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NEW BANK PLANS TO OPEN DOORS ON DECEMBER 1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL CONSIST ENTIRELY OF OREGON CITY MEN.

JOHN HUMPHREYS INSTITUTION'S CASHIER, ANNOUNCEMENT FRIDAY

Bank of Commerce Will Make Special Appeal to Farmers and Savings Depositors — Modern Vaults Are Being Installed.

With a desire to be a real help and aid in the development of the agricultural resources of Clackamas county, contiguous to Oregon City, the Bank of Commerce, this city's third financial institution, will open its doors for business on Wednesday, December 1, in the Weinhart building, corner of Main and Eighth streets.

It was the Morning Enterprise which gave the first announcement of the proposed bank, some weeks ago, and since that time preparations have gone forward for the opening day, which was not definitely settled until a few days ago, after it was found that everything would be in readiness at the time mentioned—December 1.

The new institution, to be known as the Bank of Commerce, under which name it has been incorporated and chartered under the state laws, will have a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$5,000, all of which will be paid in cash. While the organization is not entirely completed, still it has progressed to the point where it is known that its board of directors will consist of a strong set of men—all local people, and men in whom the people have implicit confidence and can place the utmost reliance. The stockholders, whose names are not made public, are composed of many of the prominent business and professional and private citizens, who believe there is a field here for a third bank, and are willing to back their belief with their financial means.

The direct management of the bank will be in the hands of thorough banking men, and in this connection are named Leroy D. Walker as president; Thomas J. Ryan, vice president, and John R. Humphreys, cashier. This is the first public announcement of the name of the cashier, although it has been known for several days to the close friends of Mr. Humphreys that he had been tendered and had accepted the new position, and since then he has been receiving the congratulations of his friends.

John R. Humphreys is practically an Oregon City boy. Although born in England, he came to this country with his parents when but a child, and Oregon City has been his home since 1874. He attended the public schools here, graduating from the high school, after which he was employed by the Southern Pacific Railway company in its local offices, where he learned telegraphy, later going with the Postal Telegraph company as local agent, which position, together with one with Huntley Bros. Drug company, he held for nine years. After leaving Huntley Bros. Mr. Humphreys entered the employ of the Crown Paper company, from which position he was taken after four months' time by the Bank of Oregon City and given a responsible position in the latter institution, which he has held until today. He tendered his resignation recently to take effect Nov. 20 that he might devote the next week or ten days to affairs incident to the opening of the new bank. Thus Mr. Humphreys was with the Bank of Oregon City for 17½ years, the last seven and one-half years as assistant cashier. By strict attention to his duties and his affable disposition, Mr. Humphreys has won for himself hundreds of friends, all of whom will wish him every success in his new position, to which he takes a like feeling from his long-time employers, although they parted with his services very reluctantly.

The assistant cashier and the personnel of the clerical force of the Bank of Commerce has not been definitely chosen, although announcement will likely be made of such within a few days.

Leroy D. Walker, the president, speaking yesterday of the new bank said that its purpose would be to give especial attention to the savings department and the farmers' business, and would assist so far as conservative banking justified in the agricultural development of Clackamas county.

Thomas J. Ryan, the vice president, is so well known to Oregon City and Clackamas county people that it is useless to introduce him. He has been deputy state treasurer, and this position he will retain until his present term expires, one year from next January, after which he will come to Oregon City and identify himself personally with the bank.

The bank's fixtures and furnishings will be in dark oak and marble, they at present being placed in position by a crew of carpenters, who are rushing everything so as to get out of the way of the bank officials, who desire to get possession of the building the latter part of next week.

Modern vaults, of reinforced concrete, one for the bank's coin and currency.

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MERCHANTS APPROVE SCHEME TO TAKE UP WARRANTS BY BONDS

BOARD OF TRADE VOTES ON AMENDMENT TO CHARTER AT ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY.

Not because of politics, but because it was good business and common sense, the proposed amendment to the charter under which the city would take up outstanding warrants with bonds received the unanimous and hearty support of the members of the board of trade at the annual meeting held Monday night in the Commercial club rooms.

The board will not lend its support to any candidate, or take a stand on any other measure, but the financial amendment was considered worthy enough as a business proposition to receive the support of the organization. Every one of the 40 members voted for it.

The meeting was preceded by a banquet, served in the club rooms. A wide variety of routine business matters were brought up during the meeting. The following officers were elected: President, William Andress; vice-president, S. L. Larsen, and secretary-treasurer, J. C. Cockran.

