

DIX IS A FREE MAN

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OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—H. St. John Dix, whose disastrous attempt to organize a limited amount of capital in a chain of banks in Washington, occupied the attention of the public in 1900 and 1901, has been pardoned by Governor McBride after serving ten months of a ten years sentence in the penitentiary for larceny by embezzlement. Dix, who in 1900 was known as St. John and was a newspaper solicitor, suddenly branched out as a capitalist, secured control of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Whatcom, the Bank of Blaine and a large portion of the stock of the Citizens National Bank of Fairhaven. He was negotiating for the purchase of more banks in Whatcom, Everett and Seattle, when he was called East. During his absence the Scandinavian-American Bank and the Blaine Bank failed and investigations showed that nearly every dollar of their deposits had been misappropriated. Other stockholders protected the Fairhaven bank from failure.

After a long chase, Dix was arrested in London and was extradited and tried and convicted. He occupied a cell in the Whatcom County Jail for two years and was committed to the Penitentiary last March. It was the theory of the prosecution that Dix, with a comparatively small amount of capital, bought his first bank, then borrowed the deposits of that bank to buy another, and so on, in the meantime squandering large sums in high living.

Dix said he had been made the scapegoat of other stockholders and officers in the banks. Attempts were made to prosecute the four others connected with the enterprise. One other conviction was secured, but the Supreme Court dismissed the case on a technicality.

Since the conviction of Dix, experts who have been employed on the bank books report that Dix placed more money in the bank than he withdrew. It was largely on this showing that Governor McBride granted the pardon.

Dix's pardon is dated December 3, but under the usual policy of the Governor's office, was not announced to the press. When questioned about it today, however, the Governor readily acknowledged that the pardon had been granted. He says he believes Dix was more sinned against than sinning, and that he was being unjustly punished for the crimes of others.

Dix is 35 years old and comes from a well-to-do English family. His relatives have expended large sums of money to secure his liberty.

SUIT OVER THE CORNICIOPIA.

H. H. Rogers Wants to Foreclose His \$100,000 Mortgage.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Colonel Emmett Callahan, attorney for H. H. Rogers of New York, filed a suit against the Allie Chalmers Company, the Cornucopia Mines Company et al, to foreclose a mortgage for \$100,000 on the mine given to secure the payment of a note for that amount, given by John E. Seale and his wife, Caroline A. Seale, in January, 1901, on which Rogers was a surety. The contention in the complaint is that as the mortgage was given before the debts for which the property was attached and sold recently at Sheriff's sale as against these claimants.

A restraining order is asked to restrain any of the defendants from disposing of the property of which they have become released by reason of said Sheriff's sale. The court is also asked to appoint a receiver to take charge of the property pending the adjustment of the plaintiff's claim.

The Cornucopia mine was sold at Sheriff's sale November 23, to satisfy a large number of claims for wages and material furnished the Cornucopia Mines Company when it was in operation. It was thought that the legal complications in which the Cornucopia mine had been involved for some time were in a fair way of being settled. This new suit will complicate matters so that it is very evident that the end of the trouble is far off.

DEVELOPMENT OF LINN COUNTY

Object of Club Organized at Albany Last Night.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Tom Richardson, of the Portland Commercial Club, delivered an interesting and instructive address before Albany last night. Mr. Richardson displayed a thorough knowledge of the development of Linn County, and the essential of success in a commercial organization, and the address was pronounced a success.

At the close of his talk Mr. Richardson took charge of the organization of a local commercial body for the development of Albany and Linn County. A number of people pledged \$100 for the support of a push club, others smaller sums, and a committee of business men was appointed by Mayor Davis to take charge of the organization work and secure a membership sufficiently large to establish the club on a good financial basis.

It is the purpose of the organization to advertise the county and attract new people to the field to work for the development of Linn County's great resources. It was unanimously decided to join the Oregon Development League and co-operate with that body in the development of Oregon. The organization committee was authorized to find a name for the club and nominate officers, the nominations to be ratified at the next meeting, when organization will be perfected.

Mr. Richardson was given an informal reception at the Aloo Club at the adjournment of the meeting.

WARDEN PERRIN IS OUT.

Supreme Court Sustains Action of Majority on Prison Board.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today decided that a majority of the Prison Board had a right to appoint a Warden at a special session without notice to the Governor, who is chairman, and issued a writ commanding Warden Perrin, who was ousted by a majority of the board to vacate in favor of D. W. Ackley, who was appointed by those members of the board.

Ackley at once took charge. He asked the employees what side they took in the controversy, and if of them, resenting the inquiry, walked out, leaving him five short of the quota necessary to conduct the prison. They had previously promised Warden Perrin to remain until a new force was selected by Ackley.

