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## CERTIFICATES LEGAL TENDER

PAPER OF PORTLAND CLEARING HOUSE IS ACCEPTED BY BUSINESS MEN.

### TAKEN AT FACE VALUE

Distribution of \$20,000 by Paper Companies Tends to Relieve Local Situation and Prospects Are Encouraging.

Commencing last Friday Portland clearing house certificates in all denominations are being received by nearly every business house in Oregon City in payment of all claims and also in payment for goods purchased at the stores. This was decided last Thursday night by 33 merchants of Oregon City, who held a meeting in the office of Franklin T. Griffith. The sentiment in favor of accepting the clearing house certificates in lieu of cash was unanimous. The certificates are issued in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20 and will be practically legal tender everywhere in Oregon City. The following merchants agreed to accept the certificates at their face value: Huntley Bros. Co., Geo. A. Harding, Burnmeister & Andersen, L. Adams, Duane C. Ely, Price Bros., V. Harris, S. Rosestein, H. P. Brightbill, C. G. Miller, F. T. Barlow, J. Levitt, Joyner & Hoskins, Geo. V. Ely, W. W. Myers, Howell & Jones, Wm. Robinson, J. E. Jack, Brown & Welsh, Geo. Reddaway, J. E. Seeley, P. J. Winkel, Frank Busch, Pope & Co., John Adams, R. Petzold, Farr Bros., W. L. Block, Harry Baxter, Charman & Co., The C. C. Store, by Carter, T. J. Gary.

The distribution of about \$20,000 in clearing house certificates in payment of the wage checks of the employees of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company has caused a flood of that paper among the business houses of Oregon City. The paper is taken at its face value by nearly all of the local merchants, but has made a temporary shortage of change, as the paper is not issued in denominations smaller than \$5. The financial condition here is rapidly becoming clarified and the situation is most encouraging.

The local banks have received from San Francisco a large amount of San Francisco Clearing House certificates in denominations of \$1 and \$2. These smaller denominations were needed here and were quickly placed in circulation by the business men, and have relieved the shortage of change occasioned by the issuance of the \$5, \$10 and \$20 Portland Clearing House certificates. The San Francisco certificates are a very convenient size, closely resembling National Bank notes.

Injured in Paper Mill. While at work on a scaffold scraping concrete from a wheelbarrow, Fri-

day, a man by the name of Morgan, an employe of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Co., slipped and fell to the rocks below rendering him unconscious for some time. He was taken to the office of Drs. Carl & Meisner, where Dr. Meisner made an examination and found no bones were broken but that the man was badly bruised. He was removed to his residence and was resting easy at last reports.

### HOLIDAYS HINDER COURTS.

No Legal Business Can Be Transacted During the Present Situation.

The banks are not alone in their holidays, for this is a matter that is giving the officials around the court-house much concern. County Clerk Greenman has on his desk a huge stack of papers that have been presented for filing since October 23, but in the big book for the register of action there is nothing but blank pages since that date, and Mr. Greenman and his deputies are looking forward with no degree of pleasure to the end of the holidays, when their work will fall on them with an undesirable heaviness. The Circuit Court should have convened Monday morning of last week for the regular November term and the docket is not a light one by any means. In addition to a record breaking number of law, divorce and other equity cases, there are a large number of criminal actions, embracing the charge of assault against Leroy Carden, the cases against four Canby saloonmen who are charged with selling liquor to minors, and finally the charge of murdering Bhingwan Singh, the Hindu, which has been lodged against seven residents of Boring Precinct, these men now being in the county jail.

The regular term of the County Court was set for Wednesday but is postponed, as no judicial acts can be done at the present time. County Recorder Ramsay has filed no instruments of any kind since October 23, and will have a busy office for a while at the termination of the holidays.

McKinley Escapes from Chinese. A dispatch from Pekin says: Horatio McKinley, wanted in Oregon in connection with the land-fraud trials in that state, who was arrested by the Manchurian authorities at Mukden, October 5, and incarcerated pending the arrival of an officer from America, escaped from custody Tuesday. The Chinese government is making efforts to recapture the prisoner.

