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OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Heavy frosts tonight. Rising temperatures in the interior Wednesday.

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TORNADOES SWELL MIDDLEWEST TOLL

76 MEMBERS SECURED BY LOCAL CLUB

Campaign over Two-Day Period Is Most Successful in Years

GIVE RESOURCES OF THIS COUNTY

Questionnaire Presented at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Enlightening.

When the six membership teams reported at today's chamber of commerce luncheon in the Sommer grill, it was revealed that a total of 76 new members had been secured yesterday and today.

The membership campaign ended officially at noon today and A. R. Bowen's team, with a total of 19 new members for the two days, was given high honors. W. C. Perkins' committee secured 17 new members and others ranked slightly less.

H. E. Coolidge, president, voiced appreciation of the committeemen's work and declared that this has been the most successful membership drive in the organization's history. The seeking of new members will continue, although the campaign proper is ended.

Those who won prizes in the street lighting celebration last Saturday night received their gifts at today's luncheon.

Pays La Grande Compliment

Drum Major Lovegrove, who won the individual prize in the parade, left this statement with the secretary: "Having served in 16 different countries as a British army officer, all I can say is that La Grande and Union county have all these 16 countries beat to a frazzle, both in prosperity and fellowship."

Paul Craver's orchestra furnished music for the luncheon and its offerings were enthusiastically received.

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools, announced the high school operetta, which will be given Thursday and Friday.

Facts About La Grande

An interesting feature of the luncheon was the passing out of questionnaires for members to answer, the five best papers to be

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WINTER VISITS EAST OREGON CITIES TODAY

Old Man Winter likes Oregon so well that he was not satisfied with his rather extended visit during December, January, February and March and, as a result, returned for another visit yesterday. Snow flurries announced his arrival and when La Grande people awoke this morning and saw a ground white with snow, they realized that the old gentleman had not only arrived—but had also stopped for awhile.

The weather hovered around freezing point most of the night and a brisk breeze added to the discomfort.

The sun today, in its few brief appearances, melted the snow covering but throughout the morning flurries of snow continued to fall.

PENDLETON COLD

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 19. (AP) —Clear cold weather continued to prevail in Pendleton today with the mercury hovering around the 33 mark. Light flurries of snow occurred yesterday afternoon and in the evening.

A MORE ATTRACTIVE CITY

The new street lighting system—one of many new improvements in La Grande—serves as an additional attraction to people of the La Grande territory o shop in La Grande stores.

If you live in some other community of Union or Wallowa counties, you know, nevertheless, many of the La Grande business firms. You welcome their constant contact with you through The Observer's advertising columns—and you welcome, too, the acquaintance with strange firms that regular advertising messages make possible. The progressive business man has long ago taken advantage of this opportunity — and he reaches over 3000 families each day at a minimum cost through the medium The Observer offers.

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Glee Clubs To Give Operetta Thursday Night

"The Captain of Plymouth" to Be Presented Under Direction of W. W. Nusbaum.

On Thursday and Friday nights of this week the La Grande high school glee clubs will present their annual operetta in the high school auditorium. Tickets are now on sale and the reservation board will go up at the Glass Drug store tomorrow morning.

"The Captain of Plymouth" is the operetta to be given which is based on Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." A large cast and chorus have been working for the past several weeks preparing for the presentation, which is under the direction of W. W. Nusbaum, director of music in the schools here.

Members of Cast

Tom Bruce has the role of the Captain of Plymouth, and Miss Betty Cochran is Priscilla, who is acclaimed the most beautiful maiden in the village. Kermit Ragain is John Alden, Priscilla's lover. Henry Culp takes the part of Elder Brewster, lieutenant to the captain. Miss Lois McWilliams is Mercedes, the village flirt and Grace Geibel is Kalonaka, the Indian maiden in love with the captain. The part of Wattawamut, chief of the Pequot tribe of Indians is taken by Cleland Wallsinger.

Other members of the cast are Trillian Ashby, Ruan Zaugg, Wayne Nusbaum, Melvin Carper and Peter Bowman.

