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CITY BANKS SHOW MARKED SPURTS AHEAD

INCREASE SINCE NOVEMBER STATEMENTS IN DEPOSITS LARGE.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS MUCH HIGHER THAN LAST TIME

One of the Healthiest Conditions of Banks in Past Year or Two Shown by Statements of La Grande Banks Today—Demand and Time Deposits Grow.

One of the most marked increases in banking deposits in recent years was made in La Grande during the last 40 days, according to published statements of La Grande banks today. The increase in deposits since the last statement, made in November, is over \$60,000.00 and a corresponding increase in other lines of business is shown by the two statements.

The added business since last mid-summer is of course far ahead of the figures given, but the particular increase in deposits shown above is for the period since the last statement was made about the middle of November.

Savings Accumulating.
That money users tributary to La Grande banks are showing a disposition to save their money and have it to save is shown by the increased time deposits. While working capital of firms and individuals such as is represented by demand deposits has shown a very healthy increase, savings accounts have gone up remarkably well. This increase over November's statements totals over \$25,000 for the two banks—dollars not in the daily check list.

All told the statements are the healthiest and show the best condition financially in the county of any made in a number of months, and is remarkable in that less than two months has elapsed since the comparative basis was published.

BAKER HIGH SCHOOL BONDS.
Attract Many Bidders and Bring Good Premium.

Baker, Or., Jan. 7.—The Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland, represented by the assistant secretary, F. H. Hollenbeck, offering the best bid for the \$125,000 high school bonds, the school board last evening awarded them the bonds, the successful bid being par and a premium of \$4587.50.

There were 24 bids received, eight of the bidders being represented at the meeting last evening, two from Portland, two from Spokane, two from Seattle and two from Denver.

The representatives of the bond houses present stated that the bonds were offered at just the right time to get the best price, which seems evident, as the successful bid is regarded as an excellent one. There were several others almost as high, four offering premiums of over \$4000, and others close up.

Two local bids were received, from the First National bank and Citizens National bank, the latter representing R. M. Grant & Company. While the First National bid only par, it was with the privilege of drawing the money when needed, with no interest until money was drawn, these terms making the bid the second best, according to the figures of the board.

HARRASSED PASSENGERS SAFE.
Thessalonika's Passenger Load Arrives on the Patris.

New York, Jan. 7.—Twice imperilled by U-boats and with 170 passengers aboard the Patris. Relatives, hysterical with joy, welcomed them. The crew is coming aboard the Perugia.

British Submarine Sunk.
London, Jan. 7.—A British submarine was sunk off Tezel Island it is officially announced. A Dutch cruiser rescued the crew.

Peace Overtures Rumored.
London, Jan. 7.—Germany has made overtures to Japan, and Russia for separate peace, but they were rejected, Premier Okuma told an interviewer, according to a Tokyo correspondent.

Witness in Bomb Case Asks Parole.
Calgary, Alberta, Jan. 5.—J. H. Van Koolbergen, alias Von Montford, wanted in San Francisco as a witness in alleged bomb conspiracies, who is serving a term of one year in prison here for forgery, has applied for a parole. In his letter to the minister of justice asking for his release, Van Koolbergen signifies his willingness to appear against C. C. Crowley and Baron W. F. Von Brincken, who are under arrest in San Francisco on two charges of conspiracy.

BIRTH RECORD BIG.

Registrar Richardson Compiles Monthly Report for December.

Babies had a prosperous month in December. Registrar Richardson has compiled a list of babies born in his registration district for that month.

Following were born:
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knowles, a daughter, Nov. 30.
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. R. Sherman, a daughter, Nov. 30.
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wilcock, a daughter, Dec. 3.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker, a daughter, Dec. 4.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hansen, a son, Dec. 5.
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis F. Doherty, a daughter, Dec. 6.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Houghton, a son, Dec. 7.
Mr. and Mrs. Porter Hudson, a son, Dec. 8.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Vernbaum, a daughter, Dec. 9.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Berry, a daughter, Dec. 11.
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Larsen, a son, Dec. 14.
Mr. and Mrs. John Bowery, a daughter, Dec. 16.
Mr. and Mrs. Clair Crossen, a son, Dec. 18.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, a son, Dec. 19.
Mr. and Mrs. John Oberman, a daughter, Dec. 21.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benedict, a daughter, Dec. 21.
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Connolly, a daughter, Dec. 22.
Mr. and Mrs. John Winn, a son, Dec. 27.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, a son, Dec. 29.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCully, a son, Dec. 31.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. King, a daughter, Dec. 31.