The escape of McKinley will probably defeat the first attempt of China's co-operation in the extradition of criminals without a treaty. It was hoped that the attempt would succeed and discourage numerous American criminals and adventurers from taking refuge in China.

### Letter List.

Letter list for week ending November 15: Women's list—Thornton, Mrs. Jno.; Thomas, Mrs. A. L.; Men's list—Beebe, L. G.; Cramer, E. M.; Emler, John; Erickson, Hemborg; Foe, Mr.; Gott, Wm. H.; Hansen, Fred; Morris, Chas.; Osborn, Ohnes; Rosmer, R. A.; Wilson, Ed R.; Weddle, B. F.



Dr. J. Whitcomb Brouger Who will talk on the proposed Excise Law next Monday night in the Baptist church.

## ANOTHER BANK CLOSES DOORS

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL SUSPENDS IN PORTLAND THOUGH IT IS SOLVENT.

### PUBLIC UNDULY SCARED

Institution Is Sound but Malicious Rumors Caused Steady Drain On Its Available Cash Balance.

The Merchants' National, of Portland, suspended Tuesday morning. During two weeks ended Tuesday paying tellers had sifted \$1,500,000 through the wickets. This sum was in cash.

The bank is solvent, says President J. Frank Watson, and will reopen within 90 days. Claud Gatch, of Salem, National bank examiner for this district, took charge of the institution and will make a careful examination of the bank's condition. He has been directed to do so by the Controller of the Currency. If, as is confidently expected, his report discloses a solvent

bank, the Controller will allow such time as seems necessary for the collection of outstanding accounts and the doors will be opened again for business.

Malicious rumors, spread by enemies of the bank, are believed by President Watson to be responsible for its suspension. These were circulated in various ways. Anonymous letters to prominent business men about the city, mysterious telephone calls, all advising the withdrawal of deposits from the Merchants' National, and street reports helped to instill the fear of loss in the minds of the public. The result was that anxious depositors poured into the bank.

Business community has general confidence in the officials of the Merchants' National. J. Frank Watson, president, has been in head since 1893, the bank having been established in 1888. When Mr. Watson became its head the deposits in the institution were only \$175,000. The high-water mark of deposits was reached early in the present year, when the total was nearly \$6,000,000. The bank is the third largest in the state.

On Monday, the last day the bank did business, it was required to pay \$157,000 to settle its clearances. It handled checks of other banks that day amounting to \$109,000. Other banks handled checks drawn on it amounting to a total of \$265,000, leaving the above difference.

The Portland Clearing House Association did everything it could to help the bank, and National Officials of the suspended bank agree on this point. The Clearing House advanced \$250,000 in Clearing House certificates of \$500 denomination, which the Merchants' National used to settle its clearances. In securing this loan the bank gave its note to the Clearing House, secured by about \$200,000 in notes and other commercial paper. When this note is paid the collateral will be returned to the Merchants' National.

The National banking act does not allow a National bank to borrow from other banks in excess of the bank's capital stock. The Merchants' National has a capital stock of \$250,000, so it could not make further loans and comply with the law.

The Merchants Savings & Trust Company, an institution recently started in quarters next door to the Merchants National, and of which Mr. Watson is also president, is not affected in any way by the suspension of the Merchants National, says Mr. Watson. This bank will go ahead and do business as usual.

It is the intention of the management of the Merchants National to take over the banking room of the institution, which will move to the building now being fixed for it on the corner of Sixth and Washington streets, when the closed bank is re-opened. It is likely that the capital stock of the Merchants National will be increased, for this has been planned for some time.

### Marquam Men Lose Money.

H. L. Skirvin, a well known farmer of Marquam, passed through the city Monday enroute to his home from Portland, where he went to attend a meeting of the depositors of the defunct Title Guarantees & Trust Company. Mr. Skirvin had \$280 in the institution and his son had \$100 on deposit there.