TREE BLOWN ACROSS W. V. S. POWER LINE AND TRAINS STOPPED

ONE CAR FILLED WITH PASSENGERS TIPPED UP AT BUSCH'S STATION ALL SUNDAY.

The fierce storm of Sunday morning put the entire system of the Willamette Valley Southern out of commission at 9:45 a. m. and it was 4:23 o'clock that afternoon before operation could be resumed.

The heavy winds blew a big tree across the power line running from the River Mill station to the Beaver Creek sub-station, and knocked down the power wires, carrying 57,000 volts, stopping all traffic.

One of the passenger cars was at Busch station, where it remained nearly all day, and a through train from Portland to Mt. Angel was able to proceed only as far south as Oregon City. Forty passengers, including O. D. Eby, vice-president of the road, cooled their heels at the station platform on north Main street for an hour while dispatchers were keeping the wires hot in an effort to locate the break.

One patrol was sent out from River Mill while A. M. Kirchheim started down the power line from the Viola district and finally located the break between the Abernathy canyon and Beaver Creek, and a crew of men was sent out and the damage repaired.

MANY FLAWS FOUND IN OLD BLUE LAW

SUNDAY CLOSING STATUTE BEING ARGUED BEFORE THREE FEDERAL JUDGES.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22.—Contending that the Sunday closing law is void and in conflict with both national and state constitutions, Attorney Wilson T. Hume took up the morning session of the federal court today in arguing for an injunction against the enforcement of the law.

He represented the Ironsack-Balke-Collender company, which brought suit against Walter H. Evans, district attorney for Multnomah county, and the other district attorneys of the state, and told the court that other business interests affected by the law are also represented in the suit.

The arguments, because they relate to the federal constitutionality of a state law, are being heard by three federal judges—District Judge Wolverson of Portland, District Judge Cushman of Tacoma, and Judge Gilbert of the United States circuit court of appeals at San Francisco.

By its discrimination in allowing certain businesses to run while others must close, he said, that act is in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution.

It violates the state constitution, according to Mr. Hume, in that its title does not express its purpose, the title saying it is an act to repeal, when in reality it is an act to amend. Another objection he made is, that the act is arbitrary and inconsistent in designating the classes of business affected.

In designating a certain day that certain things may not be done, Mr. Hume said that the act is an abridgment of religious freedom, and not within the police power of the state.

The law, which was passed by the legislature of 1885, as an amendment, according to its title, of a law of the previous year, providing that certain places of business, including drug stores, undertaking rooms, livery stables, barber shops, bakeries and butcher shops, must close on Sunday. It was amended in 1903 so that theatres may remain open on Sunday, also.

NO INDICATION IS FOUND OF MENTAL DEFECT IN CHILD

DOCTORS ON CORONER'S JURY IN CHICAGO DO NOT CRITICISE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

CONSULTATION URGED, HOWEVER, IN ALL SUCH DOUBTFUL CASES

Morally and Ethically, Official Findings Declare, Surgeon is Fully Within Rights in Refusing Operation.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Six physicians comprising a coroner's jury, today held that Dr. H. J. Haiselden, who permitted an infant, Allan John Dollinger, to die when an operation might have saved him to a life of unhappiness as a defective, was morally and ethically justified in refusing to perform the operation which his conscience did not sanction.

An implied disapproval of a course wherein a physician might determine whether it was or was not desirable for a patient to live was contained in the concluding paragraph of the verdict:

"We believe that the physician's highest duty is to relieve suffering and to save or prolong life."

Dr. Haiselden in his testimony said he did not reach his final decision not to operate until he had consulted 15 practicing physicians, 14 of whom approved his course of letting the little life expire, he said. The mother of the child, wife of a well-to-do workman, mother of three other children, all physically and mentally normal, also agreed that the baby would be better off dead, he declared.

The verdict read in part as follows:

"We find no evidence from the physical defects in the child that it would have become mentally or morally defective. Several of the physical defects might have been improved by plastic operations."

Dr. Haiselden, testifying at the inquest today, said he had consulted with 15 physicians before deciding that it would be best for the child to die. He said that all except one of these doctors agreed with him that the case was hopeless.

