

DEPOSITORS AGREE TO LADD'S TERMS

Claims Under \$500 to Be Paid Within Two Years, and Over Within Three.

INTEREST AT 4 PER CENT

Banker Is Expected to Reach Settlement With Surety Company Today—Will Take Over All Assets of Bank.

W. M. Ladd yesterday agreed to guarantee payment of deposits of the Title Guaranty & First National Bank in two and three years with 4 per cent interest. He is expected to reach an agreement with the American Surety Company today. This will complete the guarantee and satisfy all parties.

He will take over all the assets of the fallen bank and pay deposits of \$500 or less in two years and larger deposits in three years.

Such was Mr. Ladd's offer to the depositors' committee, and it was accepted. The committee had asked for payment of \$100 deposits or less in 60 days.

This agreement will require payment of \$400,000 within two years, and an additional \$100,000 to the First National Bank and \$50,000 to Ladd & Tilton. These latter sums having been advanced to the tottering bank just before its fall.

Should Mr. Ladd accede to the surety company's demand for payment of the \$100,000 which it has paid the state, within a "reasonable" time (probably less than a year), it will be seen that Mr. Ladd will have to advance \$500,000 within two years, not including the \$50,000 to Ladd & Tilton.

The deposits of more than \$500, including the \$235,910 still owing the State by the Surety Company, amount to \$1,300,000. This sum Mr. Ladd has agreed to pay within three years.

Mr. Ladd also promised that, as quickly as he could turn the assets into cash, he would distribute the proceeds to depositors, pro rata, the two-year and the three-year depositors to share according to the amount of their deposits.

The \$307,000 debt of the fallen bank to Ladd & Tilton will not be paid until the other liabilities shall have been met.

Mr. Ladd had no conference with the Surety Company's attorney yesterday, so his understanding with that company has proceeded no farther than it was last Tuesday. At that time the company wanted payment of the \$100,000 (with which it has reimbursed the State) in a "reasonable" time, and payment of the remaining \$235,910 in two years, with 5 per cent interest—this being its obligation to the State.

Mr. Ladd will seek longer time in which to pay these sums.

State Treasurer Steel is likely to be indicted, with the officers of the Title Bank, for alleged participation in their misuse of the school funds.

Attorney W. C. Bristol, representing the Surety Company, will petition Judge Wolverson to defer an order, asked for by Receiver Meers, authorizing the receiver to disburse \$24,000 trust funds of the bank, until the court shall decide whether the school moneys, belonging to the irreducible school fund of the state, and by law under the sole control of the State Land Board to invest or lend, is a trust fund; whether the \$24,000 does not contain some part of that trust fund, and whether, as a trust fund, the school money should not be returned to the state at 100 cents on the dollar.

Adjustment with the general depositors was reached yesterday afternoon in Mr. Ladd's office, at a conference between himself, W. B. Ayer and Edward Cookingham on the one side and J. O. B. Scobey and Nathan Solomon, representing the committee of depositors. District Attorney Manning was also present. Mr. Ladd is expected to resume negotiations with the Surety Company this morning.

Mr. Scobey, chairman of the depositors' committee, expressed satisfaction with the agreement; so did Mr. Manning. The depositors did not obtain acquiescence to their demand for payment of small deposits within 60 days, owing to the large sum of money that this would require Mr. Ladd to pay in that time. The total would have been \$190,093 to general depositors and an additional \$100,000 to the First National Bank for money advanced in an attempt to tide the bank over its difficulties; also, perhaps, an additional \$100,000 to the surety company.

Sign Agreement Next Week.

Mr. Manning will draft the form of the agreement by which Mr. Ladd has agreed to bind himself to pay the depositors. This agreement will be considered by Mr. Ladd's attorneys and will probably be signed next week.

That the school money deposited in the bank was a trust fund is the opinion of Attorney-General Crawford, who holds that the bank had no authority to lend the money nor invest it, since the law plainly says that only the State Land Board shall handle the school fund in that manner. The bank officers, according to this view, made criminal use of the school money. This is one of the counts on which District Attorney Manning will indict them next week. It seems likely also that State Treasurer Steel will be indicted for being a party to the diversion of the school money.

Steel to Be Indicted.