Martina Sams, Jean Williams, Jane Stange, Lawanna Graham, Margaret Colepp, Marjorie Wallsinger, Dorothy Brownton and Bernita Kochensparger, as puritan maidens, also have minor parts.

Special Chorus

In addition to Puritan maidens there is a special chorus of sailors, Indian maidens and Indian braves. Forty in all will take part in the chorus, which is probably the largest ever appearing in a high school operetta here.

Several special features, duet numbers, solos, dances, etc., add much to the presentation.

One dance, the Indian ghost dance, was given before a high school assembly Friday and was enthusiastically received by the students.

An orchestra will accompany during the entire operetta.

Training School Not Confined to Religious Work

Preparations for the opening of the leadership training school here April 25 in the First Baptist church are going ahead and from present indications a large number will enroll for the instruction.

Four classes will be conducted, taught by the following: "A Study of the Pupil," by the Rev. Oliver Riley; "The Principles of Teaching," Mrs. L. H. Awes; "The New Ing," Mrs. L. H. Awes; "The New lis; and "Primary Materials and Methods," Mrs. Clara Essen, of Portland. The Rev. Walter L. Nuys, of Portland, will be dean of the school.

The school will not only serve as a training for religious work but will also prepare its students for leadership work in the home and in other organizations. A charge will be made for the courses. The school, sponsored by local churches, will continue for six evenings, ending April 30.

"Quality Street" Tickets Go Fast

Tickets are going good for the third presentation of "Quality Street" by the La Grande Neighborhood club this evening in the high school auditorium. The play will begin at 8:15 o'clock.

As proof of the quality of the the three-act drama many who nessed it before plan to attend again this evening.

An added attraction to this evening's program is the appearance of the Miller violin ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller.

Forfeits $100 On Possession Charge

Logan Marlin, who was arrested by police over the week end on a charge of having liquor on his person, forfeited $100 bonds last night by failing to appear in municipal court for trial.

BUY POWER SYSTEM

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 19. (AP) —The California-Oregon Power company, with headquarters here, applied to the state railroad commission today for permission to purchase from the Keno Power company of Keno, Ore., the latter's system, covering Klamath Falls and Keno. The price is estimated at $260,300.

ATTORNEY, REALTOR TELL WHY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AIDS

The question: "Why do you belong to the chamber of commerce?" was put to an attorney and to a real estate man today by The Observer.

Robert Eakin, local attorney, replied: "United and organized effort is absolutely necessary to attain the many civic improvements and commercial developments which must be made by every community desiring to advance or even hold its own at the present time. A chamber of commerce, or similar organization, affords both the opportunity and an incentive to get together and consider the local questions of a public nature that arise from time to time, and to unite our efforts in their solution. Without some such organization this opportunity and incentive is lacking."

Builds City's Morale

Mr. Eakin also brings out another point, one which is one of the most important yet has not been given the publicity that most reasons has. He declares that a chamber of commerce tends to build up the morale of the city or town in which it is located to such a point that problems, which otherwise would seem almost insurmountable, are solved with confidence and often rapidity.

"I believe such an organization does much for the community indirectly in creating a spirit of cooperation among the people and in tending to establish the idea that any worth while and desirable undertaking can be accomplished," he concluded.

George H. Currey, realtor, with the sincere belief that La Grande is entering upon a great period of growth and prosperity, had this to say:

"La Grande is entering upon an era of progression. The first 10,000 population is always more difficult to obtain than the next 10,000. A live chamber of commerce is essential to every live community. At no time in our history have we the opportunity to advance as we now have. Every property owner and business man owes it to himself and his city to become an interested co-worker in its upbuilding and a membership in our community interests can be centralized and energized."

BANK OBSERVES ITS 40TH YEAR

La Grande National Officers, Employes and Directors Celebrate

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the organization of La Grande National bank the officers, employes and directors of the bank and their wives gathered last evening for a banquet at the Foley hotel.

The bank was chartered March 23, 1887, but because that date fell during Lent the fortieth anniversary celebration was postponed until after Easter.

