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IEGELS' BANK FAILURE ROBS GIRLS' SAVINGS

LOSS OF SAVINGS IN STORE'S BANKS AGGRAVATES LOSS OF JOBS OF THOUSAND.

RIOT IS QUELLED BY ADVICE OF WISER HEADS

Returning Saleswoman Weeps and Starts Trouble When She Learns that Bank Has Failed With Two Thousand of Her Savings—Court Orders the Building Closed.

New York, March 13.—Siegel's department store was the scene of a near riot when the sales girls realized that they would lose not only their positions but many of them would lose their savings held by the wrecked Siegel's bank. The owners and operators of which were two days ago charged with grand larceny.

"Let's wreck the store," one of them suggested. Others were on the point of putting the suggestion into execution, but were prevented by cooler heads. The trouble started after the arrival of Mrs. Matteson, an employee who has just returned from Europe. When she learned of the bank's failure she burst into tears and declared: "I have been robbed. All the money I had in the world, two thousand dollars, has been stolen." Over a thousand girls will lose their positions as a result of the court's order to close the store.

LATE ADDRESSES FARMERS.

Literary Society at Mt. Glen Hears Expert Cate Last Night.

Mt. Glen, March 13.—C. C. Gate, county farm expert, lectured last evening before the Mt. Glen literary society on a general introduction of what he expects to do in this county. His lecture was appreciated by an interested audience which deemed him well prepared for the task before him. He told of his predictions that this year would soon be cut up into small farms and asserted that by careful management and rotation of crops, the bandman would realize more off 80-acre tract than is now done off 100 and 100 acre grain farms.

He said his department was a clear-house for the farmer and that the A. C. would be brought to each farmer and each section of the valley. He wanted it. His work, he said, would be to analyze soil and to give the best fertilizers for each section.

Young and Old Drafted.

Mexico City, March 13.—President Huerta is drafting soldiers by the wholesale. His method is informal. "Press gangs" seize men and boys wherever they are found. Men and boys found on the streets are seized and taken to the barracks. Men of wealth and influence of course are exempted—and are turned over to drill sergeants. Neither the young nor youth is spared. Providing they are strong enough to lug a rifle, they are too young and no man too old. None are exempted, except the old, when cornered by the press gangs. Nine hundred convicts from the prisons, are among the recruits. Many of these are desperate criminals.

H. C. Hall, Western Lawyer, Named To the Interstate Commerce Body



HENRY CLAY HALL, one of the most noted lawyers in the west, was named by President Wilson as a member of the interstate commerce commission. Born in New York city on Jan. 3, 1830, Mr. Hall graduated from Amherst college and the Columbia law school and began the practice of law in 1853. Two years later he went to Paris and remained till 1862, being counsel to the United States legation most of the time he was there. In 1892 he returned to the United States and removed to Colorado Springs, Colo., on account of his health. He became identified with many banks, railroads and other corporations in that state.

MORE MONEY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL UPBUILDING UNDER NEW COMMERCIAL PLAN

Steps to provide more finances with which to carry on needed endeavor by the La Grande Commercial club, without disintegrating the club, or adding to the expense to the businessmen, were taken up last evening when the second monthly club luncheon was served. Employment of a secretary who will devote only a portion of his time to the work, and complete, or almost so, reduction of office and club room expense, is the plan, the scheme thus giving a great deal more money to the club wherewith to conduct industrial campaigns. Such steps were ordered taken but there is yet to be worked out, much of the detail in connection with this plan. The club is not deteriorating by the move, but becoming all the more active and powerful through the acquisition of what really amounts to more funds though with no added expense above what is now required. About \$150 monthly that now go for upkeep of the quarters will be used under the new plan for upbuilding industries and bringing new industries here.

Almost complete elimination of the overhead expense, with no diminished income, is, the Commercial club feels, giving the Commercial club facilities

with which to entertain prominent guests, promote industrial propositions, look to the commercial interests of the city with more success and results in one month than it has done in a year in the past.

Monthly Luncheons Popular.

