

COIN SHORT AT NORTH POWDER

REOPENING OF BANK IS AWAITED BY ALL.

While Institution is Being Reorganized, Little Change Passes.

North Powder merchants have no misgiving about the ultimate restoration to action of the Powder Valley State bank. They are anxious, however, to see the institution reorganized as soon as possible for the merchants in North Powder and the farmers in that community miss the money mart much.

Clyde Scheurer, Eastern Oregon Light & Power company representative in North Powder, was in the city last evening and expressed the opinion that the bank which was closed voluntarily several weeks ago because the reserves were below legal limit, will be opened in a few days, probably in two weeks. In the meantime, however, he says loose money is scarce. Farmers are unable to check on their accounts and of course lack loose change, but these minor inconveniences are overlooked in the anticipation of the reorganization and the well known fact that no depositor is in any danger whatever of losing a cent.

BLACKSMITH - PREACHER HERE.

When Not Preaching M. L. Baltezore Pounds at His Anvil.

Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Baltezore passed through the city this morning on their way to Walla Walla. Rev. Baltezore is called the "Blacksmith-Evangelist" by reason of his trade. Part of his time is devoted to blacksmithing and the rest to preaching. He has just closed a four months revival in Wallawa county and claims to have made over 200 converts to religion. On March 15, he is due in Elgin to begin a two weeks' revival at the M. E. church. The union meeting of all protestant churches in Enterprise was, according to his statement, a big success, some 200 hundred persons joining the church. He likewise held revivals at Pine Grove and Pleasant Valley at both of which places he is said to have made converts.

Special at the Rex.

Learn the latest and most popular dance, "The One Step." Class each Thursday night from 8 to 10 until further notice. Price \$1.00 per lesson. Private lessons by appointment. Bert M. Sherwood, instructor. 3-2-3t.

CRAW FISH AT FOLEY GRILL

Private Lessons in Telegraphy

Beginning March 1st, Mrs. H. C. Bailey will take a limited number of students in telegraphy. Ten dollars per month; three lessons of one hour, weekly or one half hour each day. Telephone R 1961. Also lessons in oil painting—same rates.

REX HALL

"Where You Learn to Dance." Dancing assemblies each Tuesday and Saturday night.

Class for regular course each Wednesday night.

Until further notice, class work in one of the latest dances—the one-step, each Thursday night from 8 to 10.

Private Lessons by appointment. Rates quoted on application for instructions.

Calico Ball, Tuesday night, March 17.

BERT M. SHERWOOD,

Proprietor and Instructor.
OFFICE—Rex Hall, Phone Black 3171

COMMISSION IN SESSION

VARIOUS IMPORTANT MATTERS GONE OVER.

Salaries and Labor Accounts Paid—Past Week Reviewed.

Various matters of importance came before the commission last evening. Salary and labor certificates were allowed the total for both being about \$1600. The managers report was read and discussed at considerable length. In his weekly report Manager F. J. Lafky said:

The water superintendent spent \$5.35 on taps, \$21.40 on meters and reading meters and \$1.40 on sewers.

The police arrested 24, released 21 and had 3 in jail. Collected \$40.00 in fines. Complaints are numerous about stray dogs and chickens. I believe we should be strict about dogs. We may also need a poundmaster for a few weeks. I would report that we can lease our old pumping station for \$5.00 per year and have same fenced and find some one of the men in charge of the slaughter house adjoining, who will care for the stock while impounded. The police secured the prompt attendance of coroner and sheriff at the scene of the recent murder and suicide.

The police arrested a man whom they charge with white slavery. It seems to be a clear case. The girl appears to be an innocent country girl. By threats and abuse she was not permitted to speak to white people.

The street superintendent spent \$15.05 on hitching rack and taking care of flood water and \$73.00 for street cleaning.

The fire department had one call to have pleasant evening. No fire.

The treasurer collected \$323.17 street improvement and interest and \$71.85 water rent. Received \$2007.39 taxes from county treasurer and \$1923.23 the Feb. turnover from the recorder. Paid \$2012.42 on warrants and \$225.45 interest thereon.

The recorder collected \$40.95 on street assessments district No. 82 and \$40.00 fines and forfeitures. There were 19 cases in court, 8 paid fines and one forfeited his bond. Prepared assessment roll for sewer district No. 3, section 1-A and Cedar street district No. 60 and owners are now paying up or signing for bonding same.

BILLIKINS BEAT WEBFOOTS

DON SCOTT ROLLS HIGH SCORE IN SERIES.

Webfoots Meet Pets Tonight at the Club Boiling Ayles.

In the match game on the Club Ayles last night Scott's "Billikins" increased their lead in the City League race by winning three straight games from Williams' "Webfoots." Williams' aggregation was handicapped by the failure of one of its team members not appearing until the start of the third game. Scott won the first two games easily, but with Black in the lineup for the "Webfoots" the game developed into a real contest, and the Billikins worked hard to gain a four pin victory. Scott rolled high game of the league series with 252. He also had high average with 643. Tonight Williams' gang meet Van Fleet's Pets at 8 o'clock.

The Score.

BILLIKINS—
Kohl108-148-131—387
Scott252-181-210—643
Zimmerman147-156-128—431
McLeod136-153-143—432
Frees170-149-137—456
813-787-749 2348

WEBFOOTS—
Williams155-155-148—458
Dekalb122-116-140—378
Walden163-151-156—470
Guss153-139-144—436
Black157—157
Dummy108-148 —256
701-709-745 2155

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OLD TIME PORTRAITS.

Does There Exist a Reliable Painting of the Post Burns?

Was this the face that launched a thousand ships?

