

VOLUME VIE.

### ARE BOND MONEYS

PREFERRED CLAIMS?

County Court Wrestling With Proposition Growing Out of Failure of the Farmers& Traders-No Definite Action Taken-Ivanhoe Advises the Court-Drawing Jury List is No Small Task-Being Done This Afternoon.

The time of the county court was taken up this morning with drawing the jury list for the circuit court. To those not conversant with the duties implied with this task, it seems a simple and light official matter, but to the court upon whom this obligation falls. it means a day of close attention and painstaking effort, and to the taxpayer of Union county it is also an important matter. From the list drawn today men must be selected who will be called upon to pass upon difficult litigation and it is not altogether unlikely that some of these prospective jurors may be called upon to weigh avidence against human life. The county court, with the assistance of County Clerk Ed Wright, is making every effort to secure a jury list composed of reliable and representative men from each precinct, men who will not allow person prejudice and desires to have consideration, and render judgment strictly upon the evidence presented to them.

#### Bonds Discussed.

Just before the noon recess District Attorney Ivanhoe met with the court, and upon request, advised the court wire reference to the rights of the county regarding the collection of the bonds of those officers who had deposited funds of the county with the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank. There has been considerable talk about the county money deposited in the defunct bank ranking as preLA GRA NOE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1909.

**Blizzard** Combine to Make Life Dis-

But Settled Cold of Extreme Char-

aster is Predicted-All Indications

The coldest night this year, accom

Colder Tonight.

Government machines and tele

Plumbers Busy,

Point to This Tonight.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Red Tape Killed Thousands. Rome, Jan. 9 .- Red tape is + today held responsible for thous-+ ands of deaths among the sur- + vivors at Messina and Reggio. . This charge was made against \$ government officials by a mem-+ ber of the chamber of deputies, + + who declared that had they been 4 · prompt in delivering supplies, · GREATER DROP IN MER-+ at least 10,000 lives would have 4 + been saved. The charges were 4 + not made public until the tem- + • per of the people was calmer.

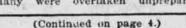
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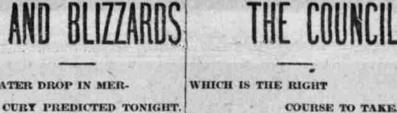
ferred claims, and it was upon this question which the court wished the advice of the district attorney. His advice was to the effect that so far as the county is concerned it mattered not whether the claims could be construed as preferred or not, and as a matter of fact the county was not in position to hold the bank responsible panied by a blizzard of the worst type.

at all, but the officers or their bondsmade the night of Friday, Janaury 8-9, men alone were liable for whatever one long to be remembered in this loss might occur. It was his opinion that the county had nothing whatever city. The government thermometer to do with the settlement with the registered 5 degrees below zero bebank, and that if the county court saw tween dusk and daylight today, and it fit to assist the officers and bondsmen was close to the noon hour before it in collecting from the wrecked insti- again resumed an "above zero" standtution they should first protect the ing. Coupled with the sharp wind county from any possible loss, and this could only be satisfactorily done by a people on pleasure-bent failed to go good and sufficient bond given by the far. By midnight the storm had abatbondsmen. He advised the court to ed but the mercury kept dropping. lend itself to no legal entanglement which could in any way result in the graphic weather reports all point to loss of any of its present rights. The an extremely cold night tonight

question of preferred claims is a deep Weather Observer Worstell affirms one, and one which is far reaching in its effects. The best legal minds in the that last night's record will be more county differ regarding just what con- than equalled this evening, unless a stitutes a "preferred claim," and some sudden change for the warmer takes place. Observations indicate that the interesting legal battles will undoubtedly be the result before the affairs of blizzard winds are passed. the bank are finally wound up. While

Zero weather meant many a bursted this matter was under discussion, water pipe in La Grande. Admittedly County Clerk Wright, who is also interested to the extent of nearly \$1200, the coal man is a busy mortal today, having deposited that amount for but his career is a simple life compared which he is responsible by virtue of with the woes of the plumber, who has being clerk of Union county, announc- untold orders to attend to, and most ed that he would make no attempt to "isagreeable weather in which to ply enter his claim as preferred, but would his vocation. But what is worse than allow his claim to take the natural or- the woes of the housewife who is der of procedure and sustain the loss, stranded amidst broken water pipes? whatever that may amount to. Just Many were overtaken unprepared. (Continued on page 4.)





