

EMBEZZLER'S JOY TRIP ACROSS THE NATION CHECKED

TRACE OF ABSCONDING EASTERN-
ER FOUND WHEN TRAIN STOPS
AT OREGON CITY.

PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH SHORT THOUSANDS IN PUBLIC MONEY

Nation-wide Search Ends With Arrest
in Portland—San Francisco De-
tectives Are Eluded, But
Remark Betrays Plans.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—"Though I have no knowledge of the actual amounts, my accounts were short probably between \$15,000 and \$18,000, but I only took \$3000 when I left, when I might have absconded with \$45,000 of state, county, school and borough tax

money deposited to my personal credit. I think this fact will help me to prove that I fled from the fear of facing the disgrace of discovery and not because I wished to rob the taxpayers."

Clinton E. Sittler, who, as tax collector of the borough of Tamaqua, Pa., embezzled a sum reaching into five figures, did not attempt to deny his guilt when arrested in Portland today by Francis S. Alkus, manager of the local Burns International Detective agency, after a nation-wide search beginning September 24, when Sittler disappeared.

Sittler had arranged for quarters at a fashionable Portland hotel, his trunk and six suitcases had been delivered to his room and his valet was busy unpacking the 15 suits of clothes, silken shirts, underwear and fine linen, which his employer carried with him, when the arrest was made.

"Sure I'm the man you want. I'll go with you, and the sooner I get back to Tamaqua the happier I'll be. I want to see my baby," was Sittler's greeting to the detective.

His traveling funds were low when he arrived in Portland, on his way, so he said, to Wrangell, Alaska.

The millionaire's recklessness with which the young man spent money is shown by the purchase of an automobile for \$1800 in Los Angeles, and its sale several days later for \$600 when he was leaving the city.

In San Francisco, Sittler gave detectives the slip as they were waiting to arrest him at the Atworth hotel, and

with trunk, suitcases and newly acquired valet, Danny Cook, ex-hellboy, left for Portland. His destination was guessed by detective from unwise remarks let slip a few night previous, and the local Burns' agency was telegraphed, and the train yesterday morning was met at Oregon City.

MULINO WOMAN WINS

Mrs. George A. Clark, of Mulino, has been awarded the \$75 prize money by the Pacific Coast Syrup company for the best recipe submitted for the making of dainty dishes with Tea Garden syrup. The awards were made by Miss Rausch, domestic science expert on the staff of the University of Washington. More than 1000 recipes were submitted and Miss Rausch personally tested every one, and made her awards from considerations of food value of the elements entering into the dish.

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BURNS PUTS BID TO \$125,000 FOR STRAHORN ROAD

CENTRAL OREGON TOWN MAKES
STRONG EFFORTS TO GET
ON THE MAIN LINE.

ENGINEERS ARE ORDERED TO MAKE SURVEY AND ESTIMATES

Railroad Builder Believes Harriman
Company Is Not to Extend as Far
as Originally Planned, Which
Fact Helps Burns.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway, returned today from a tour of eastern and central Oregon, which included a visit to Burns, where he discussed with leading citizens tentative plans for includ-

ing Burns on the main line of the network of railways that Mr. Strahorn proposes to build in the state's interior.

To demonstrate their interest and their good faith in the project the people of Burns and surrounding territory, who already had promised to subscribe \$100,000 to the enterprise, agreed to raise this sum to \$125,000 or \$150,000 providing the road can be built through their town.

If, as now seems probable, the O.W. R. & N. company ends its line now being built westward from Vale, at Crane Creek Gap instead of pushing it on to Arden, as first proposed, it is possible that the route of Mr. Strahorn's new line can be changed to include Burns on the main line.

"It seems to be settled now that the Oregon Short Line—or the O.W. R. & N. company—will not extend its new road west of Crane Creek Gap," said Mr. Strahorn upon his return today.

"It seems clear to me that if we are to have any eastern connection for our road we will have to extend the Oregon, California & Eastern farther than we originally intended.

"Our original program would leave Burns about 25 miles north of the main line."

Mr. Strahorn was much encouraged by the spirit and the enthusiasm displayed by the people of Burns and the Harney valley. He has instructed engineers to run lines from Rialley, a point on the present main route, to Burns and thence southward and eastward to

Crane Creek Gap, connecting at this latter place with the O.W. R. & N. company's line now being built westward from Vale and Riverside.

If it is determined that the cost of changing the route will not exceed the additional sum that the people of Burns propose to raise, Mr. Strahorn said he would be glad to make the change.

As a matter of fact, the route through Burns would have some advantages. It would be about 15 miles shorter than the original route, but would require some more difficult engineering and construction work.

MOOSE MAY GO BACK TO REPUBLICAN FOLD

T. B. NAUHAUSEN RETURNS TO
PORTLAND AFTER CONFER-
ENCE WITH PERKINS.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—Fossil-
like amalgamation of the Republican
and Progressive parties was discussed
by T. B. Neuhausen, Progressive state
chairman, who returned this morning
from New York, where he conferred
with George W. Perkins, Progressive
national chairman.
"We are going to hold a convention,"

said Neuhausen, "there's no doubt of that, because the Progressive party is a political entity. The date of the convention will be determined at a meeting of the national committee at Chicago, January 11.

"There is some difference of opinion among Progressive leaders as to whether our convention should be held before or after the Republican convention.

"Those who want it held before, so that it may not be said that the Progressives are trailing off after the Republicans, have a further reason, which is that if we nominate a Progressive like Beveridge, or Hiram Johnson, or Roosevelt, the Republicans might endorse our candidate, rather than nominate one of their own and have four more years of Wilson."

Mr. Neuhausen says that personally he believes the Progressive will hold their convention after the Republicans, so as to give the latter a free hand to choose either a progressive or a reactionary. If they should choose a stand-patter like Penross, it would then be up to the Progressives to put forward their own candidate and make a fight for his election.

WIFE CHARGES DESERTION

Lilly R. Rice Saturday filed a suit for divorce against George B. Rice in the Clackamas county circuit court. They were married in The Dalles June 12, 1907, and, she alleges, he deserted her in Portland, May 28, 1914.



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