The banquet was served at 6:30 o'clock, with covers laid for 30. A. T. Hill, president of the bank, presided as toastmaster and after eulogizing F. L. Meyers, vice president of the bank, in his conservative management of the bank, he called upon him to tell of the past of the organization. Mr. Meyers has been in the organization for the past 35 years. He told of the first organization under the presidency of Dr. M. S. Honan and the early work of the bank.

Miss Anson Introduced

Mr. Hill then introduced Miss Margaret Anson, daughter of one of the first president's of the bank, who made a few remarks.

He then called upon H. A. Zorbrick to present the present. Mr. Zorbrick told of the officers' and employes' clubs which was organized Jan. 1 of this year, for the purpose of outlining a course of study especially for the employes of the organization with the idea of making of them better bankers.

Future Outlook Good

H. E. Coolidge talked about the future of the organization, declaring that if the bank continued under the management as in the past the same good reputation would be enjoyed in the future as in past years.

Mrs. M. S. Stearns, of Union, sang a solo and encore and Spud Helm's dance orchestra furnished music during the banquet.

The program was sponsored by the officers and employes club under the chairmanship of Mrs. Anna Polack and the bank furnished the banquet.

DeMolay Official Due Here Friday

Roy Dickinson, of Kansas City, Mo., head of the order of DeMolay for boys, will be in La Grande Friday, April 29, and will visit the local chapter.

Mr. Dickinson is making a tour of the United States and visiting various DeMolay organizations. He is especially interested in the educational work of the organization, and it is in this interest that he is making the trip.

Tall Robber Gets $650 From Women

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 19. (AP) —Women clerks and a woman customer in the Berg hosiery and women's wear shop in the Portland hotel building were held up today by a tall young man with a gun, who escaped with cash reported to total about $650. He escaped through the lobby of the hotel.

L.H.S. Students To Elect Heads on Next Tuesday

Officers of the La Grande high school student body were nominated this morning when an assembly for that purpose was held. Three boys were nominated for president: Tom Bruce, Marion Crowe and Kenneth Owen.

Maurice Baker, Lawrence Bay, Stuart Merril and Franklin Eberhard were nominated for vice president, and Ruth Irwin, Edna Gekeler, Dorothy Brownton and Bertha Bantz were nominated for the office of secretary-treasurer.

The election will take place a week from today, Tuesday, April 26.

Following the nomination, Miss Ruth Johnson, coach of the girls' basketball team, presented letters to eight of the girls who played on the team this year. The girls receiving letters were: Lena Campbell, Mildred Courtney, Ann Stange, Betty Cochran, Marjorie Reynolds, Lois Nelson, Hazel Gragg and Bertha Bantz. Miss Johnson also commended the work of the substitutes on the girls' team.

Tubby Zundel, president of the student body, presided over the meeting.

Moose Lodge To Stage Fun Show For Four Nights

The Mot'o Eldorado, an annual show give by the Mot'o club of the Moose lodge, will be held four nights of this week beginning tomorrow evening, April 20, and continuing through Saturday night. The show, which is in the form of an indoors carnival, will be held at Legion hall.

Paul Craver's dance orchestra will furnish music for dancing, which will begin each evening at nine o'clock. The door will open at seven o'clock.

Commits Suicide When Wife Leaves

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 19. (AP) —Despondent because his wife would no longer live with him Harold R. Griswold, 34, drank a bottle of poison in his room at a hotel here early today and died later at the Emergency hospital.

His wife who had been separated from him for some time, because, she said, he had threatened her, left his company about 1 a. m. and went to her own room in another hotel. At 1:20 he telephoned her, saying he was going to kill himself. She immediately notified the clerk of his hotel, who found him dying. He left a note telling of his love for his wife and relatives. Besides his widow he leaves a brother, Glenn Griswold, chamber of commerce, Chicago, and his mother, Mrs. Laura A. Griswold, Benton Harbor, Mich.

De Mar Winner in B. A. A. Marathon

BOSTON, Apr. 19 (AP)— Clarence De Mar of Melrose, veteran of the long road, won the BA. A. marathon, carrying the American championship, today for the fifth time. His time was 2:40:22 1/5. Carl Koski of the Finnish-American Athletic club was second. His time was 2:41:1[illegible].