### HAWSE GIVES HIMSELF UP.

Seventh Man in Hindu Case Surrenders to Sheriff Beattie.

Vernon Hawse, the seventh man implicated in the murder of Bhingwan Singh, the Hindu who was shot and fatally wounded Halloween night at Jarl & Pugh Bros' camp near Boring. Thursday afternoon gave himself up to the authorities and occupies quarters in the county jail, along with the six other men charged with the murder of the Hindu. Ex-Sheriff Sitton, of Yamhill County, telephoned Sheriff Beattie Wednesday that Hawse was in McMinnville and pledged his word to the sheriff that Hawse would come over and deliver himself without the necessity of being arrested. This was entirely satisfactory to the sheriff, and Hawse, after a conference with his attorney, Franklin T. Griffith, came over to the courthouse and was locked up.

### Real Estate Consolidated.

Mr. Robeson, of the real estate firm of Robeson, Gerbott & Co., has sold out his interest in the firm to his partners, who have consolidated their business with Smith & Hornback. The office of the new firm will remain in the postoffice building.

## SECOND FAIR OF ABERNETHY

GRANGE CONDUCTS SUCCESSFUL EXHIBIT OF FARM PRODUCTS AT PARK PLACE.

### WOMEN MAKE A DISPLAY

Vegetables, Fruits, Grains, Grasses, and Other Exhibits are Admired By Scores of Visitors Last Saturday.

Abernethy Grange held its second annual fair at Parkplace Saturday. The affair lasted all day and ended at night with a dance at the Grange hall. At noon and during the afternoon dinner was served for which 25 cents was charged. Fancy articles were also sold. After the noon hour a program was rendered, and the following music, "American," address, Master of Abernethy Grange, O. L. Clyde; address, Capt. J. T. Apperson; vocal duet, Gussie Rivers and Charles Lucas; recitation, Fern Huert; instrumental solo, Mrs. W. R. U'Ren; Mrs. Getchell, lecturer of Milwaukie Grange, answered to a call for her and replied to Mr. U'Ren and spoke on Grange interests. Mrs. Getchell congratulated Abernethy Grange as being a neighbor and spoke of the splendid exhibit. She was warmly endorsed upon making the statement "any effort worthy of the name was the united action of men and women," and said co-operative work is just now needed in our lodge, our country and our State. Dangers are subdued, wrongs are corrected and great good is accomplished only by the forceful action of, not one, but by united, noble, courageous work.

The remarks of Mrs. Getchell, as well as those of the other speakers of the afternoon were in the interest of the Grange and of its workers, and were greatly appreciated by the large assembly. At the close of Mrs. Getchell's remarks, Capt. J. T. Apperson spoke with a few closing remarks in which he congratulated the women of the Parkplace Grange upon the good showing they had made, and especially of the Women's Work Club of this organization who had made many beautiful quilts that adorned the walls of the Grange hall on this occasion, and which were sold on this day. Captain Apperson's remarks closed the afternoon program, after which exhibits were viewed by the visitors. Capt. Apperson's fine exhibit of apples, vegetables and butter were greatly admired. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. U'Ren had a fine collection of curios from Africa, among the collection being three war weapons of the natives of that country, two assigned (spears) and a knob kerri (war club), which were brought from Africa by Mr. U'Ren's son, Mrs. E. D. Fellow's needle work was also admired by lovers of that line, and in her collection she had dollies, centerpieces, quilts and sofa pillows. One quilt that attracted considerable attention was a patchwork quilt on exhibition by Mrs. O. L. Clyde, whose mother made it when 90 years of age. The Women's Work Club of Abernethy Grange had several crazy patch work and silk quilts, besides several lounge throws.

