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T. R. SHERIDAN LOSES APPEALS TO HIGH COURT

ROSEBURG BANKER'S CONVICTION IN PORTLAND STANDS DECLARES ORDER.

MANIPULATIONS FROM THE ROSEBURG BACK DETECTED

Five Year Sentence on McNeil's Island Likely To Be Imposed Now that Court of Appeals Has Sustained the Lower Court.—"Honest Deals," Sheridan Says.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—(United Press)—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed the lower court's ruling in the case of Thomas R. Sheridan, convicted in Portland, March 30, 1915, of abstracting depositors' money from the First National bank of Roseburg, before it was consolidated with the Douglas County National bank.

Judges Hunt and Gilbert wrote the opinion but Judge Ross filed a dissenting vote.

Sheridan was accused of using old depositors' inactive accounts to promote two sheep ranches in Eastern Oregon. The project failed but he expected to recoup the losses through an Oregon timber tract and a realty scheme in Piedmont, California. Neither plan materialized.

Bank Examiner Goodhart inspected the books and reported to Washington, Assistant District Attorney Rankin of Portland, prosecuted Sheridan. He is under a five year sentence on McNeil's Island. Sheridan contended the transactions were strictly honest and he always expected to repay the loans.

PERSONAL MENTION

S. R. Haworth, city commissioner, spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Mrs. William Bollins and two daughters returned today from a brief business visit in Portland.

C. O. Ramsey has returned home from a business visit to points in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington.

The Portland Journal Saturday printed a letter from Andrew R. Marker, of La Grande, in which he praises President Wilson's leadership.

Edward Newbegin, a prominent Portland impeller dealer of R. M. Wade & Co., is in the city on business.

A. L. Barnes, who a few months ago returned from Mexico, is in the city today on his way to North Powder after a period spent in the mountains out from Joseph.

Saturday's Journal prints a letter from John P. (Jerry) Rusk to Chairman White of the Democratic State Central committee in which he advocates the re-election of President Wilson.

Mrs. F. C. Bramwell and children left this morning for Grants Pass where they will join Mr. Bramwell, and make their future home unless present plans miscarry. Mr. Bramwell, who recently retired as register of the land office here, expects to go into the banking business in Grants Pass.

James T. Chinnock, water superintendent for the first district, was in the city from Salem this morning on his way to Wallawa county to take up adjudication of Wallawa river riparian rights. He previously took up the preliminaries and this hearing is one of the last looking toward final adjustment of rights.

Mrs. Judson Rests Well. Word from Portland tells Dr. Underwood that his mother-in-law Mrs. Judson is resting fairly well after having been run over by an automobile one day last week, and is apparently recovering from the effects thereof in a satisfactory way.

H-1 Grounded But Unhurt. Washington, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—Admiral Benson has announced the submarine H-1 grounded in a Puget Sound fog but was quickly pulled off. No details were revealed.

Second Degree Work Tonight. Red Cross Lodge No. 27 will exemplify work in the second degree tonight. Lodge will take up promptly at 7:35.

Republicans Have Busy Week Ahead

Feature Will Be Mrs. Hanley's Speech Wednesday Evening—Alliance Meeting This Evening Important.

Commencing tonight and running through the first three nights of the week, Republicans face a busy campaign. This evening the La Grande branch of the Hughes Alliance holds an important meeting at the City hall. Tomorrow evening Melvin G. Winstock, of Portland, will talk at the City hall in support of the Republican party.

Wednesday evening comes a speech program that should especially interest the women. Mrs. E. B. Hanley, of Medford, recently was proclaimed the best speaker among either men or women at the States Hughes Alliance convention, and since then has delivered several stirring speeches for Hughes. Her personality, wit and grace combine to give her fine presence and she has something to say worth while. Mrs. Anderson, a skilled musician, sings campaign songs at the same meeting. The exact place of the meeting is not announced but will be tomorrow, likely.

HUP HIGHWAY CAR ARRIVES

TRANS-CONTINENTAL PARTY SPENT LAST NIGHT IN LA GRANDE ON WAY NORTH.

Storm Broke Upon Tourists in Iowa, But Otherwise Fairly Good Roads Existed—Left at Daybreak.

The Hupmobile good roads car which is touring the United States in the interest of good roads reached La Grande last evening at six-thirty after a 212 mile run from Boise, from where the party started at daybreak. Northern Idaho was traversed over excellent roads for the first 56 miles when the trail lead through the more difficult mountainous section, to the ferry near Huntington. Scenic views were especially interesting, but traffic through the mountainous regions and long winding ledges was especially difficult on account of the traffic of typical mountain variety which were passed with difficulty to both parties. The total mileage for the four cylinder Hupmobile which left Washington on Aug. 23 was 7386 as it was driven up in front of Foley's hotel. Twenty-six capitals have been visited by the party which includes C. A. Salisbury, George R. Lipe, W. A. Krohn and J. S. Patterson.

The party started at daybreak today bound northward for Seattle. The storm which swept the Middle West recently, caught the United America Tour party in the gumbo districts of Iowa, the party explained last evening.

