of the work done by the secret service, the president refers to the land, naturalization, lottery, silk, opium, ink and other frauds. He recommends that all the government detective services be consolidated into a single bureau to be attached to the department of justice and that Chief Wilkie's salary be increased from \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year.

He denies strenuously the allegation made in certain quarters that he ever used the secret service in purely private or political matters.

Incidentally, he charges that agitation against the secret service was begun with an article written by L. W. Gaushey, private secretary to Speaker Cannon, for a Chicago newspaper.

Altogether the president presents a strong, though calm argument that he was exactly right in making the criticisms that enlivened his message at the opening of the session.

"I am wholly at a loss," he says, "to understand the concluding portion of the house resolution. I have made no charges against congress nor against

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LOCK HORNS ON OREGON ISSUE

HITCHCOCK AND PRESIDENT ARE NOW AT ODDS.

Roosevelt Angry at Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican National Committee—The President Believes Chamberlain's Election Should Be Ratified by the Legislature—Stormy Sessions Between the Two Leaders About the Issue.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Believing the election by the people of Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain of Oregon to the United States senatorship should be ratified by the Oregon legislature, President Roosevelt today locked horns with Hitchcock, chairman of the republican national committee. It is understood Hitchcock is using his power to help Senator C. W. Fluton by trying to induce pledged legislators to repudiate their promise. Roosevelt recently put himself on record as favoring Chamberlain when on a recent visit of Chamberlain to Washington he greeted him as the "next senator from Oregon."

The Fultonites refused to accept Roosevelt's rebuff as final and appealed to Hitchcock with some success. Roosevelt is angry at Hitchcock's interference. The two had several stormy sessions on the Oregon situation.

KAMELA MAN IS LOST OR KILLED

WILLIAM DYE NOT HEARD OF SINCE DECEMBER 18, LAST.

That William Dye is Either Dead or Hopelessly Lost in the Wild, Mountainous Country About Kamela, is the Theory Entertained at Kamela Today—Searching Parties Unable to Trace Missing One Beyond the Schumann Place on McKay Creek.

That William Dye, for the past eight or 10 years a resident of Kamela, is either lost in the mountains or killed and robbed, is the general theory entertained by members of the searching parties which for the past week have been scouring the hills about the Summit town. There is no definite evidence to clear the mystery of the disappearance, yet those in close touch with the man's life and knowing the perfect knowledge Dye invariably had of his bearings when out on long hunting expeditions, believe he has been killed and robbed.

Dye was last seen on December 18 on the Schumann place on McKay creek. He left Kamela on the 8th of December, bound for Pendleton, and having in his possession \$118. Ten days later he was at the Schumann place, then headed for Meacham. Since then he has not been heard of. His continued absence set Kamela friends to worry and last Wednesday a searching party set out, armed with the faint clues already related. Well known in the remotest spot of the mountain wilds, it does not seem logical that he should have lost himself in the region of McKay creek.

Imbibed Quite Freely.
Notwithstanding that Dye was a popular townsman at Kamela, living a quiet life on his little ranch, he was addicted to liquor to a greater or less degree. Some advance the theory that he became intoxicated while in the McKay creek canyon, and while in such a state was either killed outright, or else fatally injured, only to die later on.

J. R. Thompson and H. Swager were down from Kamela today and report that large searching parties have been over every foot of land that Dye would logically traverse, and that up to the time of their leaving Kamela, no trace of the missing man had been found. Much mystery surrounds the entire affair, and it is feared Dye met an untimely end.

Heyburn Opposition Dies.

Boise, Jan. 4.—All opposition to the re-election of United States Senator W. B. Heyburn practically collapsed today.

Castro Operated Upon.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Former President Cipriano Castro of Venezuela, was operated upon today for kidney trouble. Complete recovery is expected by his surgeons.

Chinese Defeat Japs at Football.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—The rising sun pennants of Nippon are at half mast throughout the Japanese quarters, while the dragon was fluttering amid yellow bunting in Chinatown in a festive mood today as the result of the Chinese Imperial eleven defeating the Japanese team at football yesterday by a score of 11 to 0.

Wants Jeffries to Fight.

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—Tom McCarey, the fight promoter, offers Jim Jeffries \$50,000 to fight Jack Johnson, the coon. He is willing to guarantee \$25,000 that he will secure Johnson, and asks Jeffries to put \$25,000 as good faith. "Jeff" refuses to give an answer, but it is thought he is considering the proposition.