OPEN UPRISING AMONG CHINESE

YUAN SEEMS UNABLE TO COPE WITH CRISIS.

Exiled General Returns—Government Men Jailed.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Cablegrams declare large bodies of imperial troops are joining revolutionists. Yuan is placing cities under martial law in an effort to prevent rioting and looting. It is reported 20,000 imperial soldiers in Kwongsi threw down guns and cheered the arrival of 5,000 republicans, sent to fight them. The governor jailed government officers.

General Chan is reported triumphantly returning from exile, and is said to be massing troops in a move against Canton. Luk Wing Ting commands the combined rebel forces.

BATTLE IS BREWING.
Chinese Revolutionary Forces and Regulars May Meet Soon

Peking, Jan. 7.—It is officially admitted that practically the whole Yuannan province have revolted. Communication with the revolutionary area is interrupted. Rebels are known to number nearly 50,000. It is expected government troops will come in contact with them in two days.

STEAMER WAS PURSUED
Hundred Shells Fired at Fleeing Craft but None Take Effect.

Marseilles, Jan. 7.—A submarine pursued the French liner Neinan and fired at least hundred shells. She is a sister ship of the Karnak, which arrived in a similar condition yesterday. No shells hit her.

Baker Corporation Proposed.

Baker, Or., Jan. 7.—If present plans mature, articles of incorporation of the Baker Ornamental Stone and Brick company will be filed soon. The company is to be capitalized at \$5000 and promoted by local people for the manufacture of concrete bricks, tile and other similar building material. The erection of a plant here is contemplated in the near future, as soon as the details incident to organizing the company are completed. The company expects to be a bidder on the high school contract.

Wallowa County Man's Rise.

John A. Rumble has sold his 600-acre stock ranch on the Divide, 15 miles east of Joseph, to Matt Isley for \$12,000 cash. This is one of the very best stock ranches of its size in Wallowa county, and was obtained by Mr. Rumble in the early settlement of this county. This, together with the 560 acres already owned by Mr. Isley and adjoining, makes it one of the ideal stock ranches of Eastern Oregon. When Matt came to this county 20 years ago he didn't have the price of a ticket to cross a free bridge. Now he owns land and stock worth nearly \$40,000, says the Joseph Herald.

PORTLAND ESCAPES BLUE SKY LAW UNTIL NOVEMBER

Portland, Jan. 7.—Judge Gantenbein has stopped enforcement of the Sunday law, indefinitely postponing action on the temporary injunction against Multnomah county officials. This prevents enforcement in this county of the Sunday law until the November election. Proponents of the law can't appeal this decision. This very likely insures Sunday baseball in the county this summer.

MONEY BALM GIVEN.

German Paper Contends Italy Has Been Paid Fat Sum to Fight.
Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Zuercher Zeitung asserts Italy has received \$100,000,000 from the Allies for an agreement not to conclude separate peace.

AUSTRIANS NOT CERTAIN THEIR MEN SANK PERSIA

Washington, Jan. 7.—Vienna has officially informed Ambassador Penfield they have received no report concerning the Persia. Either an Austrian submarine was not responsible or the commander has not reported.

Other Cases Progress.
Settlement is expected at any hour in the Lusitania case. It is reported the only difference is the phrasing of the final agreement. Ambassador Bernstorff is slated to confer with Secretary Lansing this afternoon.

Cabinet and congress have both considered the Persia incident. The cabinet listened to scant evidence Lansing presented. Foreign committees of the senate and house, discussed the matter informally and mapped a program of co-operation with the president. Lansing considered putting a quietus on incendiary speeches in both houses. The Administration has admitted her hands are tied because of lack of evidence. The cabinet and committees adjourned without conclusions because of lack of definite information. The cabinet members manifested an impatient attitude. One mentioned "Broken promises" and declared the situation called for a "complete roundup of the whole submarine question." He was unwilling to say how. After a fifteen-minute conference with Lansing, Ambassador Bernstorff said he might confer once more. It is believed difficulties in the Lusitania case are settled. Von Bernstorff presented Lansing with a written statement of Germany's attitude in submarine warfare.