As custodian of the school money, he is authorized by law to deposit it in places or banks deemed by him secure. But it will be alleged against him that he knew how the school money was being used by the Ross bank, yet allowed the practice to continue and took no means to protect the fund or withdraw it until it perished in the bank's failure. The constitution declares that the school fund shall be irrevocable and shall be invested only by the State Land Board. The statutes have carried out these purposes in plain terms.

Another aspect of this contention will be the state's aid the surety company's demand for return of the school money in fact, dollar for dollar, on the ground that there is no relation of debtor and creditor between the bank and the state

but of trustee; therefore the bank must make good the school fund, before the creditors are paid. Receiver Meers has asked Judge Wolverson for authority to disburse \$24,000 trust funds.

Bristol Will Ask Delay.

This would affect the interest of the state and the surety company. It was understood yesterday that Mr. Bristol will file a petition in court today asking that the order be deferred until the court shall decide on the trust fund question, and it shall be determined whether any of the state's money is in the \$24,000.

TRANSFER CAPTAIN BRUIN

Rumor Says He Will Be Sent to the East Side.

Mayor Lane announced yesterday that the East Side police station will be placed in charge of a captain, when it is established, thereby giving color to a rumor current in police circles that the administration intends to unload Captain of Detectives Bruin by banishing him to the East Side. This would eliminate Bruin from headquarters affairs, and would, it is pointed out, relieve the friction between him and Chief Gritzmacher, thus restoring harmony, now sadly lacking in the department.

When asked yesterday if it is the intention of the administration to shift Captain Bruin to the East Side station upon its completion, Mayor Lane said that he could not say; that the plans are not yet matured, and that it is not known who will have charge of the new station.

When it was first planned to establish a station on the East Side, Chief Gritzmacher announced in an official interview that no captain would be asked for it. He said the station would be officered by sergeants, and proceeded to appoint a number of sergeants, the commissions of whom were later revoked by Thomas G. Greene, chairman of the police committee of the Executive Board.

Now that the administration is in readiness to proceed with the construction of the East Side station, the announcement by the Mayor that a captain will be given charge is said to mean that the opportunity to sidetrack Captain Bruin is to be seized, unless Bruin is sufficiently powerful to prevent it.

Chief Gritzmacher and Captain Bruin have been at odds for many months. In fact, they have never been friends and much deorganization has been produced thereby. This is realized to the extent, it is said, that the administration has decided to transfer the detective captain across the river and to put him in uniform, in charge of the new district.

Should Captain Bruin be transferred to the East Side, this would make a vacancy in the headquarters staff, to be filled under civil service rules. The position pays \$150 a month, so there is certain to be a scramble for it. It is almost certain that Detective Sergeant Eddy, who is in harmony with Mayor Lane and Chief Gritzmacher, will be promoted to the captaincy—if Bruin is exiled.

DUPED BY FAIR LASSIE

Spokane Baker Loses Cash With Bride-to-Be.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Joe Ira, proprietor of an Italian bakery, reported to the police today that his bride to be, Louisa Costa, whom he was to marry next week, had disappeared, taking with her \$3000 that he had entrusted to her keeping. He took out the marriage license several days ago, but upon the solicitation of the detective the ceremony was postponed till next week.

The baker feared the stability of banks, and did not deposit any of his money there. He had about \$3000 in cash, and this he gave to his sweetheart for safe keeping. He gave her the last \$50 of the amount Friday night. When he went to see her last Saturday night, he found that she had left the boarding-house, leaving word with the landlady that she would not return.

So sure was he of the woman's love, that he thought the matter was a joke, and that she had gone to visit friends. Today the truth dawned upon him that he had been buncoed, and he reported his loss to the police. He has offered a reward for the arrest of the woman.

The woman came here from Cranbrook, B. C. She is said to have left Spokane with another Italian.

MANY FRIENDS AT DEPOT

Thousands of Citizens Gather to Bid Departing Soldiers Goodbye.

Troops Sail From San Francisco Next Monday.

Thousands of people gathered at the Union Depot yesterday afternoon to speed the Fourteenth United States Infantry on its way to Leyte and Cebu. The gathering of civilians was nearly as great as that of the military, and the departure of a volunteer regiment in time of active service.

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he obtain a majority, a petition against his return, on the ground of ineligibility, is considered quite possible.

NEVADA BANKS REOPEN.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 2.—The Nye and Ormsby County Bank, which, with branches in Goldfield, Tonopah and Reno, closed its doors on October 21, resumed operations today. Certificates were issued today payable in three, six and nine months to all depositors.



NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT SEATTLE, ERRECTED AT A COST OF \$500,000. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—The above illustration shows the new St. James Cathedral, of this city, which has just been completed at a cost approximating \$500,000. It was dedicated Sunday, December 22, with great pomp. It is considered the finest house of worship west of Chicago and is presided over by Right Rev. Bishop E. J. O'Dea, bishop of Seattle diocese.

LEAVE FOR ORIENT

Soldiers of Fourteenth Infantry Say Farewell.

This is the third trip of the Fourteenth Infantry to the Philippine Islands. They leave with a full complement of men, many of whom have been with the regiment for many years. The enlisted men, as a rule, are well pleased to leave for the islands. They look forward with pleasure to the change and excitement of the trip and the service in a foreign country.

"Am I well pleased to get away," said Sergeant Baker, the big bluff first sergeant of Company K, who has been in the Army for 30 years and has made three trips to the Philippines. "Well, after spending three years in a post where there is nothing to do, but to guard duty and you have to keep watching yourself for fear of getting into a fight with your messmates in your anxiety for a fracas I guess going to the islands where there is some chance of a little excitement is a pleasure to any real soldier."

Colonel John C. Dent is in command of the regiment. Captain Henry Learned will accompany the troops as regimental adjutant, Captain George McD. Weeks as regimental quartermaster, and Captain John Taylor as regimental commissary. Major John S. Parke will command the First Battalion, Major Alfred Hasbrouck the Second, and Captain A. L. Lasseigne the Third.

MAYOR NAMES J. A. NEWELL

Former Private Secretary Now Member of Executive Board.

Mayor Lane yesterday named J. A. Newell, his former private secretary, as a member of the Executive Board, to succeed John Montag, resigned. Mr. Newell is a widely-known resident of the East Side and was recommended to Mayor Lane for appointment to the Executive Board by the East Side Improvement Club, he being an enthusiastic member of that organization.

When Mayor Lane had charge of the State Asylum for the Insane, Mr. Newell was steward of the institution, and was also a partner of the Mayor's father in business. After Mayor Lane's first election to the office of Portland's Chief Executive, Mr. Newell was appointed to be private secretary.

TROOPS EAGER FOR THE TRIP

Men of Fourteenth Hoping for Excitement in the Philippines.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Promptly at 9:30 o'clock this morning the first detachment of the Fourteenth Infantry sailed for Portland on the steamer Spencer. With the regimental band playing a lively air, the colors of the regiment and the Stars and Stripes waving at the head of the column, and the light of anticipated pleasure in the eyes of every man, the regiment marched in column of fours from Quarters to the Government dock. As the column swung into view of the spectators at the dock, cheer after cheer burst from a thousand throats.

The men were all in heavy marching order. As soon as the first detachment could be put aboard, the Spencer loosed her moorings and sailed for Portland. As the steamer passed the manufacturing district every whistle on the waterfront blew a salute. The crowd continued to cheer until the boat was out of sight down the river.

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WILL BE TRIED ON SCHEDULE TIME.

Not more than five days will be necessary to summon the witnesses and jury for the pending land-fraud trials 13. So far Judge Wolverson has not received word from Heney, requesting him to summon a jury, neither has Marshal Reed received instructions to round-up the witnesses. T. B. Neuhauzen, special inspector for the Interior Department, has arranged testimony taken in former cases, that will be used in the Heney case and now were he has this ready, he is arranging evidence to be used in the other cases. The fact that there is no apparent activity on the third floor of the Postoffice building, has given some people the impression that Heney would not be ready for trial by the 13th. Heney knows that five days will be plenty of time in which to summon the jury and the witnesses. Heney at present is in Tucson, Ariz., and no doubt he will advise the authorities here in plenty of time.

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DAY AND RICHMOND OUT

Men Behind Merger Plan Refuse to Allow President and Secretary of Depositors' Association Further Voice in Matter.

All the capital stock of the new German-American Bank, which will take over the closed Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, has been subscribed, said T. C. Devlin, receiver of the defunct institution, last night. The stock signed for is \$500,000, which is the proposed capital of the new bank. The success of the reorganization is now assured, and Receiver Devlin is confident there will be no hitch in the plan.

