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NO DIVIDENDS UNTIL MARCH 19

RECEIVER GIVEN THESE INSTRUCTIONS BY UNCLE SAM.

Contrary to Original Plans There Were No Dividends Issued by the Receiver of the Defunct Bank Today—Ordered to Wait Until March 19, When More Funds Are Available—Will Be Nearly a 45 Per Cent Payment at That Time.

There will be no dividends issued by the receivership of the Farmers & Traders' National bank until March 19, at which time a 45 per cent dividend will be issued to depositors. This is contrary to plans of the receiver, but is according to dictation of the comptroller of the currency. When Mr. Niedner asked for blank certificates, he informed the receiver that it would be possible to issue a 40 per cent dividend on March 1, and a 45 per cent dividend on March 19, when additional assessments of shareholders will be at the disposal of the receiver. With this information as a basis to work with, the comptroller decreed that the receiver wait until March 19, and issue the 45 per cent dividend.

It was rumored that the dividend checks were to be issued today, but those who had looked forward to part returns on their deposits in the defunct bank at this time will have to wait at least 19 days more.

When all the red tape is gone through with, it will be about April 10 or 15, before the actual cash will be paid out.

Observer-advertisers are live merchants. Trade with them and prove it.

Harangue Still Stands.

Washington, March 1.—The denunciation of President Roosevelt by Congressman Cook of Colorado, will remain in the records of the house, according to report today by a special committee appointed to consider the question of expunging it. It declares the speech as a whole does not contain language in violation of privileges of debate.

Pope Suffers Illness.

Rome, March 1.—The pope was attacked by heart disease this afternoon. The attack is not considered serious.

BENSON DRAWS TWO SALARIES

TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AT 10:10 THIS MORNING.

Holds Office of Secretary of State and of Governor, Too—Is Joint Salary of \$9,500—Koser Appointed Insurance Commissioner as the First Official Act.

Salem, March 1.—Oregon today has a new governor in F. W. Benson, former secretary of state, who took the oath at 10:10 this morning, administered by Chief Justice Moore, in the presence of 50 employees of the capitol. His first official act was the appointment of S. A. Koser as insurance commissioner. Koser had been chief clerk in Benson's office. Benson is still secretary of state, and chairman of all administrative boards upon which he votes as governor and secretary.

Governor Benson will draw the salaries of both offices—\$5000 in one instance. (Continued on page 4.)

LADIES URGED TO BE PRESENT

NO SOLICITATION FOR BOOSTER FUND TONIGHT.

Genial Tom and Advertiser Chapman Spend the Day Here—Big Meeting Set for Tonight and All, Irrespective of Age or Sex, Should Attend It—Richardson Will Not Ask for Money—Mr. Chapman Will Go West Early This Evening.

No solicitation for money and every lady in the city requested to attend, is a concentrated statement of conditions that are of especial interest in connection with the Tom Richardson lecture at the Steward opera house tonight, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Two Publicity Men Here. That genial Tom, booster, thinker, doer, engineer of great and stupendous undertakings, and C. C. Chapman, at the head of the greatest advertising firm on the Pacific coast, arrived this morning from Hot Lake and today have been the busiest mortals in the community. They daily not calling on business men in company with President Collier of the Commercial club, speaking to the school children are only a part of the day's varied activities.

Chapman Leaves Tonight. Mr. Chapman is here for the day only and school children were the favored ones for if we else heard him speak. He leaves this evening for the west, but while here was extremely active.

Ladies Invited Out. "Next to a few men," agree Mr. (Continued on page 8.)

FACTORY SKEIN STILL UNTANGLED

BRAMWELL HOME FROM CONFERENCE AT OGDEN.

General Aspect Looks Gloomy, as a Strong Rival Appears in Utah, That is Drawing Sugar King and Lieutenants That Way—Eccles Now in Los Angeles to Decide on Only Unsolved Detail—Comes Late in Week With Definite Decision.

Final decision in the matter of removing or retaining the sugar factory in this city is near. F. S. Bramwell, who was called to Ogden Saturday by David Eccles, has returned to La Grande and, while encouraged to a certain degree, admits that the balance is yet swinging with no definite assurance and no specific assertion that the factory is to go. Exactly as planned, the sugar magnate and his lieutenants were in consultation last Saturday with Mr. Bramwell, with the result that a detail which can only be settled by a visit to Los Angeles by Mr. Eccles, holds the balance.

Rolapp Favorable. General Secretary Judge Rolapp, of the Amalgamated Sugar companies, has heretofore been adverse to leaving the factory in La Grande, but is now convinced of the plausibility of retaining the factory in view of the coming irrigation. Up to the time that Mr. Rolapp "came over" Mr. Eccles was the only voice in the advisory board of managers that favored leaving the factory here for one year more as a tentative proposition, at least.

Still, every member but these two, oppose the matter.

A Worthy Rival. La Grande's rival in this respect is a valley in Utah that has presented Eccles and his company with a mass-meeting proposition, asking for the La Grande factory, in the event that it is moved, and guaranteeing an acreage of 3000 the first year and 5000 for subsequent years. The actual status of the matter is that the local factory's life depends entirely on whether or not the Utah site is selected as against the La Grande factory.

Mr. Bramwell made earnest and convincing supplication to the board. (Continued on page 5.)