Some of the other exhibits were potatoes, 13 in one hill grown by Mrs. Ivers; Burbank potatoes, Louis Rall; jellies, Mrs. De Ford; apples, Mrs. Minnie Ingram; apples, Mr. C. W. Swallow, of Maple Lane Grange; fancy work, Mrs. William Etters; fancy work, Mrs. M. E. Brown; stein, over 100 years old brought from Germany, Mrs. Prishoff; glass mug, taken from a well 75 feet deep, by Mrs. I. Rivers, at Eagle Creek, when a little girl; copper teapot, that has been recovered, the last one being the great flood at Galveston. The teapot is of the old fashioned kind and is the property of Mrs. Wær, the teapot being in the Praeger family for over 50 years; fancy work, Mrs. Zinslerling; doll's cradle, made from a pen knife, by Clarence Zinslerling, aged 14 years; nuts, Henry Nachand; Mrs. George Zinslerling had a pumpkin on exhibition taken from a vine on which four pumpkins were raised, the least one weighing 12 pounds and the largest one weighing 22 pounds. Mrs. Burton had a collection of vegetables.

There were other exhibitors of fancy work and of vegetables and fruit. The fancy work booth was presided over by Mrs. Ida Kent, Mrs. E. D. Fellow and Mrs. M. E. Brown. The Grange hall was decorated with evergreens, grains and red berries. The patch work quilt made by the Women's Work Club was won by Mrs. Florence Frazier. The fair closed in the evening with a dance, which was largely attended, and the music was furnished by Whiteman's orchestra.

### CHAPMAN OPENS CAMPAIGN.

Talks to Crowd in the First Baptist Church on Excise Ordinance.

Irvin S. Chapman, D. D., L. L. D., who is 70 years of age, with the vigor of a boy, talking with his hands, his feet, his mouth and eyes, was the central figure Monday night at the first mass meeting held in the First Baptist Church to impress the voters of Oregon City with the necessity of enacting the proposed ordinance creating the excise law. Dr. Chapman was greeted by a large crowd, in which the men predominated, and there were no children present. The speaker's subject was "A Story You Never Heard," and he was introduced by Hon. W. S. U'Ren.

Dr. Chapman did not discuss the moral phase of the existence of the saloon, but took up the practical side of the case from his point of view. He insisted that the saloon hurts business and gave a number of striking illustrations in support of his claim. He sent home arguments that were convincing and discussed the economic phase of the case.

"The saloon destroys the value of property, debases the character of men, and destroys citizenship and homes," was the theme of his discourse.

### GENINI'S LIFE THREATENED

Causes Arrest of Andy Jeffery, Who Disturbed Domestic Relations.

Andy Jeffery was arrested Saturday at Mackburg, and brought to this city. Jeffery is charged by Tony Genini with threatening to take the life of the latter. Back of this charge is the court record of divorce proceedings between Mr. and Mrs. Genini and a fight for the possession of their little daughter. It is alleged by Genini that his wife and Jeffery were unduly intimate, and several weeks ago they went over into Washington. He followed them and found them in a hotel at Chehalis, but was greeted by Jeffery, who fired a revolver at the woman's husband, none of the five shots taking effect in the darkness. Before Genini could get a warrant for the arrest of the pair, they fled to this state. He resumed his vigilance, however, and found them several days later in a rooming house in Portland, and they were arrested and released on bonds. The attempt of Genini to obtain the custody of his daughter was defeated, and the child is now in the care of its maternal grandparents. Genini fears that Jeffery will take his life and avers that October 22 Jeffery said to Gus Founal, a local blackleg: "I took five shots at him, blew his hat off, and made him crawl under the bed and the next time I will do a better job."

Jeffery was released from custody Tuesday by Judge Dimick following a hearing. Gus Founal, a local saloonkeeper, swore that he had overheard Jeffery say that he would kill Genini if opportunity offered, and the court held that this threat was not direct, but conditional.

Jeffery has apparently been a thorn in the side of Genini, whose wife has brought divorce proceedings against him. Mrs. Genini and Jeffery are good friends, and the man is a welcome guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathews, of Mackburg, the parents of the woman, who have the custody of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Genini.

Judge Dimick, at the hearing, criticized Mr. Mathews for allowing Jeffery to be around his daughter and her child at the farm home in Mackburg.