Representative Gardner late today denounced the proposed embargo on munitions export, saying it would tie the Allies hands, and "leave plunder secure in Germany's grasp, and encourage pillage with savagery and infidelity."

Representative Cooper replied by declaring the speech was violently anti-German as one could expect in parliament.

COURT SNOWED UNDER.
Many Important Duties Face Commissioners This Term.

While it is not at all certain, there is likelihood that the county court and commissioners will adjourn the January term this evening. Among the matters to come up this session are the drawing of the jury list, which is under way this afternoon, selection of road supervisors and lastly, the naming of judges and clerks of election precincts. Because there are so many new precincts it is not likely all appointments will be made at this particular session. Other routine business occupies the attention of the court as well as the first-of-the-year matters.

Facts About Well Known People.
Macilla, P. I., Jan. 7.—Governor General Harrison of the Philippines is a great hunter of "timarao" or wild water buffalo. He makes frequent trips to the remote haunts of this beast in the islands. He already has several trophies to his credit. The "timarao" is considered one of the most dangerous of hunted animals.

"GO FIGHT," SHE SAID, BUT HE TOOK POISON.



Miss Muriel Wheeler.
Edward Ellfroth, a young Frenchman, who is a bank clerk in New York, saw Miss Muriel Wheeler at her home and begged her to wed him. He was a reservist in the French army, and he had told her a day or two before he had received a call to report again for duty in the French army. He did not want to go back; he wanted to get married.
"I will marry no man who fails to answer the call of his country," said she.
Thereupon he took out a bottle of poison and swallowed it. Doctors worked hard to save his life.

QUARANTINE LIFTED.

Elgin School Resumed Work This Week.

The quarantine made effective by the city council last Monday which prohibited all public meetings, as a safe guard against the spread of diphtheria, was lifted Tuesday morning. The city schools were resumed on that morning and all public meetings and performances can now go ahead unmolested, says the Elgin Recorder.

The quarantine came as a result of Miss Alice Mosher being ill with the disease and in attendance at the big masquerade ball on Christmas eve. The nature of the disease was not discovered until the day following but owing to the fact that so many were in attendance the authorities deemed it only necessary precaution to declare the quarantine until after the period of contagion had elapsed. Not a single case has developed since and on Tuesday the town was declared entirely free from the disease.

As another precaution the school board required all pupils of the school to go before local physicians and obtain a certificate of health before being admitted to school Tuesday morning. The examinations were conducted free of charge by Drs. E. G. Kirby and F. W. Whiting.

Today's Oddest Story.
Albany, N. Y., Jan. 7.—"Give the horse his share of the road and a chance to live and prosper." The New York State Association of Horsemen addressed this petition to the 1916 legislature here today. The object of the new organization is the preservation of Old Dobbin and the increase of the horse breeding industry. The legislature is asked to reserve a part of all state roads and highways exclusively for horse-drawn vehicles. The great numbers of autos are keeping the trotter and pacer in the stable for safety first reasons, horsemen declare. Statistics give an automobile to every 41 persons in the state.

BOAT FROZEN IN COLUMBIA
PASSENGERS TAKEN FROM CLOGGED SHIP.
The Dalles-Portland Trip Frustrated by Ice in River.

Portland, Jan. 7.—The river steamer Tahoma is frozen in the Columbia near Corbett. Thirty passengers were removed and brought to Portland by train. The boat was bound for Portland from The Dalles. Later efforts to move her were vain.

St. Paul, Jan. 7.—Internal revenue stamps worth \$1,000,000 and currency to the amount of \$4,000 are missing as the result of an automobile raid on the old federal building. They blew a huge safe and obtained the loot, escaping in automobiles.

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—This is the last day on which candidates for Governor, U. S. Senator, President and Vice President can file petitions asking that their names be placed on the ballot for the primary March 7. Few eleventh hour petitions were expected. With the direct primary just sixty days off, Republicans predicted a hot fight between Harry S. New and James Watson for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator, with Arthur R. Robinson trailing. John Worth Kern was the unopposed choice of the democrats for re-election.

