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RECEIVER TO SUE THOMSON

OTHER SUITS AGAINST STOCKHOLDERS PENDING.

Receiver Nledner Swears to Complaint to Sue Asa B. Thomson to Recover \$6000 Note With Interest From August 3, 1903—Rumors That Immunity Will Be Shown Some Stockholders is Erroneous—Effort to Set Assignments Aside by Law.

Asa B. Thompson is named defendant in a suit to be brought by the receivership of the Farmers & Traders' National bank, to recover \$6000 on a note, with interest from August 3, 1903, to date. The complaint has been sworn to by Receiver Walter Nledner and service will be made in the near future. This is the outcome of the troubles which originally started J. W. Scriber, former cashier of the defunct institution, on the downward path. Thomson was at one time receiver of the United States land office in Umatilla county, where he holds extensive land titles.

Other Suits Pending. Against those who have flatly refused to pay their assessments of 100 per cent levied by the government against the stockholders in the institution, suits will be filed immediately after March 19, and in a few instances may be filed before that date.

Receiver Nledner has received a letter from one of the stockholders who previously paid his assessments, but later has been maliciously apprised that the receivership may not

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A TEDDY HEROINE

MOTHER OF 19, BUT IS MARRIED AGAIN TO WIDOWER.

Washington Woman Establishes Record for Rooseveltism—Aged 57, She Marries Once More.

Issaquah, Wash., Feb. 19.—Already the mother of 19 grown children, Mrs. T. Gobbell has returned to this place from Seattle, where she became the bride of James Hall, who is the father of five grown children. He is 58 and she is 57 years of age. She has 48 grandchildren and was a widow of one year. He was a widower five years.

NIGHT RIDERS TO GAIN NEW LEASE

ON EVE OF HANGING RIDERS GIVEN A STAY

Jackson, Tenn., Feb. 19.—Although this is the day set by Judge Joseph E. Jones, at Union City last month, for the execution of the death sentence imposed upon the six night riders, Garrett Johnson, Arthur Clear, Sam Applewhite, Fred Pinion, T. D. Burton and Boy Ransom, the condemned men have secured a new lease of life through an appeal to the supreme court, which is expected to act upon the case during the May term at Jackson.

Attorneys for the men are confident that the appeal to the higher court

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REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS DESIST

ANNOUNCED THAT RUSSIAN "BLOOD" COMMITTEE DIES.

Berlin Dispatch Affirms the Revolutionary Tactics Resorted to in Russia for Many Years Have Been Abandoned—Chicago Item Explains Matter—One Prominent Leader of Reactionary Forces Was Really a Government Agent.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—The Deutsche Zeitung is authority for the statement that the Russian revolutionary committee is dissolved. It announces that Prince Aussulitch and other leaders have abandoned the movement. Without them it is believed the revolutionary activities in Russia can not continue.

Message Misleading.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—A political refugee at the Defense League of America, with headquarters here, declared the news saying the Russian revolutionary committee has disbanded is misleading. It explained that the original intention was to abandon the terrorist movement. Following the discovery that Axel, a leader of the revolutionary movement, was really a Russian government agent, the revolutionists decided to accomplish their end either by organized force or education of the Russian people. Whether or not they will accomplish their purpose in this manner, they can no longer resort to terrorism.

Suspected Preacher Wanted.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Rev. Polley H. Powers, pastor of the Monroe Avenue church, is sought on an order of Coroner Hoffman, following the death by suicide of Mrs. Brock Venneers. Before her death the woman said she loaned the preacher \$15. When asked to return it he caused her arrest on a charge of blackmailing. She was fined \$10, after which she went home and swallowed corrosive sublimate.

LAST DAY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT

NORMAL SCHOOL QUESTION IS NOT YET DECIDED.

Eastern Oregon Asylum Bill Now Up to the Governor for Signature—Both Houses Adjourn Tomorrow—House and Senate Working on Each Others' Bills Today—Looks Gloomy for at Least Two of the State Normal Schools.

Weston School Hit.

Salem, Feb. 19.—The senate at 3:30 this afternoon indefinitely postponed the Weston Normal school appropriation of \$106,000. The Monmouth appropriation was also knocked out by a vote of 17 to 12. This throws these two schools into a serious predicament, that may mean their abolishment this year. The Ashland bill was turned down without division.

Salem, Feb. 19.—Both houses are working on bills from the other, as this is the last day before adjournment. The senate killed the drastic local option bill to suppress liquor sales in dry districts and the seizure in clubs and private homes, by a vote of 17 to 13. The senate has passed the following:

A bill for a branch asylum in eastern Oregon, carrying an appropriation of \$300,000.

A bill creating an insurance department and increasing the salary of the labor commissioner to \$3000 per annum.

The house passed the following bills:

A senate substitute for the Jones free locks and canal at Oregon City.

A joint fisheries committee bill, unifying Oregon and Washington laws and regulating the fisheries of the Columbia river.

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GROWING COTTON

POSTOFFICE EMPLOYE IS MAKING NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

Postoffice Has in it a Miniature Cotton Field—Plants Thrive Well and Blossoms Expected.

Arthur Van Fleet, one of Uncle Sam's trustees in the local postoffice, has transplanted several cotton pods and at present has evidence of an extensive cotton field in the near future. The plants have been propagated with considerable success, and already have attained a height of several inches. He is anxiously awaiting the time when he can see the plant bloom. The experiment is a novel one.