Sentenced to Hang: Appeals.

Portland, Jan. 4.—Harry Daly, sentenced to hang January 29 for the killing of a saloonist in Portland, will have his life prolonged by taking an appeal.

HAINS ON STAND

THE DEFENDANT PICTURES HIS BROTHER'S INSANITY.

Thornton Hains Takes Witness Stand—His Brother's Insanity—Father Heard This Morning.

Flushing, L. I., Jan. 4.—Thornton Hains, accused of the murder of William Annis, took the stand today in his own behalf. He described the insane condition of his brother, Captain Hains, who is charged with firing the fatal shot. Brigadier General Hains, father of the defendant, was on the stand during the morning.

Brady Seated at Boise.

Boise, Jan. 4.—James H. Brady was today inaugurated governor of Idaho. The other state officers have assumed office. The Tenth Idaho legislature convened at noon today. A brilliant inaugural ball will be held tonight.

MERCHANTS TO VISIT PORTLAND

LA GRANDE MERCHANTS ARE UNITED IN AN ACTIVE BODY.

Delegates to State Convention at Portland Will Be Appointed Tonight at a Meeting of Local Body—State and Local Associations Great Powers for Good.

La Grande will be represented at the annual meeting of the Oregon Grocers' and Merchants' association, which convenes in Portland January 6. E. E. Polack and J. G. Snodgrass are going and additional delegates will be appointed tonight, when the local Merchants' Protective association holds its meeting. The state and local organizations are great powers for good in the communities in which located, and though La Grande's order is still young as an active organization it has already accomplished much to protect that oft-misused man—the merchant. The delegates will in all probability leave tomorrow night, and it is believed a half dozen will go.

Large Membership Here.

During the past few months the local association has been revived and is now composed of 40 members who take steps to protect themselves and fellow merchants along equitable lines.

THE YEAR OLD AND THE YEAR NEW

We think it well to begin the new year by expressing our appreciation of the good will and patronage extended to us during the year that is past. Our relations with our customers have never been so satisfactory as during the past twelve months. We have tried as never before to promote the interests of those who trade with us and we have substantial evidence that our efforts have not been in vain. In the coming year we shall maintain the highest standards of pharmacy, the highest quality of goods, the finest possible service and, as in the past, place the interests of our customers above our own, believing that in the long run we thus promote our own interests best. Thanking all our friends and customers for favors shown, we extend to each our kindest regards and our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Newlin Drug Co.
La Grande, Ore.

MANY SUBSCRIBE FOR LARGE TRACTS

PREPARATIONS ON FOR BIG MASS MEETING.

J. E. Reynolds Has Subscribed for 480 Acres—Evidence of Great Faith in Irrigation—When Irrigation Congress Meets Here on January 16, a Fine Program Will Be Ready—Other Subscriptions Continue to Come.

When the monster mass meeting to adopt by-laws and for man irrigation corporation convenes here on January 16, a program tending to be the most exhaustive of anything yet attempted here along irrigation lines will have been prepared. The special committee of commercial men appointed to draft the by-laws and prepare the corporation papers, had a meeting Saturday night and others will be held at frequent intervals until, when the gavel calls the mass meeting to order they will be ready with their report.

Subscribes More Acreage.

J. E. Reynolds is one of the progressive farmers of this vicinity who, when the subscription paper was first presented to him on the irrigation project, immediately set 320 acres opposite his name. After giving the matter careful consideration for several weeks he last Saturday hunted up the chairman of the committee, J. D. McKennon, and added another 160 acres to his subscription, making a total of 480.

Mr. McKennon stated this morning that the acreage was increasing each day and that he was confident that by January 16, when the final meeting was to take place, there would be sufficient acreage signed up to warrant the success of the undertaking. Mr. McKennon thought that in all probability the owners of the large tracts on the Sandridge might get together and form a pool of several thousand acres and secure the canal as originally proposed. He hoped they would, but whether they did or not, he knew enough land could be covered on both sides of the river without touching the Sandridge, to assure an area of 15,000 acres at least.

In all probability two weeks from tomorrow we will all know the initials and name of the man who will represent Oregon for the next six years after March 4, next, in the United States senate.