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NORTH POWDER BANKING HOUSE CLOSES DOORS

Reserve Too Low And Officers Plan To Repair Faults

STATE AGENT ON SCENE

LAST STATEMENT SHOWS LOAN OF \$50,000 AND DEPOSITS OF LIKE SUMS.

HOPE TO REOPEN IN A FEW DAYS IS REPORT

State Bank Examiner Now On His Way to Assume Charge of Banking House At North Powder—Reserve Below Limit, It Is Said—Cashier Is Confident of Reopening.

Salem, Feb. 16.—Following advices that the Powder Valley state bank failed to open its doors today, State Superintendent of Banks Sargent left for North Powder to take charge of the institution. Reserves are reported to be lower than the legal limit, and are said to have been so for several days. At the time of the last statement, deposits were more than \$50,000 and loans more than \$54,000. The capital stock is \$20,000.

HOPE TO REOPEN

Adjustment of Reserve Will Follow and Then Reopen Is Plan.

North Powder, Feb. 16.—That the Powder Valley State bank is below limit on its reserve, or at least too low for practical use, and that the institution will open its doors for business as soon as the reserve fund is swelled to proper proportions, is the expression in the bank's circles.

No official statement was issued in connection with the closing of the doors this morning. Today, however, one of the officials of the bank said that there was every reason to believe that it was only a matter of adjusting the reserve fund.

"The closing was voluntary," said Cashier Lambert today. "We are not bankrupt. With the adjustment of the reserve, we will be ready to do business as usual here."

The last statement showed overdrafts amounting to \$3,018.32, cash on hand \$4,169.90, and due from reserve banks \$6,164.54. The total resources of the bank were, when this statement was issued at the close of business January 13, 1914, \$78,139.63. The surplus fund is \$500, individual deposits subject to check on that date \$45,836.00, bills payable for money loaned \$300,000.

H. O. Gorham is president and A. E. Lambert, cashier.

Absolute confidence prevails here that there will be no loss to depositors, and that the affairs will be adjusted in a few days.

Baker Family Meets Son.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Pollson of Baker the here, the guests of friends and today are enjoying a visit with their son Norris, who is a member of the O. A. C. glee club.

West-McDonald Case Much Battered, For Third Time In Court

After running the gauntlet of the circuit court, a reviewing process by the supreme court of the state, a second wrestling match in the circuit court here and a second bout with the learned justices of the supreme court, the case of Roscoe West vs. McDonald is in the circuit court here again today, full of vim and determination. Three trials and two appeals, and all of the see-sawing between different aspects of the law, will make this trial one of the famous cases of Oregon and one of the most expensive to the litigants and to the county.

The contention in brief seems to be this: In July of 1911, the plaintiff and defendant and others with him contracted for a well to be drilled for the Alicel Union warehouse. Several men contributed about \$150 and engaged the plaintiff to drill it. The money available, at the rate of \$1.50 per foot, allowed him to dig 100 feet,

at which distance they thought they ought to get water. Beyond that he was to dig on his own responsibility him for the drilling and the pipe, if he got none he was to get nothing. The facts are in dispute owing to the lack of written testimony. The plaintiff contends that he was authorized by the defendant to keep on drilling after they had reached the 100 feet, until he struck water, or until he was told to stop. This the plaintiff seems to have done, for he drilled to a depth of 350 feet, and now asks compensation for work and material in the amount of \$525. Now the case will be contested all the more for the total cost bill is going to be enormous. The costs will be several times the amount involved. T. H. Crawford and Turner Oliver represent the defendants, while C. H. Finn and Colon R. Eberhard are counsel for the plaintiff.

MRS. BRAMWELL ANSWERS CALL

LONG ILLNESS CULMINATES IN DEATH.

Funeral Services Over Remains to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon at 1:14 o'clock Mrs. F. S. Bramwell passed away at the family residence on Adams avenue. She had been ill for some time, the illness starting from appendicitis for which she was operated on and recovered from the operation. An atrophic liver developed and slowly the end came. At times she seemed greatly improved and her family held high hope of recovery, only to have those hopes shattered by a further weakened condition, following the apparent improvement.

The funeral will be held tomorrow in the L. D. S. tabernacle, of which faith she was a staunch supporter and active worker. The singing will be of special character and the many friends of the family are invited to be in attendance. Relatives and friends will be here from Salt Lake, Baker, Union, Cove, Imbler, Mt. Glen and other places.