And burnt the tops of towers of Ilum?

asks Marlowe, writing of the vision of golden Helen. A similar question has been asked in regard to the diverging portraits of Mary Stuart. Was this the face that turned so many heads some 350 years ago? The queen of Scots was assuredly bewitching. Knox admits it; Kneleys asserts it; Ruthven lost his heart to her in Lochleven castle; whoever saw her desired her. Yet not one of Mary's portraits represents her as beautiful. Romney has sufficiently explained the fascination of Lady Hamilton for Nelson. But Mary Stuart's charm remains unexplained by her portraits.

And what about Burns? The point I wish to make is that old portrait painters are not to be depended on for strict fidelity to their originals. The mere fact that they differ so much in their representations of the same subject is enough to prove it. In regard to Burns, the question bears a twofold aspect. Not only do the portraits of the poet disagree with one another, but even that which by its frequent reproduction has tacitly been accepted as the truest representation cannot have been exactly like him when it was done. I refer, of course, to the familiar Nasmyth head and bust, painted in 1787, when Burns was carrying all before him on his first visit to Edinburgh.—J. Cuthbert Hadden in Scribner's.

REAL ESTATE LEASES.

Origin of the Custom of Making Rental For 99 or 999 Years.

Whence originated the use of the odd term in leases, 99 or 999 years?

In other days lessees and mortgagees in possession of real estate for 100 or 1,000 years demised the same at an annual rental, retaining a reversion for the last year of the original term. The object of this proceeding was to be found in the unwillingness of the under tenant to become bound to the performance of the covenant contained in the original grant and also in the importance to the lessor of a reversionary interest, without which, under the old English practice, he could not recover his rent by distraint.

Sometimes this reversion was for only three days or even for only one day, but usually in long terms the last year was retained. Out of this came the popular notion that the law provided this distraint, and hence leases were made for 99 or 999 years, when there was no reason whatever for any such odd period of time.

In England there was in special cases a restraint on corporations, or ecclesiastical persons prohibiting the demise of lands belonging to them to the impoverishment of their successors for a term beyond 100 years and such leases were accordingly made for 99 years.—Harper's Weekly.

REFUNDED THE SURPLUS.

A Financial Scheme That Carried a Surprise With It.

A story about some members of an Epworth league in Brooklyn has been suppressed up to now, but "murder will out."

The young ladies of the league decided to give an entertainment and reception. The entertainment was bound to cost a little money for music and incidentals, but it had to be given as an accompaniment of the reception at which a visiting pastor, who at one time had been rector of the church, was to be a guest of honor.

A subscription to defray the expense was started. It met with a very generous response and some large individual contributions. When the entertainment and reception were finished the committee of young ladies who had the finances in charge began reckoning up. They found that they were \$180 to the good after all bills had been paid.

"We'll just divide the \$180 up and send it back to those who contributed," said one young committee woman.

"That's just what we'll do, and we'll do it right away," said another financier of the committee.

So the money was divided and returned. The committee plumed itself it had shown some of the mere men folk that it knew how to conduct an enterprise successfully. They met a grim old deacon on the street next day and accosted him for a compliment on their success.

"Don't you think we deserve congratulation—running an entertainment, paying expenses and returning money?" they asked.

"I certainly congratulate you. It is wonderful. I contributed \$5, and I got back \$8. Marvelous how you did it!"

The girls had divided the surplus evenly.—New York Sun.

Luck and Labor.

Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him the news of a legacy; labor turns out at 6 o'clock and with busy pen or ringing hammer lays the foundation of a competence.

Her Footsteps.

A clever actor was playing the role of the heavy villain in melodrama and was working as hard as he could at the best scene in the play. He had just finished the consultation with the low comedy villain, which occurs in all properly conducted melodramas, and had spoken the cue for the heroine's entrance: "Away! She comes! I hear her footsteps!"

As he made this speech the property man accidentally dropped a sixteen pound shot down the staircase which led to the dressing rooms. There was a succession of deliberate crashes which resembled the heavy footsteps of a giant, and the audience saw the ludicrous side of the situation at once.

The actor stood rooted to the spot, bursting with suppressed laughter and not knowing what to do. The leading lady was unfortunately somewhat stout and, on hearing the noise, refused to make her entrance, vowing that the whole thing had been arranged for the purpose of insulting her. Entrances and threats had no effect; she remained obdurate, and the curtain had to be rung down and the audience dismissed. The leading lady left the company the next morning.

Jerome's Mistake.

One of the early vicissitudes of Jerome K. Jerome as an actor was to be offered his choice of playing the part of either a soldier or a donkey in a pantomime, a real donkey with four legs. After careful consideration he thought the red coat the more becoming disguise and chose the part of the soldier. Apparently he made a mistake, from the point of view of success, at all events, for a few days afterward the manager came to him and said: "You made a great mistake, Jerome, in not taking the part of the donkey. It would just suit you, and there's 5 shillings a week more in it."

Must Be Ill.

"Your father's a sicker man than we thought."

"That so, ma?"

"Yes. I just did something that suited him."—Detroit Free Press.

No Vices.

Nell—I don't suppose Mr. Sillicus has any vices. Belle—Vices! Why, he belongs to a glee club, an amateur theatrical society and writes poetry.—Philadelphia Record.

Through the wide world he only is alone who does not for another.

Labor Saving Postman.

One of the sights to be remembered in Portugal, said the Rev. H. O. Fenton, lecturing at the Royal Photographic society, was that of the postman delivering his letters among the congregation at church on Sunday, thereby saving himself many a weary walk.—Pall Mall Gazette.

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Extraordinary Attraction



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A Pantages Circuit Act

E. S. Norris, president of the Co-operative association, passed through North Powder where he has been called by the farmers of that section who intend to form a co-operative association. Mr. Norris will have an interesting story about his Seattle trip.
CRAW FISH AT FOLEY GRILL
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