'LUCKY' BALDWIN LOSES TO DEATH

WAS MULTI-MILLIONAIRE FROM TRACK AND MINES.

One of the Nation's Noted Characters Succumbs to Pneumonia After Long Illness—Physicians Fought Death Heroically—Fortunate Venture of Life.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 1.—E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin died at his home in Arcadia at 7 this morning. The last five days he was kept alive by oxygen. He was stricken with pneumonia six weeks ago.

Nobody as what is worth, but is no speculation. He is a millionaire. He mines, the Ophir, \$5,000,000. So chased 10-00. Later he 30. The Santa Ana is located on the tract. Rivals plotted to down him when he was a stock speculator, but he always won, giving him the sobriquet of "Lucky."

The Baldwin ranch near here, is estimated to be worth \$50,000,000. Since 1878 he has been prominent in turf affairs. His first famous horse, Lexington, became known after winning a seven-mile race in New Orleans in 19 minutes 19 3/4 seconds.

It is expected that many suits for a share in the estate will follow, as many claim an interest. He was born on a farm 20 miles from Hamilton, O., on November 2, 1828. He and a friend, W. H. McHenry, suggested they seek fortune, and the two came west, stopping first at Ogden, Utah, and then went to Carson City and San Francisco.

Appropriation Bill Passes. Washington, March 1.—The appropriation bill passed the senate today.

REACH CLIMAX IN TWO WEEKS

AGENT HURRYING TO CITY TO CLOSE DEAL.

Speedy Consummation of Deal Between City and Power Company is Now Evident—Bonds Actually Sold, Pending O. K. of Bond Attorney—Congestion of Work in Office Responsible for Delay—Council Anxious to Keep Public Posted.

Within 10 days there will be consummated a deal between the city council and the American Light & Power company that will mean the successful conclusion of negotiations and the inauguration of actual work in the construction of the Beaver creek municipal water project. This statement is based on letters received by Mayor M. K. Hall and Councilman J. T. Williamson, chairman of the water committee. Congestion in the office of bond attorneys in the employ of the light company, is responsible for tardiness in reaching speedy consummation of the contract. This is clearly explained in a following letter to Mayor Hall. When Mr. Dutch mentioned in the correspondence, reaches here, the little legal details that may not suit the bond attorney will be righted and the deal closed.

Climax Nearby. Both Mr. Hall and Mr. Williamson are confident that the climax is near at hand. They look for complete appendage of signatures that will make the documents valid, within two weeks' time. When the deal is closed, the Light and Power company pays to the city treasurer the \$14,000 that represents the difference between the actual bond price and the contract price. Payments to the contractors by the city, will then be made as per contract, from time to time, as the work advances.

The council as a whole is anxious that the public be advised of each step taken in the progress of negotiations and as the following letter explains much of the cause for delay, it is published herewith:

Kansas City, Feb. 25, 1909. Dr. M. K. Hall, Mayor, La Grande, Ore.

Dear Sir: The writer has just returned from a two days' visit in Chicago, where he went to try and push matters in connection with the approval of your issue of Beaver Creek pipe-line bonds. We found the bond attorneys fairly swamped with work, and that they had not expected to take up your record for about two weeks. However, we induced our attorney to let us have an expression of (Continued on page eight.)

DEFENSE IN COOPER TRIAL THROUGH

Nashville, March 1.—The defense in the Cooper trial today bent every effort to show Senator Carmack fired the first shot in the pistol duel causing his death. Evidence tending to support the theory that the Coopers acted in self-defense, was introduced today. They will endeavor to prove Carmack drew his revolver on seeing the Coopers, father and son, and that Robin, the son, fired the fatal shot after the elder Cooper was wounded. The defense will probably conclude today. The state expected to occupy

three days submitting evidence in rebuttal.

Dr. Glasgow, who performed the autopsy on Carmack's body, testified there were three wounds, one on the left side below the nipple, the bullet penetrating the heart and emerging on the right side. Another followed the same course, but farther down. The third was on the back of the neck and severed the spinal cord. He declared his belief that the wound in the neck was the first inflicted. The defense holds the wounds in the body were inflicted first.

HAZING VICTIM MAY RECOVER MIND

Salem, March 1.—The condition of Ralph Bristol of Portland, who is a student at Oregon university at Eugene, and who was taken to the insane asylum a raving maniac as the result

of being thrown into a bathtub of ice water at Eugene, in December, because he was late for dinner, is said to be improving. Physicians are not determined regarding his ultimate recovery.

TENNIS CABINET ENJOYS LUNCHEON

EXECUTIVE SEATED WITH HUNTERS AND SECRETARIES.

Strange Gathering Sits at Farewell Luncheon Given by Roosevelt Today—All Walks of Life in Which Roosevelt Stepped Represented by Those Present.

Washington, March 1.—One of the strangest gatherings of guests seen since Roosevelt was president, collected at the White House today for a (Continued on page 4.)

SUCCESS AFTER CANNON'S SCALP

STRENUOUS EFFORT TO BREAK DOWN CANNONISM AT ONCE.

Efforts Started to Defeat Cannon for Re-election to Speakership at the Special Session—Success Magazine Leads Warfare on Famous Old "Uncle Joe."

New York, March 1.—Discussing the reply made public by Speaker Cannon, the first response from him since various publications "attacked" him. Ed- (Continued on page 4.)

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THE Fair Store

La Grande, Oregon

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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