The funeral will be in charge of Henry & Carr, undertakers.

Jap Pays Fine.

H. K. Ubi, a Jap, was last Saturday apprehended for being drunk on Depot street. He gave a cash bond of \$5.00 to appear in court this morning, but failed to show up. The bond was forfeited.

Jack Fairchild was taken by the police for the same offense and likewise gave a cash bond of \$5.00, which he likewise forfeited by not making an appearance in court this morning. Things have been quiet in police circles for the past two weeks and most of the arrests were for drunkenness or disorderly conduct.

Convicts Taken to Salem.

Sheriff August Hug left last night for Salem where he will conduct Julius Kell convicted of the crime of burglarizing the Golden Rule store, and Frank McCollough, convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses. The former will commence serving a term in the state prison lasting from two to five years, and the latter will serve a term lasting from one to five years.

SPEEDING AUTO TURNS TURTLE

VANDERBILT CUP RACE CLAIMS EARLY VICTIMS.

Flat Car Skids and Tips Over Injuring Several at Santa Monica.

Santa Monica, Cal. Feb. 16.—Two were possibly fatally injured and four were severely hurt when Dave Lewis, in a Fiat car, skidded and overturned today while practicing for the Vanderbilt race next Saturday.

The most severely hurt are: GEORGE SMITH, a civil war veteran, skull fractured.

MRS. PIKE, of Polson, Montana, hurt internally.

Lewis was making a curve at a high speed when his car slipped and he went over a low embankment. The rear wheel struck Mrs. Pike.

SECRETARY LEAVING

Two to Be Left in Charge of Y. M. C. A. Headquarters Here.

J. H. Rudd leaves tonight for Pocatello to be gone about two weeks studying Y. M. C. A. methods there. During his absence, the office here will be in charge of Chas. M. Floberg and William H. Averill. Payments on subscriptions will be received as usual by these men.

Tomorrow night the juvenile board meets with Vice President W. C. Wat-

BOY AND DOG CHASE WILD DEER

To give chase to a wild deer that had come to some feed barns at the outskirts of town, was the experience of the little son of Ed. Hughes, who lives in the vicinity of the Palmer mill. The deer mingled with the horses at the straw stack and at the barnyard in quest for something to

GORE RECITES HIS SIDE OF BOND EPISODE

ACCUSES MRS. BOND OF HAVING MADE OVERTURES TO HIM IN THE HOTEL.

DEFENSE ASSERTS ACTS WERE NEVER QUESTIONABLE

Senator Gore Goes to Stand and Tells Jury His Side of the Controversy With Mrs. Bond—Says That He Was Seized and Held By Woman and That Third Party Entered.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 16.—United States Senator Gore took the witness stand today and denied he took any liberties with Mrs. Bond, who is suing him for a big sum for alleged defamation of character. He said he met Mrs. Bond in Oklahoma City in 1913. He said: "She asked me to use my influence in having her husband appointed collector of internal revenue. I told her I had promised the position to another man."

Regarding the alleged assault in the Winston hotel, Gore said:

"I sat in a chair near the bed upon which Mrs. Bond sat. When I started to go I extended my hand and she took hold of me and pulled me towards her."

"What does this mean?" I asked her. She gave me an answer that I did not understand. Then I heard some one in the ante room. He came in and announced himself as Thaddeus Robertson. We exchanged salutations and then Mrs. Bond began to cry and carry on."

Gore said neither Mrs. Bond nor Robertson suggested anything of an improper nature had occurred.

"Dr. Earp was called next day and said he had heard charges of improper conduct," continued Gore. "I answered 'If they make such charges it is infamous.' He said he thought so too, and I answered him 'I will see those people in hell first before I may make them any terms.'"

tenburg in the chair, in the absence of President Harley Richardson, who is traveling in Southern California. Mr. Richardson writes that he is receiving excellent treatment at all Y. M. C. A. headquarters that he visits.

RIP TRACK CHIEF SULLIVAN HURT

After superintending the work of the wrecking crew in putting a car back on the track at Kamela, J. D. Sullivan, foreman of the car repair department, had the misfortune to fall from the incline to the coal chute and severely injure his leg. The ligaments above and below the knee seem to have been torn loose, pre-

venting him from walking and causing him much pain. He is in bed and will not be able to walk for some time. He was brought to the city on the wrecker yesterday afternoon about 4:30 and taken to his home, where medical assistance was given him immediately.