REMARKABLE GAS FLOW CONTINUES

GAS BLOW-OUT AT ONTARIO HAS REMARKABLE FEATURES

A dispatch to the Baker City Democrat says:

The strong flow of gas at the Ontario oil and gas well still continues and shows no signs of weakening. The gas escaping from the well was tested yesterday and shows a pressure of 180 pounds. The full pressure is undoubtedly 200 pounds, as the gas must now force its way 2210 feet through mud and water. When the mud and water is cased off, the pressure should be at least 200 pounds. It is claimed that 100 pounds pressure will light and supply fuel to a city the size of Portland. If this is true, there is now gas enough escaping from the Ontario well to furnish light and fuel to Boise and all the towns in the Snake river valley.

The company is now utilizing the gas to run its drilling machinery at the well and will dispense with the use of coal in the engine. The drilling will be continued in the hope of striking oil, and the indications are very strong that they will succeed, as the flow of oil from the well has greatly increased with the last explosion. The fumes of gas can be scented a quarter of a mile from town.

Eight Escape Jail.

Oakland, Feb. 19.—A wholesale jail delivery occurred here last night, when eight prisoners cut a hole through an oak door in the county jail, and escaped. They climbed a roof adjoining the court room and lowered themselves to the ground. Poses are pursuing them.

HOUSE BUDGET IS ENORMOUS THING

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY CONGRESS REACH \$135,022,000.

Ways and Means Committee Slaps at Roosevelt by Allowing Same Secret Service Limitation Clause Remain in Recommendations—Panama Canal Given a Fat Sum—Rivers and Harbors Work Continued and Public Buildings Fare Well.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Despite recommendations of President Roosevelt the sundry appropriation bill reported in the house today, contained the same clause limiting the activities of the secret service.

The biggest appropriation is \$32,668,000 for the Panama canal; \$19,574,514 to continue rivers and harbors work.

The budget contains a clause granting the secretary of the interior \$1,000,000 to detect and prevent frauds in public domain. It carries a total appropriation of \$135,022,000; \$12,618,646 for the construction of public buildings.

Ask to Remove the Maine.

One clause authorizes the president, with the consent of Cuba, to invite proposals for the removal of the battleship Maine, in Havana harbor. Congress can then decide whether the battleship be removed and the cause of the explosion definitely determined. The sum of \$2,500,000 was appropriated for the construction of a building in Washington, to house the general land office, geological survey, Indian office, and reclamation service. A sum of \$1,092,000 was appropriated to maintain public buildings already erected.

The action in inserting the clause limiting the secret service in congress is justified through testimony given at the recent congressional hearing by executive officers bearing on operations of secret agents, the officials testifying at the investigation that fraud would not be hampered by limiting activities. Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars was appropriated to carry out the provisions of the Hepburn act authorizing the examination of railroad accounts.

S. P. Issues Convertible Bonds.

New York, Feb. 19.—The Southern Pacific railroad has authorized an issue of \$82,000,000 worth of 20-year convertible bonds at 6 per cent. The directors authorized the issue. An annual meeting of stockholders is called for April 7 to authorize an increase of common stock to \$200,000,000 to finance the bond issue.



EVENING GOWNS

Just received by express
GOTHAM LATEST DESIGNS

You are wanting these gowns for the season's social functions

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In the daintiest Laces, Embroideries in sheet material.

Dainty Waist

What lady is there that does not want a new waist. Call and see them.



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GILLETT SIGNS ANTI-BETTING BILL

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 19.—Governor Gillett today signed the O'Walker anti-race track betting bill. It becomes effective in 60 days, making bets on racing unlawful throughout the state.

The governor is being criticised for delaying his signature. He explained

WAR THREATENS THE SERVIANS

AUSTRIA WILL DECLARE WAR IN FORTNIGHT, MAYBE.

Austrian Government Sends Mandate to Serbia That Depredations by the Servian Brigands Must Cease at Once—Austria Ready to Rush Troops to the Scene Now.

London, Feb. 19.—War between Austria and Serbia is closer today than ever. This is evidenced by a note sent to Serbia by Austria, demanding that Serbia disarm her troops by February 27, or Austria will declare war and rush troops to the frontier. The note declares that Austria will no longer tolerate depredations by Servian bands in the provinces of Herzegovina and Bosnia.

The general impression here is that war will be declared within a fortnight, as it is not believed Serbia will yield.

DRYS STEAL A MARCH ON WETS

WASHINGTON LOCAL OPTION BILL STILL UP IN THE AIR.

Warm Times in Olympia Continue to Attract Interest—Little Else Done Except to Continue Sparring Match on Passage of Local Option Bills—Sit Tomorrow.

Olympia, Feb. 19.—The senate local option bill was referred to the house committee on public morals in the house this morning, the Drys stealing a march on the Wets. Although the measure was not immediately transmitted when it passed the senate, it did not reach the house until after the regular order was passed for consideration of senate bills. Before the noon recess Bell procured consent to return the regular order of consideration of senate bills and then won

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COMPLEXION BRUSHES

Nature and a complexion brush can undo most of the havoc that time and weather works. Nature renews a complexion when you take pains to stimulate the circulation and to brush out the worn out tissues. These brushes do make good complexions and sooner or later you will use one. We make it easier for you to use one now. Our prices are very low and we carry the sort of brushes that have received the highest approval.

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