Coldest Night This Winter and Severe Under Existing Circumstances the City Council is Discussing Whether or agrocable-Bursted Water Pipes Are Not to Accept Bid of American Light Numerous-No Wind Flurry Dae, & Water Company, or Advertise for Bids-The 20th of This Month Will Docide the Matter Relative to Sale of Bonds.

The city council has a problem that t will have to work out between now and the 20th of this month, which will require considerable thought before final action is taken-the Beaver Creek water project. The council and the people are quite anxious that this water system be completed this year With that object in view the council advertised the sale of the bonds last blowing the blinding snowstorm, all fall and supposed it had them sold. There was only one bidder and that firm, as far as the council is concerned, has disappeared from the face of the earth. Registered letters have been mailed it, and telegrams sent, but no replies have ever been received. At a special meeting a resolution

as passed ordering the recorder to notify the company that unless they perfected the purchase the bond contract would be declared off, and there is every indication to believe that when the 20th arrives the \$160,000 bond is-

sue will remain unissued, and the city is no nearer the construction of the water system than it was several months ago; for, in the natural order of things, the entire proceedings would save to be gone through with again, the advertising for bids for the sale of the bonds, and until the legal time for advertising had expired and the bonds sold, the city could hardly expect to advertise for bids for the construction of the system until the contractor knew that his money was available. Some of the councilmen believe that if the bonds have to be sold again, through advertising again for is, it simply means that nothing will be done this year. It Can Be Constructed. It seems that notwithstanding the lisappointment at the failure of the Chicago bond buying company to complete the deal for which they negotiatand submits an offer to construct Tscharch has been arrested, the Beaver Creek pipe line according to the survey and specifications made by Engineer Pickler for a stated sum of \$146,000, and will accept in payment therefor, city bonds. In as much as this is less than the amount of the bonds voted for this project by \$14,000 and this bid is less by about \$2000 than the engineer's estimate, it looks as though this company is a guardian angel sent to us at the opportune time, and it may be. The council evidently to considered it the other night, when it passed a resolution to accept the bid of the American Light & Water company, if the Chicago bond buying firm lid not take the bonds by the 20th. The Objection, Since the passage of the resolution it the last meeting of the council some of the councilmen see that they may have acted rather hasty, and a numper of property holders take a similar lew that before so large a contract s this is let that bid for constructing he same should be advertised for, and scertain whether this is the best posible hid to be obtained, in open comvetition. Some are making serious obections to the proposed plan, and cite the fact that this same firm on a preious occasion offered to take the enire issue of \$169,000 and soit in the great ricks of fine wood standing near "stem. Now the same impany, of the tracks here, and O. R. & N. cars ts own volition, reduces its former in abundance to convey the fuel to La id \$14,000. The question is, what bid Grande, there is no danger of a fuel sight this same company submit in ampetition with other contracting event that the present cold snap limits or property housed. As the irms, or what the bids might be sub- should be a continued one. With the vitted if other contractors had the mercury eight degrees below zero, and

Poison at Boise Feast. Boise, Jan. 9 .- Several persons + are recovering from the effects 4 • of poison contained in canned • chicken served at the inaugural . ball incident to the inauguration 4 • of Governor Brady. The serving of chicken was stopped when + it was learned it was making the 4 guests ill. None are reported in 🕈 a serious conditon. An investi- 🕈 + gation is being made. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# TILLMAN WILL ANSWER.

harp Conflict Will Follow Tillman Roosevelt Tassie.

Washington, Jan. 9 .- Senator Tillman announced today that the letters which he intended to use to show that Roosevelt's charges against him in connection with the "land grab" in Oregon were untrue, are missing from his desk. This is the latest sensation in the controversy in which Roosevelt charges Tillman of being incapable as a senator, and of attempted land grab. The senator declared today it was a serious matter when the president attacks the honor of a senator. He is preparing for an attack which he intends to make on the floor of the senate Monday.

# Ex-Governor Dying.

San Francisco, Jan. 9 .- Following an operation for appendicitie in an Oakland hospital, Caleb West, former covernor of Utah, is thought to be dying. He suffered a relapse today.

### Bound Over.

Young Truax, who was arraigned before Justice Stewart today, was bound over to appear before the cirin the sum of \$500, to appear when the case was called. Both immediately gave bonds.