It also became an established fact that monthly luncheons where men and women of the club meet to discuss matters of import and enhance the social relations of the club members, are to be permanent. Motions to this effect was carried by handsome majorities last night.

The elegant furniture which the Commercial club now owns will be sold to the Y. M. C. A. to furnish its building as soon as it is completed. In the near future, the club will give up its quarters in the Foley building and locate office elsewhere, and when meeting room facilities are needed, the auditorium of the city hall, or the new library building will be used.

Luncheon Well Attended.

The luncheon, which was the second of the winter, proved a big success and about 140 were dined. The La Grande band supplied music during the

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CALIFORNIA IN DOUBT WHAT TO DO WITH HOBOS

COUNTY SPENDS MONEY FOR GUARDS BUT WON'T PAY TRANSPORTATION.

SACRAMENTO AND YOLO COUNTIES AT LOGGERHEADS

Hobos Have Sent Ultimatum to Officials Requesting Transportation East, or no Move—Outside Towns Have Taken up Cause of Unemployed and are Sending Food.

Sacramento, Cal., March 13.—Sacramento and Yolo counties are at loggerheads over the disposition of the army of unemployed which is encamped on the river bank opposite the city. Yolo county offers to disband the army and send small detachments of these men into other parts of the state, provided Sacramento county will furnish the transportation. This is refused but the county is spending \$400 a day guarding the bridges so that the army cannot re-cross in to the city. In the meantime the army remains encamped on the banks of the river necessitating a guard and other preventive measures, lest the hungry men make a dash for the city and make life miserable there by their mere presence. They have sent an ultimatum to the officials refusing to move unless they are furnished with transportation to the east. Public sentiment is turning, and many donations of food for the unemployed have been received. Other cities have taken the matter to heart and are sending funds to relieve the situation.

WRECK DELAYS TRAFFIC.

Nos. 5 and 10 Held at Thornhallow By Three Derailed Cars.

Main line traffic was delayed several hours early today when an extra east freight, Conductor Regan and Engineer Wall, had trouble one and one-half miles east of Thornhallow. The fifth car back in a 28-car train jumped the rails and three cars went off, with practically no damage to rolling stock or track. The wrecker was called out from La Grande at 3:45 and reached the scene at 7 o'clock and had the tracks cleared in 45 minutes. No. 5, the west bound passenger, got caught east of the wreck and was delayed four hours and No. 10, the fast mail, was tied up for five hours. The work of the wrecker was exceptionally fast. None was hurt and the damage is very trifling, it is reported.

Death Matter of Few Hours.

Baker, March 13.—Early this morning the death of J. H. Rende was but a matter of a few hours at least, according to word from the hospital, where the unfortunate train dispatcher of the Sumpter Valley railroad has been since his injuries two weeks ago, when his gasoline speeder collided with a switch engine in the yards.

He was only partially conscious last evening, and paralyzed from the waist down. Hopes for his recovery were given up several days ago, as his internal injuries were of such a nature that he had but little chance from the start. His wife is with him and also her sister-in-law, who arrived from San Francisco yesterday.

LOOK OUT; IT'S FRIDAY AND IT'S THE THIRTEENTH

For the second time in the first three months of the year 1914, this mundane sphere today was confronted with that hideous hoodoo and ogre, Mr. Friday-The-Thirteenth. There will be one more chance this year for the hoodoo to get in his dirty work—on Friday, November the thirteenth. In 1913 there was but one Friday of all the fifty-two which fell on the thirteenth of the month. That was Friday, June 13. Next year, 1915, there will be but one Friday the thirteenth, when the hoodoo date comes in August of that year.

INSANE JAP HANGS SELF

ASYLUM INMATE AT SALEM IS A SUICIDE.

While Patients are Out for Morning Walk, Jap Uses Shoe String.

Salem, March 13.—Making a noose of a shoe string, S. Kokima, a Japanese in the asylum, suicided by hanging this morning. When patients were being taken for a morning walk he hid himself in a bath room. An attendant later found him dangling from a water pipe. Efforts to revive him proved futile.