JAMES E. GAFFNEY.
Former Partner of Tammany Hall Chief Called "Bagman."



Photo by American Press Association.

FAMINE TRAILS GOTHAM STORM

RAILROADS CRIPPLED AND THE FOOD SUPPLY GONE.

Heavy Snow Falling Over the City—Temperature Not Low.

New York, Feb. 16.—New York faced a famine today on account of the storm. Food on hand is now nearly consumed and railroads are so badly crippled that it is impossible to get fresh supplies. To make matters worse, a fresh snowfall has begun. There is no blizzard out; a steady smother of snow is under way.

Three more deaths have been reported.

It was 17 above zero at 8 o'clock this morning but it seemed much colder on account of the humidity. Except for the subway, urban transportation is nearly paralyzed. The jam is terrifying.

DOAKEYS DRILL HARD

Marion Davis Over From Union For Dress Rehearsals For Ceremonial.

Members of Khaled temple, Knights of Koharassans, commonly called Doakeys, have been conducting dress rehearsals in preparation for the initiation of a big band here Friday night when the Union-Wallowa county Knight of Pythias convention is to be held here. Marion Davis, of Union, a prominent member of the Doakeys, spent Saturday night and Sunday going through dress rehearsals with the local Doakeys in preparation for the big event. An imperial representative is coming from Spokane the middle of the week to put the finishing touches on the initiation team, and by Friday the work will be running smoothly.

Mrs. Gavin Not Dead.

A report was current yesterday that Mrs. Tom Gavin for many years a resident of this city, was dead. To get correct information Mrs. Fred Dutli phoned to the home of Mrs. Gavin, 527 E. 27th street, Portland, and was informed that while Mrs. Gavin had been very low since Christmas, she had not departed from this earth. Mrs. May Stevens, a daughter of Mrs. Gavin, gave out the information that her mother had been somewhat improved on the day she was reported dead. Mrs. Gavin is suffering with cancer.

OREGON GIVEN SHARP CUT IN EXPRESS RATES

RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS NEW TARIFF RATE ON STATE SHIPMENTS.

REDUCTION OVER 50 PERCENT IN CASES

Portland-La Grande Express Rates Made Much Lower On Order of the Railroad Commission—Rates Will Merge Into Inter-State Rates Recently Ordered Into Effect at Large.

Express rates in Oregon will take a big drop about March 1. The extent of the tumble was made known today by the state railroad commission upon receipt of word from the interstate commerce commission that certain modifications desired to be made in this state from the interstate schedules will be favorably considered.

There are three features about the new rates that are of particular importance. One is that through rates will hereafter be quoted from any point in Oregon to any other point within the state. Another is that the western states will put in a 55-cent minimum rate, as compared with the 70-cent rate on interstate shipments, and the third is a special modification for the benefit of Oregon, adjusting rates within the state to commercial conditions, instead of following in every case the rate basing points selected for the interstate rates.

Thus has been accomplished a blending of the new interstate rates with the rates to be used in Oregon. The rates will line up with the interstate and merge into them at the state line, but are at the same time adjusted within the state to recognize local conditions which the interstate rates, disregarding state lines, did not always do.

Most important of these adjustments is the case of Portland. The interstate rates are based on large blocks of territory, taking a degree of longitude and of latitude each way. The block which includes Portland has its geographical center in the state of Washington, and it appears that the interstate rates took Yacolt, and in some cases Vancouver, as the basing point. This made an incongruous condition as to rates in Oregon, so the Oregon commission insisted on using Portland as the center for that block for Oregon business.

Because the rates vary with distance and with the weight of the package, it is impossible to state the percentage of decrease, but in a general way it may be said that the rates from Portland to Eastern Oregon points will be lowered from 25 to 60 percent. The decrease to Southern Oregon towns will not be so great, as the distance north and south does not allow so large a variation, and the blocks are longer north and south than east and west.

A large part of express business is carried on special commodity rates, lower than the class rates. Under the new system of things, none of these special rates are to be advanced while any special commodity rate now in effect that exceeds 75 percent of the new rates will be reduced to the 75 percent basis.

The minimum charge on a 55 pound (Continued on Page Four.)