### Hang Six Night Riders.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9 .--- Judge Jones today sentenced six of the convicted "night riders" to hang February 19, and two to serve 20 years in prison.

# YOUTHFUL BRIDE SHOT.

Couple at Door Mistaken for Robbers and Fatal Shot Fired.



NUMBER 75.

E. O. T. & S. BANK CLOSED

DOORS FOR GOOD TONIGHT.

United States National Bank Will Transact Business Next Monday Morning-Takes Over All Business of Retiring Institution-Checks on Trust Bank to Be Honored at New One-No Inconvenience to Either Old or New Patrons.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Bank Officers. President-N. K. West. Vice-President-Wm. Miller. Cashier-T. J. Scroggin. Assistant Cashler-H. E. Coolldge. Clerk-Charles Harding. Directors-N. K. West, C. T. + Bacon, A. T. Hill, T. J. Scroggin, + J. L. Caviness, Frank Conley, w + William Miller, E. P. Staples + and H. E. Coolidge. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Eastern Oregon Trust & Savings bank went out of existence and at 9 o'clock Monday morning the United States National bank will open its doors in the building formerly occupied by the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank. This announcement is officialcult court in the sum of \$1000 and the ly made today, following telegraphic principal witness, W. S. Gates, was held instructions from the comptroller of the currency at Washington.

> The new bank opens with a capital stock of \$100,000, and will conduct the routine business coming under the scope of any national bank. In the bank as assistant to T. J. Scroggin, the cashier, will be H. W. Coolings of the Coolidge paint store. Both men are well versed in the principles of banking and accounting. Charles Harding. now doing clerical work for the Eastern Oregon Trust, will also be included in the office force.

Slight delay has been experienced in opening the new banking institution. due to a congested condition of the mptroller's office but next morning will find the new institution doing business, though the opening hour is approximately a week later. than first planned. The event will not be marked by any ceremony or inconveniences to the patrons of the disappearing bank or prospective patrons of the new one. Assumes the Other Bank. The United States National bank will guletly and without inconvenience to any one, take over the business of the bank which tonight went out of existence. Checks drawn on the Eastern Oregon Trust will be honored in the new bank as they would be in the refiring one. All drafts will be treated likewise. All obligations and liabilities have been assumed as well. The retiring institution has been doing business nearly three years, and withdraws after having enjoyed a lucrative business.

# JANUARY SALE

### us Means With .

# A Saving Sale

Furthermore it Means

# All Mdse. Reduced

It means your opportunity to buy winter goods



rivilege of submitting bids. The whole thing in a nutshell is, if woodhaulers find conditions favorable he bonds are to be re-advertised and for speedy work in the woods. The

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Sterling, Mo., Jan. 9 .- Mistaking her for a burglar, Carl Techarch last night

shot and killed, instantiy, Mrs. Henry Tucker, a bride of two months. She went with her husband to the Tscharch tome, six miles from the city, to ensage him to work. Thinking the coued, that the American Light & Water ple were burglars at the door, Tscharch company has come to the city's res- fired. The husband was not wounded

#### Seeks Missing Murderer,

San Francisco, Jan. 7 .- Believing Dwight E. Clough murdered his mining partner, Jefferson D. Etter, in Honduras three years ago, Miles Wallace, a former district attorney of Fresno, Cal., is seeking the fugitive on the Pacific coast. The Honduras government has refused to grant extradition papers for Clough. The state department is helpless to act. It is believed he is now in Portland.

# FUEL IN ABUNDANCE BETTER OIL HOUSE

### KAMELA WOOD IN

HUGE LOTS; MANY CARS.

Kamela, the Wood Center, Has an Abundance of Fuel and Easy Car Service-Local Coal Dealers Feel No Alarm About Coal Famine This Wintor, They Say,

Kamela, Jan. 9 .- (Special.) -- With famine in the county metropolis in the two feet of snow covering the ground,

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TO TAKE PLACE HERE.

Representative of Octopus in La Grande-Better Protection for People Near the Tank Seems Assured -May Build Brick House for New Oil Tunk is Rumor.

SOME CHANGE ABOUT

That the Standard Oil company is soon to make some changes in the housing of their tank and oil house is evident. Recently the city council notified the company that the present tanks must be removed from the city present site of the tank is in the city limits the company must either move or build a brick structure large enough to house their tank and oil house. A representative of the com-

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