

FIVE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY FOR BANK WRECKER ROSS

FINE OF \$576,853 IMPOSED UPON HEAD OF DEFUNCT PORTLAND BANK

PENALTY FOR STEALING SCHOOL FUNDS OF STATE

J. Thornburn Ross, Former Banker, Churchmen and Sunday School Teacher, Given Heavy Penalty--Was Head of Failed Title Guarantee and Trust Company and Took Public Money to Stop Run

SALEM, Or., May 28.—J. Thornburn Ross, former banker, churchman and Sunday school superintendent, was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary and pay a fine of \$576,853.74 by Judge Burnett this morning...

The double life Ross had been living was disclosed when the Title Guarantee & Trust company was forced to close its doors in the financial panic of last October.

SALEM CHERRY FAIR BETTER THAN EVER

SALEM, Or., May 28.—The third annual Salem cherry fair will be held at Salem Thursday and Friday, July 9 and 10, according to definite decision yesterday of the cherry fair commissioners.

In addition to the cherries, for which a large number of cups and premiums will be offered, there will be premiums for other fruits, as well as roses, sweet peas and a large variety of other flowers.

Twenty cups are offered to competitors. Cups will be offered for the best 10-pound box of Royal Anne's best box of Lambert, Bing, Black Republican, Deacon, Hoskin, best display of cherries on plates, best display of cherries in commercial pack, sweepstakes for best box of any variety, first and second cup; best seedling of merit, best general fruit display, best berry display, best collection of sweet peas and roses and best all-round floral display.

AUTO RACES IN PORTLAND DURING FESTIVAL WEEK

PORTLAND, Or., May 28.—The rose festival week, Portland's annual celebration from June first to sixth, will be dignified this year by the first automobile races of national interest ever held on the Pacific coast.

BLACK ROSES PRODUCED BY RUSSIAN GARDENER

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.—Florists and fancy horticulturists here are much interested in specimens of black roses which have been produced by Seraphimoff, a master gardener of Voronezh. He claims to possess the secret of growing these freak roses, which scientific gardeners here have been trying for generations to produce.

FOUR NEW BISHOPS ELECTED

BALTIMORE, Md., May 28.—The last four of the eight new bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church have been elected by the general conference. Rev. Wilson S. Lewis, president of Morningside college, Sioux City, Ia., and Rev. Edward Hughes, president of the De Pauw university, Greensboro, Ind.; Rev. Robert Melville, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Rev. Frank M. Brechtel of Washington, D. C., were the lucky ones.

LAW PROHIBITING SUNDAY THEATERS IS UPHELD

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 28.—The constitutionality of the law prohibiting the conducting of theaters on Sunday was upheld by the supreme court today. The case was instituted by a gambler and theatrical men of this state to test the constitutionality of the law.

TO KEEP CHURCHES OPEN EVERY DAY IN YEAR

KANSAS CITY, May 28.—"Our churches make awful poor time in the race for souls," declared the Rev. Dr. Matthews of Seattle in the Presbyterian general assembly this afternoon in a speech in which he led the movement to open the churches every day in the year.

BEGINS WORK ON NEW AEROPLANE

Wright Brothers, Most Successful of Airship Builders, Start Construction of Machine to Turn Over to Federal Government—Confident of Success.

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 28.—The Wright brothers, most successful of aerial navigators, today began preparations for the construction of an aeroplane which they expect to turn over to the United States government at Fort Meyer September 28. The new machine will be practically an exact duplicate of the aeroplane which was summoned to the scene of the recent accident at Kill devil Hill, N. C., when the operator pulled the wrong lever and the flyer diving to the ground.

ATLANTIC FLEET LEAVES TACOMA FOR BAY CITY

TACOMA, Wash., May 28.—Admiral Sperry on the Connecticut, followed by the Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana left today for San Francisco to prepare for the voyage around the world. The Georgia, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Virginia will remain in the Puget Sound until Saturday, when they will start for Bremerton to be docked in their new quarters.

CONDUCTORS MUST SAY 'SOOTER' AND 'KARNEY'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—The United Railroads has fallen into line and taken heed of the popular demand for the proper pronunciation of historical names applied to streets of San Francisco.

HOW PRICES SECURED FOR OREGON WOOL

PENDLETON, Or., May 28.—About 800,000 pounds of wool out of some 1,000,000 pounds that was offered yesterday in first sales for this city was sold. The prices bid ranged from 6 to 13 1/2 cents per pound.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Willis Green and Anna Derrapp. Rolla St. James and Metta Martin.

ALL ARM TO HUNT THEIVES

Every Man in Oakland Big Enough to Carry a Gun Joins in Hunt for Bandits Who Looted Town.