Deep mud proved to be no hindrance to the Hupmobile which the tourists are using. The car ploughed through the thickest of it. Almost no delay was experienced. The day of the big storm deserves a red letter in the calendar of the tour, because it marks the beginning of bad weather. Out one month to a day from Washington, D. C., where the tour was officially started by Logan Waller Page, U. S. roads commissioner, and with five thousand miles of road in twenty states traversed, the tourists encountered in the Iowa storm, the first real rain.

Mr. Patterson, manager and road observer of the tour, gives the roads a bill of health only second to that of the weather. Some sand in southern Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan, and many improved stretches where the crushed stone was not yet worked down, make up the only bad going recorded.

From Minneapolis went through the Dakotas, Montana and Idaho. The tourists expect to encounter the fall rains and the consequent road conditions. The trip down the Pacific coast should be quickly made. The lap back to Salt Lake and Denver may give the party a taste of mountain driving in the winter. From Denver back to Washington will be covered by way of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and the other Southern states.

Milk Dealer Married.

Saturday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. M. Boswell, Miss Grace Boswell was quietly married to Bert Grout. Mr. Grout is interested with his father, E. E. Grout, in the dairy business. The wedding ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace A. C. Williams.

HUGHES HURLS REPLY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

CITES PRESIDENT TO LACK OF "INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT" WHILE HE WAS GOVERNOR

READS OBJECTION FROM FARMERS SENT WILSON

Two Thousand Hastings Citizens Hear Governor Hughes Hurl Answer to President Wilson's Charges—Claims That Agricultural Districts Were Spurned.

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 16.—(United Press)—Governor Hughes has answered President Wilson's "Invisible government" charges. He addressed 2000 here.

"Those discussing 'Invisible government' should remember there was no 'Invisible government' in New York state during my governorship," he declared. He said President Wilson had ignored the farmers' plea for consideration, before enactment, of the Adamson law. He read telegrams from farmers to the administration asking for a full hearing before taking any action tending to increase freight rates.

"I oppose that sort of government," said Mr. Hughes. "It has no regard for farming communities. It is idle talk about having farming interests at heart when congress overnight levels such a blow at the interests of agricultural communities as this."

Mr. Vest Precariously Low. Attorney J. P. Rusk has returned from Joseph where he and Mrs. Rusk were called by the illness of her father, Mr. Vest. When Mr. Rusk left Joseph his father-in-law was precariously ill and his demise was expected momentarily. A few days previous Mr. Vest sustained a slight scratch while harnessing a team and blood poisoning developed.

SCHOOL MONEY SENT DISTRICTS

A total of \$34,143.11, apportioned to the various school districts of Union county, went into the mails from the County Superintendent's office this morning. Of this amount the county appropriated \$24,703.70 and the state \$9,439.41. Previous to this Mrs. Ivanhoe, the superintendent, had mailed out about \$5200 from the County High school fund which was distributed on a basis of registered pupils.

These apportionments constitute the first of two payments to the districts for the fiscal year.

FIGHTING SEVERE AT ALL FRONTS: GERMANS ADVANCE

Berlin, Oct. 16.—(Via Sayville)—(United Press)—It is semi-officially stated 74 allied aeroplanes were destroyed during September. Twenty-one were French and 53 British.

London, Oct. 16.—(United Press)—Gen. Haig has reported Germans heavily attacked Schaben redoubt and used liquid fire. They were repulsed repeatedly. Germans shelled British positions south of Ancre all night. British detachments entered enemy trenches northeast of Ypres, southeast Saint Eloi and east of Ploeghe street. They inflicted casualties.

The French war office has announced French penetrated defenses north east of Combles last night and occupied houses on the edge of Papeu-men road. Germans violently countered and a battle is raging today.

Berlin dispatches said Germans penetrated Gymnes Pass and invaded northwestern Roumania. Most of the fighting on Roumanian soil is near Palanka.

Austro-Germans are attempting to drive southward and cut railways supplying northern Roumanian armies. Roumanians are retreating near the Bukovina frontier but Roumanians have resumed the offensive southeast of Kronstadt.

Southern Transylvania fighting is the most violent north of Vauca-

NEW JAPANESE PERIL IS SEEN AS TERAUCHI BECOMES MIKADO'S PREMIER!



TERAUCHI

Keep your eye on Terauchi, the Bernhardt of the Orient—the man who has just displaced Okuma, the peace advocate, as premier of Japan. Terauchi is the man who turned Korea into a Japanese province. He is the leading oriental exemplar of "preparedness." And he's ready, they say, to repeat in China what he did around Seoul. Japan will be more disposed than ever to dispute American sway in the Pacific, and oppose exclusion of Japs from our Pacific coast, with Terauchi as premier—so Washington believes.

BEAR'S CLAWS CAUSED RUMOR

For several days rumors of bloody crime, alleged to have been committed in a Fir street restaurant, have been circulating about town, causing, among other things, considerable worry in the Observer news department. The mystery has been solved and the crime bared.