Replying to questions by the coroner, Dr. Haiselden said:

"The father left the case in my hands entirely. After a conference I came to the conclusion that it would be best not to operate. It would require a delicate operation to prolong the child's life, and, had it died under an operation, I might have been accused of killing it. A dangerous surgical operation would have gained nothing for the child. Without an operation, there was no chance for it to live."

EXCEPT FOR TUITION LAW, CHANGE IN LEVY THIS YEAR IS SLIGHT

PRACTICALLY NO CHANGE WILL BE NECESSARY IN SCHOOL, STATE OR COUNTY RATE.

COMPARISON OF LEVIES LAST YEAR WITH ESTIMATES OF THIS

	1914	1915
Oregon City,		
City	10.5	10.5
General county	3.2	3.2
State	3.9	3.9
School and library	3.4	3.4
Roads	8.0	7.0
Bridges	1.0	1.0
School Dist. No. 62	5.7	6.0

To estimate total levy in rest of county, substitute school district tax of your district for district above and the road district tax for the city tax listed above and then add 1.2 mills for the tuition tax, if you live in a school district without a high school.

It is too early to make definite estimates of next year's tax levy, but a study of the figures and budgets now at hand indicates that there will be little change in the state, general county, county school, and road levies. On the other hand, the new high school tuition fund law will bring about a raise of probably over a mill on all property situated in districts outside of high school districts.

The Oregon City property owner will face a total tax rate of about 35 mills, as nearly as the matter can be estimated. The city tax of 10.5 mills is certain, as is also the district school tax of 6 mills. The county court will recommend seven mills for roads and 1 mill for bridges and County Assessor Jack, roughly figuring, said yesterday that the state tax rate would probably be about 3.5, the general county levy 3.2 and the county school rate about 3.4.

While the total assessed valuation of the county is, roughly, 30 millions dollars, estimates must be based on about 25 million, owing to the fact that much property is tied up in the Oregon & California land grant case and it is impossible to collect taxes on it. The exact levy necessary to raise the county high school tuition fund will not be known until the assessed valuation of all districts without standard high schools is known. The state tax commission will not have ready for the county assessor the appraised valuation of corporation holdings until early next month, so that all estimates of levies are, by necessity, more or less uncertain.

SAMUEL CASE IS DEAD FOLLOWING OPERATION NOV. 7

CONDITION REPORTED IMPROVING UP TO DAY BEFORE DEATH AT LOCAL HOSPITAL.

END COMES MONTH AND HALF AFTER KILLING BROTHER, ERNEST

Parkplace Man, Who Was Under Indictment on Charge of Murder, Had Been Ill for Some Time— 20 Witnesses Summoned.

Samuel Case, under indictment for the killing of his brother, Ernest Case, in Parkplace, Sunday, October 2, died at the Oregon City hospital late Thursday afternoon, following an operation for perforated ulcer of the stomach, a week ago Sunday. While his condition was critical for several days after the operation and his death was expected the day it was performed, attending physicians expected that he would recover and his condition up to Thursday was described as good as could be expected under the circumstances. He had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Case and her two children, Lucille and Theodore, were at the bedside when the end came. His death was expected since early Thursday morning. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Sam Case was born 42 years ago in Polk county, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Lebon Case, pioneers of western Oregon. Rev. Mr. Case was one of the leading church workers of his county in pioneer days. When he died he left a large estate. It was while the two, Ernest and Sam, were brothers that the trouble began which ended in the death of Ernest at the hand of the latter only a month and a half ago. Cassius, another brother, recently told the story of the differences between the two. He says Sam and he stayed on the farm and worked that Ernest might go to college, and that with the knowledge gained in school, Ernest managed to cheat the rightful heirs of their father's estate.

Other issues came between them until Ernest is alleged to have threatened to take Sam's life. On the night of Sunday, October 2, Sam was on his way home when Ernest is said to have rushed from his barn and at Sam. Sam fired and Ernest fell dead. A coroner's jury exonerated Sam, but the grand jury indicted him and he was to have been tried December 8. Over 20 persons had been served as witnesses.

Sam Case is survived by his widow, two children and the following brothers and sisters: George Case, in the east; Sam Case, of Lebanon; Cassius Case, of Parkplace; Mrs. Bell Booth, of Salem, and Mrs. Jennie Beit, of Lebanon.

FARMER LOSES CASE WITH LAWYER HIRED; WINS WITHOUT ONE

WILLIAM LILLIE DEFEATS SUIT FOR \$150 NOTE WHEN APPEAL IS TAKEN.