### Makes Money in Grapes.

Phillip Strieb, who has a small vineyard at his home in Milwaukie, where he raises Concord, Sweetwater and Niagara grapes, says that from a little over one acre he sold grapes to the amount of \$600. His vineyard is high ground and on a slope and produces well. Mr. Strieb expresses the opinion that grapes of fine quality and in great quantity can be produced on the land about Milwaukie, and thinks that before long grape juice will be bottled at Milwaukie for the markets of the Coast and Northwest.

### Just a Roadhouse.

It is understood that negotiations are on to make the Milwaukie Clubhouse a roadhouse, and that parties have been negotiating to lease the property for that purpose. The city is paid a license for the saloon only, and not for the gambling department.

## O. F. WILBUR LEAVES CITY

POSTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S MANAGER MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS.

### LEFT PROPERTY BEHIND

Had Been Drinking Heavily for Some Months and Friends Fear He Has Thrown Himself Into River.

The mysterious disappearance of O. F. Wilbur, agent for the Postal Telegraph Company at this point, has aroused much speculation as to his probable fate. Mr. Wilbur left the city suddenly, on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 29, leaving behind all his clothes and personal effects of every nature. Even his pipe was left on his desk.

Mr. Wilbur, who came here May 15 last from Fowler, Cal., was a Confederate veteran and was aged about 62 years. He was appointed manager of the local branch of the Postal Telegraph Company immediately after his arrival here and established an office with W. F. Schooley, a local real estate dealer. For a time he attended to business strictly, but later fell a victim to drink, and was intoxicated a large portion of his time. In this manner he accumulated small debts and worried over this fact, telling Mr. Schooley that if he could not pay his creditors, he would kill himself by jumping in the river.

Mr. Schooley told Wilbur to stop drinking and then he would have no difficulty in paying his debts. Two weeks ago Wilbur started to make some sacks, and told Mr. Schooley that he was going to drown himself. He left the office just before noon, saying that he intended to get some money, and a few hours later was seen in a Main street saloon. About 3 o'clock he boarded a car for Portland and nothing has been seen or heard of him since that time. It is feared by his friends that in his dependent and muddled condition that he destroyed himself.

Mr. Wilbur has distant cousins living in Colorado. He had no money when he left, but possessed Nevada mining stock valued at \$1000, which he received a few days before.

### REST ROOMS FOR CUSTOMERS.

Frank Busch and J. E. Seeley Establish an Attractive Innovation.

The progressiveness of some of our merchants in fixing rest rooms for their patrons will certainly be appreciated by the public who are called to their places of business to trade. Frank Busch is having constructed in his fine business block on Main and Eleventh streets a room 16x20 feet which is to be fitted up in a most attractive manner. Mr. Busch will have the room furnished with nice chairs, library table and volumes of the latest books and magazines and all the daily papers and in fact all the conveniences to make an attractive place to rest and warm.

J. E. Seeley, who conducts a grocery store on main and Ninth streets is having a rest room fitted up which when completed will be 14x18 feet and will be nicely furnished with books, magazines and papers for the accommodation of those who wish a nice quiet place to rest and warm during the cold, wet days of winter. This is a step forward that will certainly be appreciated by the people coming from a distance in the country when the weather is cold and wet, especially those having small children, as heretofore there has been no place where mothers could go with their children and rest and get warm, therefore this will be a great convenience.

### Heavy Assessment Roll.

County Assessor Nelson has a force of six clerks copying the assessment roll for 1907 and the work will be completed as fast as possible. The total valuation as shown by the roll is \$12,908,336. The valuation of the property of Clackamas County on last year's roll was \$10,697,300, showing a material increase, nearly all of which is on corporation property and timber lands.

### Spidell Case Monday.

William Spidell, of Oak Grove, who is charged by E. D. Olds with beating his wife, Edna Spidell, has been released on his own recognizance to appear for preliminary hearing next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

## Keep Bright and You Will Keep Busy

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Oregon City,

Oregon

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