In the first place a North side mother heard that a Chinese girl had been abducted, and that she had been brutally butchered in a Fir street cafe; that the friends ruthlessly and with blood-curdling disregard for milk of human kindness, tore the girl limb from limb, and hung one of her feet on the wall of the restaurant as an ornament.

As a matter of fact this particular Chinese restaurant served bear meat one evening and with oriental desire to be sportive, the cook flayed one of the bear's feet and hung it on the wall. Some workmen ate there one night, saw the foot which, in truth, greatly resembled a human foot—and spread the alarm.

AUTHOR BRINGS PEACE APPEAL

MORE THAN 1000 HEAR BOSTON WAR CORRESPONDENT IN THESE ADDRESSES.

Dr. Lincoln Wirt Advocates League to Enforce Peace—Avers No Nation Can Invade America Successfully.

Dr. Lincoln Wirt spoke three times in La Grande yesterday to more than 1000 people in the aggregate, and if post-lecture comment is indicative of effects, his appeal for world peace via the League to Enforce Peace route was deeply rooted. The Boston philosopher, explorer and author visited Europe's trenches, talked with potentates and paupers, and came away convinced of several things which he presented to his audiences yesterday. That America will not be invaded, for three principal reasons.

That the European war is deadlocked, will not end until both sides fall exhausted—that the Kaiser will never reach Paris, nor will the allies reach Berlin.

That the best way to keep peace in the world is to maintain an adequate navy and army, not for aggression or invasion but to command respect when the world league says "Peace, be still."

In his several sermons and speeches, each of which were largely attended but which saw the greatest throng last evening at the Methodist church, the fluent speaker told something of the horror of war as he saw it, and appealed with all the energy he could command for American opposition to war.

He praised President Wilson for keeping us out of war, and said "a small cloud hangs over Europe, and certain foolish and thoughtless persons in America would bring it upon us. Don't be alarmed, if you are called a mollycoddle because you 'didn't raise your boy to be a soldier,' he cautioned.

The war correspondent's reasons why America wouldn't be invaded are: First—To cross the ocean with a quarter of a million men would require all the bottoms in Europe and by the time that number was transported two thirds the efficiency of the attacking party would be gone.

Second—Japan hasn't the finances to attack America.

Third—If England should send her navy across the Atlantic Germany would pour across the channel into England as she has waited years to do. If Germany sent her navy across, England's navy would attack from behind because of Canada.

He declared that the League to Enforce Peace would constitute a

FEDERAL AID FUNDS SOUGHT BY THE COURT

JUDGE PHY AND COMMISSIONERS LAY PLANS TO OBTAIN THEIR JUST ALLOTMENT

TWO PASSES SUBJECT TO SHARE OF MONEY

Much Yet Uncertain as to Details of Applying the Funds, but Union County Will Have Its Application in Early—New Road Over Kamela Hill Projected.

The county court of Union county has applied to the Federal government for aid in road construction. Under the Federal law the forestry department is now allowed to assist counties in building roads through forest reserves.

How this fund will be handled is not known but the county court is active in its efforts to get its share of and from the national government and also from the state highway commission.

"We have several road matters underway which will tend to improve roads in Union county," said County Judge Phy when interviewed. "First, the county court has applied for Federal aid. How much of an appropriation we will get we do not know. The two roads upon which we are entitled to Federal aid on account of passing through forest reserves are the Thomas and Ruckles road, via Summerville to Pendleton and the Woodward toll road, via Elgin to Milton and Walla Walla country. Both of these roads top good country and their improvement will facilitate travel and help develop large districts.

"The county court is also locating a better route over the mountain by way of Kamela and Meacham to Pendleton. We can get over the summit by a new road by better than a 5 per cent grade. We have asked the Umatilla county court to connect up with our new road, which we will have surveyed and proceedings completed so that work can be started in the spring and the road ready for travel in the summer. This will give a good route to Pendleton and avoid the present difficult and rocky hills."

The state highway commission having decided on a state highway in Eastern Oregon connecting up the Columbia highway with La Grande and Baker and Ontario, it seems certain that La Grande will be on one of the most important transcontinental highways in the United States."

world court, greater than the Hague Tribunal which he called the John the Baptist of the broader vision for peace and to this court all international questions would be referred and settled.

His parting shot at war instigators was that "he who makes war never participates in it."

In the afternoon he spoke to a big audience of men at the Y. M. C. A. on Alaska, principally.

THIEVES TAKE BIG HAUL.

Mackinaws, Knives, Caps and Shoes Taken from Mox Bloch's Store.

After a thorough investigation and examination Mox Bloch has discovered the theft of a couple of valuable mackinaws, two pairs of shoes, some knives, caps and other things from his store. How much else the burglars got when they broke in by the rear window he is unable to tell. The burglars were a fastidious lot. They sorted out large quantities of shoes on the shelves before taking what they wanted; they scattered clothing piled on tables, and otherwise left evidence of a careful selection of goods taken.

Opportunity Lurks in the Want Ads--

The want ads and locals are interesting features of The Observer.

If you read them every day, you will find opportunities to buy and sell.

They are changing every day.

If you have any wants, let the people know through the Observer.