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SCRIBER GIVEN A SENTENCE

MUST SERVE SEVEN YEARS FOR WRONG DOINGS

Has Been Taken to Puget Sound Penal Institution For His Crimes.

The Portland Telegram of Thursday says: Jefferson W. Scriber is today in the McNeil Island penitentiary on Puget Sound, with a seven-year sentence ahead of him. He has just entered upon the last stage of his career that began with great promise, which at one time was regarded as the model of eastern Oregon business. Also, he is paying the last unit of a tremendous price for engaging in the bitterest banking and political war that has been known to the outside districts. Incidentally, the convicted man may be said to carry with him to the penitentiary the staunchest following of friends that has ever stood by an Oregon business man who was proved to be guilty of such great losses as have been placed indisputably at the door of Scriber.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Scriber appeared in court, accompanied by his attorney, ex-Senator C. W. Fulton. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not

be imposed, he read a written statement he had prepared, explaining many items charged to him as a loss in the total of more than \$400,000, which is the declared shortage of the defunct Farmers & Traders National Bank of La Grande. In this same statement Mr. Scriber also declared that in counterfeiting notes he intended no wrong, but was resorting to a device which he felt was harmless that he might tide over urgent difficulties with the faith that he could make a deal later and clear up everything, pay the depositors in full. He even says that had he been permitted to handle the bank affairs, instead of putting the institution into the hands of a receiver, he believes, he could have brought it out whole, without loss to any of the depositors.

For the sumpter had loans and losses sustained there he blames J. H. Robbins, until 1903 president of the First Bank of Sumpter, and for one term member of the state legislature from Baker county. Scriber says that \$24,500 of bad debts came from Robbins' administration, which he, Scriber, had to assume in large measure himself. Other bad loans made there were by R. H. Miller, nephew of the hapless banker.

United States District Attorney John McCourt, a boyhood friend of Scriber's would not recommend the minimum sentence for the accused banker, stating that he had put the government to the expense of a long and costly trial and should bear something more than the minimum of five years.

Friends of Scriber, who are yet legion in the state, will concentrate their efforts for a presidential pardon. The plan will be to show that Scriber's

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