CHIANG WILL BE ATTACKED AT NANKING

Cantonese Split Results in Severance of Relation Between Two

RAIN STOPS RIOT AT HANKOW BANKS

Foreign Banks Surrounded by Soldiers—Looting Continues Unabated in Nanking Is Word.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 19 (AP)—A mandate dismissing General Chiang Kai-Shek as commander in chief of the Cantonese armies and ordering his arrest and punishment has been issued by the Cantonese government at Hankow.

News of this development was received in messages from Hankow today. Two other mandates were issued as follows:

Marshall Feng Yu-Hsiang, formerly known as the "Christian General", is named Chiang's successor, with General Tang Seng-Chi, military governor of Honan as associate in chief.

To Attack Nanking.

The third mandate announces severance of relations with Nanking and attack Chiang Kai-Shek.

Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang's appointment dissipates the hopes of the right wingers in the kuomintang, or Cantonese political party, that he would not join the Hankow faction.

Establishment of a new government at Nanking by the adherents of Chiang Kai-Shek is confirmed by authoritative Chinese cources. Its inauguation was started by a great mass meeting at which several Chinese notables spoke, including [illegible].

Chiang emphasized three points: First, that the spirit of the revolution started by the late Sun Yat Sen against the Manchurian regime must continue to inspire the people.

Second, Nanking must be the capital for many reasons, including the fact that Sun Yat Sen's mausoleum was there and also because the people must be shown that, despite recent events, the leaders were not afraid to establish the seat of government there.

Third the people must never be governed by military cliques or foreign oppression.

RAIN STOPS RIOT

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19 (AP)— A steady rain in Hankow, political capital of the Cantonese government of China yesterday served to disperse enormous crowds which has surrounded Chinese native banks Admiral Williams, in command of American forces in China reported today to the navy department.

The nationalist government had sealed the vaults of the leading Chinese banks in the city, he said, prohibiting payments in silver. Notes on the leading native financial houses were said to be still valid, but not redeemable in silver. Foreign banks in Hankow have been surrounded by soldiers, presumably for their protection.

CHINESE FIGHTING

SHANGHAI, Apr. 19 (AP)—The northern Chinese armies at Pukow on the north bank of the Yangtse river, shelled the Cantonese at Nanking, on the southern bank yesterday, says a wireless dispatch from Nanking today. The Cantonese guns replied, but no details are given as to the outcome of the firing. The guns at Pukow are reported to have badly damaged an unnamed Cantonese vessel.

Another wireless message from Nanking says that looting is continuing on the premises of the International Export company, whose losses are estimated at 10,000,000 taels. Estimates of other British and American losses are given as 10,000,000 taels. The nationalists, according to the message, have commandeered the customs funds, having already taken 20,000,000 taels.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BOSTON (AP)	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	11	1
Boston	9	12	1

Batteries: Greenfield, Bentley and Hamby; Wertz and Gibson.

CINCINNATI (AP)	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis x	9	12	0
Cincinnati	1	5	0

Batteries: Haines and Snyder; C. Mays, Lucas J. Mays and Hargrave, Picinich.

CHICAGO (AP)—Pittsburg-Chicago game postponed, rain.

ROBS SISTER

Mary Stafford, 24, has admitted her part in a holdup at Seattle in which her own sister was robbed, police claim. Mary asserts she was forced into the plot against her will, but admits receiving $65 as her share of the loot.

CROP FORECASTS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Cattlemen and Farmers in Southwest Are Due for Prosperous Year

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 19 (AP)— Cattlemen and farmers in the Southwestern agricultural belt are due for a prosperous year in 1927 if the optimistic spring forecasts of farmers, banker and crops reporters are borne out.

Three outstanding elements favor the prosperity of this region. They are:

Shift of acreage from cotton to feed crops in Texas and Oklahoma as a part of the general trend to limit production to the point of profit.

Brightest cattle prospects in eight years on the ranges of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Cheering precipitation reports in the wheat belt where the winter crop often fails for lack of moisture.