John A. M. Adair is one of the leading aspirants of the democrats for the gubernatorial nomination. Adair is a congressman. He is opposed by dry democrats because of his vote against national prohibition.

Among the Republican candidates for Governor are: James P. Goodrich, former national chairman of the party; T. McCray of Kentland, Mayor R. O. Johnson of Gary and Quincy Meyers of Logansport.

Republicans have not intruded on the favorite son boom of Charles Warren Fairbanks for president, and President Wilson and Vice President Marshall are expected to be unopposed in the primary.

Real Battle Tonight.

New York, Jan. 7.—"I'll do the same thing over; over again, over again," was the final word by Frank Moran's press agent today as the Pittsburgh heavyweight wound up for his fight tonight with Jim Coffey. Fight fans remember that Coffey went aground in short order in the meeting of this pair not long ago. The Smoke-town scrapper scored the only knockout ever recorded against C. Coffey. No one has asked for much Coffey since. Coffey, clearly, is a more clever boxer than Moran, but the Pittsburgh boy has a ram-rod left jab and a sizzling right swing. Fight fans are expecting a real fight.

MRS. WILSON'S DEBUT OCCURS THIS EVENING

FIRST STATE FUNCTION SINCE HER ENTRANCE TO WHITE HOUSE.

MRS. LANSING ALSO IS MAKING DEBUT TONIGHT

Social Season at White House Opens This Evening With Reception to Pan-American Congress Delegates—Other New Faces Among Those in Reception Line.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Official Washington tonight is to greet the new mistress of the White House for the first time in her social capacity as first lady of the land. President and Mrs. Wilson will entertain the delegates to the Pan-American congress and their wives at a huge reception in the Executive mansion. It will be the formal opening of the social season at the White House.

The reception in many ways will be unique. It will be the first formal event of its kind that has been held in the mansion for two years, all customary events being put aside last winter by the death of the President's first wife. Also, the reception will introduce not only Mrs. Wilson but a number of new faces in the reception line.

For the first time Mrs. Lansing will be there as the wife of the Secretary of State. At the last reception in the White House, Mrs. Bryan held this position. The appointment of Attorney General Gregory to fill the vacancy caused when Attorney General McReynolds resigned to accept a place on the supreme bench, will result in that department being represented for the first time by a cabinet wife. Mr. McReynolds is a bachelor.

The reception line will stand in the East room. President Wilson will be at the head and at his side, Mrs. Wilson. Vice President and Mrs. Marshall will stand next, followed by Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. McAdoo and the other cabinet ladies in order.

During the reception the Marine band will play and refreshments will be served in the state dining room.

On January 11, the President and Mrs. Wilson will entertain the members of the cabinet and their wives at dinner in the White House and from then on the Executive mansion will be the scene of regular state functions.

The January 11 dinner will be the first Diplomatic dinner at which Ambassador Jusserand, the French representative in this country and dean of the diplomatic corps, will be the honored guest. There will be present at this dinner ambassadors representing the entente powers and certain of the neutrals. January 25 will be the date for the dinner at which Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador and ranking second to Jusserand in the diplomatic corps, will be the guest of honor, together with ambassadors from the central powers and certain neutrals. The judicial reception will be on February 4, Supreme Court dinner, February 8; Congressional reception, February 18; Speaker's dinner, February 22; and the Army and Navy reception, March 3.

EXPRESS OFFICE BURNS.

Adams Company Loses Great-lot of Valuables but Saves Vaults.

Cincinnati, Jan. 7.—Fourteen carloads of express matter valued at \$150,000 were destroyed by a fire which leveled the offices and warehouse of the Adams Express Co. The fire didn't penetrate vaults where \$17,000,000 in currency were stored. The building loss is \$70,000.

Crossed wires are believed to be the cause.

RIDGEFIELD HAS BLAZE.

Sudden Veer of Wind Alone Saves Greater Destruction.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 7.—Fire destroyed the entire Jenkins block in the business section at Ridgefield. A high wind fanned the flames. Vancouver sent additional equipment, and the wind veered and the fire was then easily controlled.

BLUESTONE SHOOTS HIGHER.

Farmers Will Feel Effect of Sudden Jump in Price.

Portland, Jan. 7.—Farmers will suffer as a result of a sudden jump of four and a half cents in the price of bluestone. The normal price is about six cents.