DEATH OF WIFE AND FINANCIAL WORRIES CAUSE OF SUICIDE

FARMER ON PETE'S MOUNTAIN KILLS SELF WITH SHOTGUN AT EARLY HOUR.

A series of misfortunes, beginning with the death of his wife two years ago are believed to be the cause that prompted John Kekel, aged 55 years, to take his own life early Thursday morning. Following the death of his wife, his own health broke down and recently financial troubles worried him considerably.

Kekel left his bed at 5 o'clock Thursday morning and, taking a shotgun from the corner of his room, placed the muzzle under his chin and blew off his face. Death was instantaneous. His 14-year-old son, Ted, who was sleeping with him, was awakened and screamed, arousing his father's partner, Martin Petrobitich, and Frank Smith, a laborer, who slept on the floor above.

The tragedy occurred on the Kekel farm, five miles south of Oregon City. Coroner Hempstead and Sheriff Wilson went to the scene, but an inquest was considered unnecessary.

Kekel had threatened to take his own life and only Wednesday received a letter from his children in Portland, telling him of their intention to come up to the farm next Saturday and visit him. Four daughters and one son, Anna, Minnie, Carrie, Rosie and John, live in Portland, where they conduct a rooming house. The other children, besides the boy who lived with him, are Mrs. Adolph Delkar and Mrs. Steve Stevenson, of Stafford, and Mrs. Walter Bremerdecker, of Portland.

ELDERLY COUPLE OVERCOME WHEN SON COMES HOME

FUNERAL HELD LAST MAY WAS OVER BODY OF STRANGER WRONGLY IDENTIFIED.

STRANGE TALE UNFOLDED WHEN FEEBLE-MINDED MAN RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Sturges, Pioneers of County, in Critical Condition—State of Affairs Kept from Son, Once "Buried."

Charles Sturges, aged 42 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sturges, of the Canby district, was committed to the state hospital for the insane two years ago.

Early this year he wandered away from the institution and in May a body, answering the description of the missing man, was found in the mountains back of Eugene. Death had occurred some time before the body was found, but A. J. Burnett, a friend of the Sturges family, when sent to Eugene, identified the body as that of Charles Sturges. The remains were brought to Canby and on May 17 the funeral was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturges buried the body in the family plot in the Canby cemetery and a slab over the grave proclaimed to the world that there lies the body of Charles Sturges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sturges.

Monday the man came back to his parents. He arrived in Canby at 2 o'clock and was home a few minutes later. The mother, aged 61 years, fainted and the father could not stand the shock. Both were taken to their bed and Dr. Dedman was called. Up to a late hour Monday night their condition was considered critical, although they were resting easily.

Mrs. Bertha Hurst, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sturges and sister of Charles, described the incident Monday night. Mrs. G. Brookins and Mrs. Goetz, both of Canby, were at the Sturges home Monday afternoon when Mrs. Hurst, who was up on the porch, saw a figure come up the door. "I went to the door," said Mrs. Hurst in describing the return of Charles Sturges. "There was my brother Charles, whom I thought dead. I can't just describe how I felt when I saw him. My first thought was of my mother. How was I to tell her? How was I to break the shock as gently as possible?"

"I turned to her and said, 'Mother, can you stand a shock?' She said that it depended on what the shock was. I told her that Charles was not dead—that he had come back home. She fell back and we called Dr. Dedman.

"Mother always had a hope that Charlie was not dead, and that there was a mistake somewhere."

Later the father came and he, too, could not stand the shock. Both are confined to their bed and in a serious condition, although resting easily when reports were received from Canby late Monday night.

Charles Sturges, according to reports from Canby Monday night, has not been sound mentally for many years, although never violent. When he came home Monday, he was nearer sane than he had been for some time, but he has not been told of the condition of his parents, of the funeral which was held May 17 or of other incidents which led up to the burial in the Canby cemetery. Relatives request that no one speaking to him discuss the matter in any way, as they fear the effect of the news on him.

Mrs. Sturges saw her only for a minutes, when Dr. Derman was with her. Relatives are carefully keeping them apart.

Oscar Sturges is a pioneer of 1853, coming to Clackamas county across the plains in an ox cart. Up until 20 years ago he was one of the leading farmers of the Molalla district. He moved to Canby in 1895. He is 75 years old and his wife, who came to Oregon in 1864 from the east is 61 years old. While their condition is serious, it was expected Monday night that they would recover.