Weighed against these heartening indications were:

Possibility that the individual cotton grower might agree to the idea of cutting down cotton acreage, but let the "other fellow" do the reducing while he reaps the profit on the better prices.

Threat of lower prices should the wheat crop prove as large as expected.

Learned His Lesson

That the cotton planter has at last learned the lesson of limited production is the general belief in the land where King Cotton once was all powerful.

"If the Texas farmer's intentions to plant are carried out this year," notes H. H. Schutz, federal agricultural statistician at Houston, "there will be large increases in corn, oats, barley, wheat, hay, sweet potatoes, and peanuts. The fall-sown wheat acreage was increased at least a fourth over that of the year before."

Because of federal legislation prohibiting reports of intention to plant cotton, no information on this crop has been solicited by the statistician's office.

Smaller Acreage

"However, the sentiment expressed by reporters in their comments is decidedly in the direction of smaller acreage this year," Schutz asserts.

Oklahoma producing five per cent of the world's supply of cotton, faces a drastic re-organization of its farm economics and students of the agricultural situation in that state are dubious if this change

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Four Burned When Airplane Crashes

EAST CHURCH, Kent, England, Apr. 19. (AP)—A royal air force bombing airplane crashed here today and its four occupants were burned to death.

John Gilbert Is Freed From Jail

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Apr. 19. (AP)—John Gilbert, film idol, was released on parole from the city jail today after having spent a night and a day in a cell in which he had been sentenced to serve ten days for disturbing the peace.

Ford Attorneys To File Motion For a Mistrial

Alleged Misconduct of a Juror Will Be Reason —Gallagher Hostile at Sudden Move.

DETROIT, Mich., Apr. 19. (AP) —Alleged misconduct of a juror will be made the grounds for a motion for mistrial when Aaron Sapiro's $1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford resumes next Thursday morning, Stewart Hanley, of Ford counsel, told Judge Fred M. Raymond today in successfully requesting a continuance until then because of the illness of Senator James A. Reed, chief of Ford counsel.

Hanley did not state his reason for the mistrial motion in open court but later said "we will move for a mistrial on the grounds of misconduct of a juror."

It was understood that one of the six women on the jury was called into Judge Raymond's office last night and questioned about reports of an investigation made by detectives for the Ford organization.

Gallagher Hostile

William Henry Gallagher, chief of counsel for Sapiro who himself a few days ago moved for a mistrial, bitterly assailed Ford counsel and Ford detectives in an address to the court and Judge Raymond himself felt the lash.

Gallagher, referring to "fear of the collapse of the Ford case," asserted that Ford detectives had lined the corridors of the federal building since the inception of the trial and frequently had been seen in conference with jurors. He declared that twice Judge Raymond had received members of Ford counsel in his private chambers while Sapiro's counsel was excluded.

Judge Raymond said to Gallagher that he twice had been asked into chamber conferences. After court adjourned and as Judge Raymond was passing through the door back of his bench into his private retreat Gallagher halted him with a shouted inquiry as to when was the first time he had been asked into a chamber conference.

"I do not want to enter into any controversy with you," returned the judge, "you are invited now."

Gallagher, Sapiro's brother Milton Sapiro, and the Ford attorneys gathered in chambers.

Mrs. William Hoffman, the eleventh juror to be chosen, was brought before Judge Raymond last night by George H. Beamer, deputy United States marshal acting as chief officer of the court during the trial. She was interrogated by the judge for 45 minutes upon reports made to him by Ford counsel, who in turn had them from Ford detectives.

Refuses to Speak

At the end of the long conference in chambers Sapiro and his counsel and the Ford attorneys emerged silently. No one would say what had happened, and Judge Raymond added his refusal to that of the lawyers.

"I have given my word that I would not say anything," said Sapiro.

Tammany Ready To Expand Into Nearby States

NEW YORK, Apr. 19. (AP)— Extension to other states is planned by the Tammany society or Columbia order, the patriotic and benevolent order of which political Tammany Hall is an outgrowth.

Formation of auxiliary wigwams throughout the country was unanimously approved at a meeting of the organization last week which Governor Alfred E. Smith was reelected a sachem.