Today's developments and a scandal that has created the greatest interest all over Idaho. Perrin discharged his chief clerk,

Q. B. Kelly, for irregularities. The board engaged an expert to go over the books, and he charged glaring irregularities to Kelly, and also reported him short. During the absence of Governor Morrison at the Irrigation Congress in El Paso, Attorney-General Bagley, who appointed Kelly, and Secretary of State Gibson reported to the board that they had ordered Perrin to resign Kelly. He refused, and was removed, Ackley being named to succeed him.

Perrin refused to relinquish office, however, desiring to have time to get out his biennial report, and fearing an attempt at that time to distort the books to make a showing against him. Governor Morrison, on his return, engaged an expert who confirmed Kelly's charges. It is understood Kelly is to be appointed chief clerk, against which action the Governor will vigorously protest.

JAILBREAK AT GOLDENDALE.

Negro Horse Thief Knocks Deputy Senseless and Then Escapes.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—William Smith, a negro awaiting sentence for horsestealing, made his escape from the County Jail this evening. When Deputy Sheriff Willard McGuire went to the jail about 7:30 P. M., to lock up the prisoners for the night, he was struck on the head by the negro, who was waiting for a stick of stove-wood. McGuire was knocked down and rendered senseless for a moment. The negro then took his gun away from him and made his escape.

As soon as the deputy recovered he locked up the jail and gave the alarm to Sheriff Van Vactor. There are two other prisoners in the jail, an Indian charged with horsestealing and a man named Young, who was brought back from Vancouver, Wash., last week on the charge of beating a hotel bill. Neither tried to escape, and Young says he made an attempt to stop the negro when he made the break for the door. The escaped prisoner is a heavy-set negro, about 30 years old. He was convicted yesterday of horsestealing. Deputy McGuire was severely bruised about the head, but not seriously injured.

MONEY FOR SOUTH END ROAD.

Oregon City Council Passed Ordinance at Last Night's Meeting.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—At tonight's meeting of the City Council the ordinance appropriating \$12,500, or as much thereof as may be required, to complete the building of the South End road, was passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

In consideration of \$50 the franchise heretofore granted the Oregon City & Suburban Railway Company was modified to the extent that the grantee, C. D. Latourrette, is allowed another year, or until January 1, 1905, in which to complete the building of the railway system provided for in the franchise.

Ordinances levying taxes of 4 mills for general municipal purposes and 3 mills for street improvement were also passed at tonight's meeting of the Council, which is the last regular meeting before the newly-elected members take their seats in January.

GAMBLER GOES TO PRISON.

Sentence of One Year Begun by Col. M. A. Amour Sport.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—William Mardon, the first man to be convicted under the new Washington gambling law, was brought to the Penitentiary by Deputy Sheriff N. A. Nossley, from Colfax. Mardon was found guilty of conducting a gambling game at Colfax, and was sentenced to one year in prison. This is the minimum sentence for this crime.

Sheriff Painter, of this county, took Edward H. Mardon and Jack Mardon to the Penitentiary yesterday afternoon. These men were convicted of "doping" Edward Fox in a Malin-street saloon last August. They were sentenced to five years each by Judge Brents in the Superior Court. Appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, but it was not perfected and the Judge made the order of commitment.

JIM HALL A HORSETHIEF.

Proved Before Jury at Baker City That He Stole by Carload.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The case of the state vs. Jim Hall, on the charge of horsestealing, was concluded today in the Circuit Court by a verdict of guilty. Hall was indicted on a charge of stealing a horse from James York. Some time ago it was found that a band of horse thieves had been shipping horses to Omaha. Mr. York followed one shipment to Omaha, where he found a carload of horses belonging to the state. He reported the matter to the local authorities, and the legal complications in which the Cornucopia mine had been involved for some time were in a fair way of being settled. This new suit will complicate matters so that it is very evident that the end of the trouble is far off.

VARIETY INSTRUCTOR IN MUSIC.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Miss Abby White-

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Appeal in Louth Case.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Grant B. Dimick today filed notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in the case of the State vs. George W. Louth, who is under arrest for having January 27, next, for the murder of Mrs. Leonora B. Jones. Mr. Dimick and Senator Brownell, who are Louth's counsel, expect to take the case in readiness for argument before the Supreme Court about January 1, which will enable the appellate court to pass on the appeal before the time of execution.

Many Applicants for Papers.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—At the November teachers' examination there were 1238 applicants, of which 230 were written to take the grade of certificates. 19 were Normal School students and 22 were holders of certificates issued on accredited papers. 22 renewals of first grade certificates and six renewals of second grades.

Rands Gives Up Chairmanship.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Ernest P. Rands, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of Clackamas County, today filed with the members of the committee his resignation as chairman, which was accepted. He was succeeded by Chairman Rands as the reason of his resignation.

Canvassing the Washington Vote.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Secretary of State's office today began the official canvass of the votes cast in the recent general election. The canvass will occupy several days.

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