VENUS SMASHER STARTS STRIKE

Prison Doctor Says She Cannot Long Survive This—Release Certain.

London, March 13.—The speedy release of Miss Mary Richardson under the cat and mouse act, is predicted. She is sentenced to six months' imprisonment for mutilating the beautiful and costly painting of Venus by Valesquez. Prison surgeons said she could not survive the sentence under any circumstances owing to the fact that she has commenced a hunger strike and could not possibly survive this conduct very long. She is so nervous that it is feared forcible feeding would drive her insane.

Good Program Arranged.

St. Patrick's Day is to be fittingly celebrated in La Grande this year. Sherry's theatre has been engaged for the night, the best vocal talent of the city will participate in the program, and Father O'Callahan of Hermiston, recently from the old sod, has been asked to deliver an oration on the occasion. He is a very witty Irishman and no doubt will add much to make the occasion a splendid success. An effort is being made to have three reels of moving pictures dealing with the life of St. Patrick an Irish subject, for this day. Sons of Erin have the arrangements in hand and are doing splendid work to make this celebration a success. The theatre seats 450 people. Tickets may be secured at O'Connell's J. H. Pearce & Son or the Foley hotel. Only seating capacity will be sold.

Frank Bridges is Back.

Frank Bridges is back from Los Angeles where he and Mrs. Bridges spent the winter. Mr. Bridges feels a bit safer in the Grande Ronde valley than he did in Los Angeles owing to the fact that the Grande Ronde is not troubled with floods and high water and railroad tie-ups and the like. While he enjoyed his stay in the city of sunshine and flowers, he says with some emphasis that he is glad to get back.

ASQUITH WILL QUIT PREMIER POST, IS RUMOR

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON HOME RULE AMONG HIS MINISTRY BLAMED.

LLOYD-GEORGE AMONG MR. ASQUITH'S ENEMIES

Lloyd-George is one of the Liberal Politicians Who is Said to Be Opposed to Asquith's Compromise on the Home Rule Situation—Members of the Ministry Oppose Chief.

London, March 13.—Premier Asquith's resignation is said to be imminent. Cabinet differences of opinion on the home rule bill, are given as the reasons for the prospective retirement. Members of his ministry and other liberal politicians, are known to be dissatisfied with the compromise which Asquith proposes. Among this latter class is believed to be the chancellor of the exchequer, Lloyd-George. Premier Asquith said today he had an important announcement to make to the house of commons Monday in connection with the home rule bill. Many believe that his resignation will be announced at that time.

WHITE SLAVER IS GUILTY.

Head of New Cult is Violator of Mann Slave Act—Has 32 Wives.

Seattle, March 13.—"Rev." Albert Dahlstrom, head of the "Helgis" cult, who has been on trial charged with violations of the white slave act for transporting Edna Tacoma, one of his thirty-two wives, from Fresno to Seattle, was found guilty this noon by a jury in the federal court. Three other counts are pending against him.

H. T. Love Back from East.

H. T. Love is back from Pennsylvania where he has been the guest of his parents. He had the fortune to run into some of that Pennsylvania weather which reminds one of the hardships of the early settlers, the flights in winter of Roger Williams, cheerful fireplaces with a big hickory log burning cheerfully and the night wind howling and sighing through the boughs of straining firs and hemlocks. He has many things to say of the "dear old homestead" of course, but it's the same old story—glad to get back.

Southern Trip Ends.

Geo. W. McDonald is back from the southern part of Oregon where he visited with his wife and children who are stopping at Medford. The children are attending the schools at that place and will not return until vacation time. Mr. McDonald states that spring is out in full bloom, that practically all of the fruit trees have blossomed, and that much of the seeding has been done. The weather is ideal and prospects for an abundant of fruit and grain are very good. Mrs. McDonald is there for her health.

Bach Family Home.

After spending several months at Ann Arbor, Mr. Bach's former home, and other middlewestern cities, Mr. and Mrs. Bach are home from the east. Mr. Bach is connected with the Innaha Lumber company.