The expansion program is said to have been advocated for years by many leaders of the organization and several applications for charters are said to have been received from other states.

The New York World, democratic supporter of Governor Smith for the presidency, says: "While the society, which dates back 137 years, is not, technically speaking, in any connected with the political organization which has its headquarters in Tammany Hall, the relation between the two is so close that the proposal can be taken as tantamount to one for countrywide extension of 14th Street influence. (Tammany Hall is located in 14th street.)

"The braves who head the patriotic society and those who direct the destinies of New York county democratic committee (Tammany Hall) are the same. In the modern Tammany viewpoint, the political conceptions underlying both organizations are identical."

FREEZING IN EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 19. (AP)— Temperature in Eugene dropped to the 31 degree mark last night, setting a new record for a chilly April. Today was warmer, with no rain.

STORMS ADD TO LOSS IN MIDDLE WEST

Twisters Strike Fatally in Illinois, Oklahoma and Texas Today

FLOOD CONDITION IS GROWING WORSE

Entire St. Francis River Basin May Be Inundated — Twenty Towns in Path of Overflow.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill. Apr. 19 (AP)—Farmers south and east of Jacksonville at one o'clock today reported that tin roofs were flying through the air over their farms. Reports came from Alexander, Orleans, Woodson, Murrayville and Franklin. Attempts to locate the source of the debris were unavailing.

HUGO, Okla., Apr. 19 (AP)— Frank Williams, 18, was killed by a tornado which struck near here today. Several persons were reported injured.

DALLAS, Tex., Apr. 19 (AP)— One man was killed and a dozen persons were injured some seriously, early today when a tornado struck Arthur City, last port for flat bottom steamers on the upper Red River in Northeast Texas.

About half of the towns 30 buildings were reported destroyed including a cotton gin, a store and 12 residences. Robert Craven was killed. The injured were taken to Paris, Texas, 15 miles distant.

Storm Hits School

BULLETIN CARROLLTON, Ill., Apr. 19 (AP)—A tornado hit the rural school at Centerville, near here this afternoon, killed the school teacher, Miss Anna Keller, aged 25 and buried her 25 pupils, according to reports received here. All lines were down and the roads so blocked that passage for autos was impossible. Doctors and nurses left for the scene by wagon.

Houses Unroofed

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 19 (AP)—Fifteen houses were unroofed and several persons were injured by a tornado which hit Riverton, ten miles north of Springfield at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Two women were seriously hurt by flying glass.

LINCOLN, Ill., Apr. 19 (AP)— Two school children were reported killed at Chestnut this afternoon, when the tornado sweeping across this section struck the Chestnut rural school.

MORE DAMAGE CAUSED

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 19 (AP)— Floods caused more damage in southwest states today, following a series of tornadoes, electrical storms and cloudbursts last night.

Heavy rains in Kansas, Missouri

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EXPERTS GIVE TESTIMONY IN DOBBS' TRIAL

SEATTLE, Wash., Apr. 19. (AP) —The trial of Dr. C. C. Dobbs, Kirkland dentist, on charges of murdering Letitia Whitehall, a school girl patient, entered scientific phases today when Prosecutor Ewing D. Colvin announced the balance of the state's important witnesses would be experts who will testify concerning the condition of the girl's body and the apparent cause of death.

Dr. William J. Jones, King county coroner, who was on the stand when court adjourned yesterday, was the first witness today. Professor William M. Dehn, University of Washington chemist, was the second on Colvin's schedule of witnesses. Other chemists, coroner's assistants and physicians were billed to follow.

Dr. Dehn made a chemical analysis of the slain girl's body, after it was exhumed at the behest of the state.

Nampa Bank Closes; Rumors Are Blamed

NAMPA, Ida., Apr. 19. (AP)— The Stockmen's National bank, with resources of more than a million dollars, according to its last published statement failed to open for business yesterday. The bank was closed by the board of directors, the announcement declaring "on account of unfounded rumors a run has been made on this bank and the directors have decided to suspend payment until matters have been adjusted."