OAKLAND, Or., May 28.—Every man old enough to fire a gun has armed himself and joined in the hunt for the two bandits who raided this place and seriously wounded Marshal John Beckley in the shoulder in a revolver duel when the officer attempted to arrest them.

LAND FRAUD CASES TO BE RUSHED THROUGH

PORTLAND, Or., May 28.—Thomas B. Neuhauser, special inspector for the department of the interior, has returned to Portland from Washington, D. C., where he has been on official business connected with the land fraud cases.

MADAME NORDICA VISITING IN TOWNS OF IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho, May 28.—After three days' mysterious visiting at Boise, Idaho, where she was registered as Mrs. Norton of New York, Madame Nordica, the singer, left for Payette Falls, declaring she would return in a few days.

THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR SINGLE APPLE OFFERED

SPokane, Wash., May 28.—One thousand dollars may seem to be a pretty good sized sum to pay for a single apple, yet that is what the directors of the national apple show are going to pay for the best apple exhibited here next December.

ROSE FESTIVAL

A 12-section drawing room Pullman car has been provided for the Medford people who wish to leave Monday night to attend the rose carnival.

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RAY HERE TO ENLARGE HIS PLANT

Controlling Owner of Rogue River Electric Co. Arrives in Medford--Will Double Capacity of Plant.

Colonel Frank Ray, the New York millionaire and capitalist, who is heavily interested in Rogue River valley lands and enterprises, arrived in Medford Thursday morning from San Francisco. He was met by his brother, Dr. C. F. Ray and his family, who are entertaining him during his brief visit.

POCKETBOOK RETURNED WITH FIVE HUNDRED

SISSON, Cal., May 28.—Probably Harry G. Lawrence of San Francisco, formerly of Medford, will be one of the happiest men in San Francisco when he finds that a pocketbook containing more than \$500, which he lost more than two weeks ago, has been found and the contents intact.

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ALL AUTOS EXPECTED TO BOOST BALL GAME

Every automobilist in Medford and vicinity is requested to turn out to participate in the parade of professional and business men ball players preceding the great game on Saturday afternoon. The band will head the parade.

WIFE BEATER UNCAPTURED

Camper Who Threatened Relatives and Thrashes Mother-in-law Still at Large.

Charged with threatening the life of John McNeil, with a loaded revolver, and being a wife-beater, Frank Williams, one of a band of ravers on camped at the outskirts of the town, is still at large, while Constable Full holds a warrant for his arrest.

Enraged at the interference of his wife's parents when in a burst of fury he attempted to beat his wife Wednesday evening, he turned upon them last evening and a fatal shooting was narrowly averted only by McNeil's taking to his heels and summoning assistance.

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BELIEVES IN CHILDLESS MARRIAGE

Race Suicide Pact Signed By Newly Weds Before Ceremony--Parties Claim Bible Sanction For It.

CHICAGO, May 28.—The Rev. Charles E. Havenor today caused a sensation in the court of United States Commissioner Fette by declaring that he had married under a "race suicide pact" according to the teachings of the Bible. He appeared at the trial of Miss Anne Whitmore, postmistress of Gray's Lake, Ill., his home, where she is charged with opening letters from his fiancé, Miss Mary Calvin of Fort Wayne, Ind.

When cornered by questions, he surprised the commissioner by announcing that he and Miss Calvin were married on May 18. Then he admitted that he had written to Miss Calvin and proposed the race suicide pact.

"I did this from the inspiration I received from the Bible and according to the instructions of the holy writ," he said. "The Bible says it is wrong to bring a child into the world unless you are able to support it and care for it properly. My fiancé wished to continue her study of music and therefore I would be impossible for her to become the mother of a family."

The minister said that the postmistress could never have learned that he and Miss Calvin were married under such a proposition unless she had opened his letters and that this led him to bring the charges against her. Mr. Havenor, the "race suicide" wife, too the stand and smilingly corroborated all the statements made by her husband in connection with their agreement at the time she was married.

She agreed with her husband that the compact had been consummated in compliance with the teachings of the Bible and admitted that she considered it desire to study music sufficient ground for it.

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Since equity suits v. filed Monday to annul the patent nearly 10,000 acres of this land Mr. Smith is alleged to have acquired for himself, it has been discovered that Minnesota millionaire on April 4, 1893, sent \$281,800 to the state land bank as principal and interest due on acres assigned by Frederick A. Smith to Smith.

Kribs had petitioned the board the repayment of his purchase on with interest after government collation, owing to the selection wrong base, November 28, 1903, it developed that the part of the figuring in entries made by W. E. and Lulu Lytle, the certificates of which had been assigned to Kribs, had made on proper base. The result that Kribs was ordered to pay the remainder of the purchase price on the fee title to the land. It was money that Smith remitted to the officer that the land had been assigned him by Kribs.

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