LOCAL MEN BELIEVE THEY KNOW VICTIM OF TRUNK MYSTERY

PORTLAND POLICE TRACE ONE REPORT AND REACH CONCLUSION IT IS NOT CORRECT.

WOODBURN, Ore., Nov. 19.—W. L. Richardson, arrested last night at Canby with an automobile belonging to Hume & Son, of this place, is in jail waiting for a bondsmen. He pleaded not guilty in Justice Hayes' court today, and his bond was fixed at \$250.

70 TEACHERS MEET IN GLADSTONE SCHOOL

ASSOCIATION OF INSTRUCTORS REORGANIZED—HOWARD ECCLES NAMED PRESIDENT.

The Clackamas County Teachers' association was reorganized Saturday at a meeting of instructors in the Gladstone school building. Seventy teachers from all parts of the county attended.

The teachers' association has been inactive during the last year, but plans are now being made for work to be accomplished before the end of this school year. The following officers were elected: President, Howard Eccles, of Canby; vice-president, Lena Ulen, of Ardenwald, and secretary-treasurer, John R. Bowland, of Oregon City.

The meeting was an all-day one. A program was given by the Gladstone chorus and talks made by Dr. BeBusk of the extension department of the University of Oregon, on the "Psychologic Phases of Childhood"; F. J. Toose city superintendent of Oregon City, on "Arrested Development"; County Superintendent Calavan on contest work; and F. L. Giffin, of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college, on industrial work.

BRYAN ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

WARSAW, Ind., Nov. 23.—Former Secretary of State Bryan was chosen president today of the Winona assembly. He had agreed to take this post when the assembly re-organization is now complete.

CYCLONES IN SICILY

ROME, Nov. 23.—Cyclones and wide-spread floods in Sicily were reported today to have killed many inhabitants. Casualties are said to be particularly heavy in Licata. Railroads are interrupted and wires are down, consequently details are lacking.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

Lillie Wanko and John P. Feldman, 647 Knollworthy avenue, secured a marriage license here Friday.

BUTCHERS MUST PAY RENT, RULES COURT

STREBIG FAILS TO PROVE TO JUDGE'S SATISFACTION ASSIGNMENT MADE.

Henry Strebic, butcher, must pay rent on a building on the corner of Fifth and Main streets from which he moved months ago because a lease on the property had not expired, ruled Circuit Judge Campbell Friday. Augusta Warner, Sophia Moody and W. R. Logus, owners of the property, were the plaintiffs in the action against Strebic and the verdict of the jury was \$267.10. Judge Campbell instructed the jury to return the verdict.

Strebic claimed that in 1914 he assigned the lease to Ort & McEwen, to whom he sold the store. Several days after the sale was made, Strebic went back to his shop and Judge Campbell decided that upon returning to his shop, he took upon him the obligations of the lease. Later Strebic moved to a new location on the corner of Sixth and Main streets.

Walter A. Dimick and O. W. Eastman represented the plaintiffs and Sharies T. Slevers and John N. Slevers the defendant.

W. V. S. IS ASKED TO CONNECT WITH ESPEE

CASES PENDING BEFORE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY NEED COURT ACTION.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 18.—Whether different railroad companies operating in the Willamette valley can be required to connect their tracks at certain points for the accommodation of shippers who desire to transfer freight from one road to another is a question now pending before the state public service commission.

Petitions have been filed with the commission from Salem, Albany and Molalla. The two former ask for connections between the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Electric lines, and the latter, with 127 names appended, asks for a connection of the Southern Pacific and the Willamette Valley Southern tracks at Mt. Angel.

Indications are that one of the cases will have to be tested out in court before decisions can be reached by the commission.

The petition from Molalla contains the names of representatives of Molalla grange, No. 310, and requests the commission to direct the Southern Pacific and the Willamette Valley Southern, without delay, to connect their tracks at Mt. Angel for the through passage and exchange of cars between the two railroads, and that they provide rates for traffic via this route. The petitioners declare that the connection is urgently needed for the best interests of the shipping public.

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The Willamette Valley Southern, for the best interests of the shipper, is willing to connect with the Southern Pacific, not only at Mt. Angel, but at Oregon City and Molalla as well, said Judge O. B. Dimick, president of the road, Thursday. He said only the approval of the Southern Pacific was necessary to establish connection.

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