Everything is working harmoniously toward the reopening of the bank's doors. An understanding has been reached by all connected with the movement, and within a week it is believed that a definite announcement of the time of the reopening can be made. A petition will be made to the court asking for 18 months in which to meet all claims against the bank.

A rumor has been circulated that W. H. Moore has not been in full accord with the merger plan. This is an error. It is learned, for there is the fullest agreement between Mr. Moore and the others interested. All personal differences have been laid aside in the move to reopen the bank and pay the depositors their claims in full.

Seek Personal Advantage.

An interesting development yesterday was the divorcing of the representatives of the Depositors' Association, President Day and Secretary Richmond, from the reorganization plan, according to President Reed and his associates in the merger scheme, became satisfied yesterday that Day and Richmond represent themselves in their objections to the merger plan, and not the best interests of the depositors. So certain did they become of this yesterday that they determined last night to have nothing further to do with them.

"For some time," said W. H. Moore, former president of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, "we have been at a loss to know what induced these two men, representing the Depositors' Association, to hold back their approval of the reorganization plan. The thing dragged for a few days after the first announcement, by reason of their opposition. It was rumored that they were seeking to be taken care of under the pretense of looking after the interests of the depositors."

"Today I was assured of this. Overtures were made to me which sought only the welfare of these two men, entirely overlooking the other depositors. Their frankness in asking for certain things before they would permit their organization to succeed was surprising. They alleged that unless these considerations were forthcoming, they would prevent the reorganization by blocking it in the courts."

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"Their offer was promptly turned down, and they were given to understand that they will be considered further. If the Depositors' Association has any reputable member it would like to have given consideration in this reorganization movement, we shall be glad to recognize him, but we shall deal no longer with these men Day and Richmond. They are acting from selfish considerations wholly in holding up the reorganization, and are standing in the way of the depositors."

The men now in charge of the reorganization work are Receiver Devlin, S. G. Reed, W. H. Moore and Louis J. Wilde. They held a conference last night and decided that the bank is in such shape that they can proceed with the reorganization and resume business soon. They give assurances that the bank will reopen, as soon as merged with the German-American, and that all claims will be paid.

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FAVORS WEEKLY PAY DAY

Grocers' Association Will Work for State Law on Subject.

Grocers of the city and state favor a law requiring employers in all lines to pay their employes every week, instead of each month as is now the custom with many employers. This plan will result in employes having more pocket money and will, it is believed, mean more prompt payment of grocery bills.

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Made Superintendent of O. R. & N. Co.'s Commissary Department.

HEADQUARTERS IN PORTLAND

Astoria & Columbia River Road Moves From Astoria.

J. C. Morrison, formerly assistant head of the dining car service for the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at San Francisco, has been appointed superintendent of the commissary department of the O. R. & N. Company and the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. The appointment was made by General Manager O'Brien, and became effective yesterday.

R. Pryer, formerly superintendent of the commissary department, has resigned to go into other business. Mr. Pryer has been the head of the commissary of the Harriman lines here for years, and has made many friends throughout the state by his able management of the department.

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Under the direction of H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent for the Portland & Seattle Railway, the headquarters of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad will hereafter be in Portland instead of Astoria. The change was effective yesterday. For a time the offices of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad will be in the same quarters as those occupying the Portland & Seattle, room 14 Union Depot. Permanent headquarters for both Hill lines will be chosen later. Both roads now have the same president, the same quarters and are both run by the same man, H. M. Adams, who is expected that at a later date the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad will be operated as a division of the Portland & Seattle Railway system. G. B. Johnson has been appointed general agent for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad at Astoria.

EXCURSION WILL BE LARGE

Trainload of Inland Empire Business Men Coming.

All accommodations in the Inland Empire Special, the excursion train to be run from Spokane and Walla Walla to California early in February, taken, according to advices received from Spokane by General Passenger Agent McMurray, of the Harriman line. Four cars have been filled in Spokane and another at Walla Walla. It is expected that an additional car will be attached to the train at Spokane to accommodate the large number of people who desire to go with the party.

The excursion will spend February 8 in Portland, arriving in the morning and leaving late at night. Plans are now under way for the entertainment of the visitors while here, the Commercial Club having the matters under consideration. The excursionists will be the guests of the club while in the city.

CLARKE WILL ARRIVE TODAY

Assistant General Passenger Agent Scott, of the Harriman lines in this territory, and A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, went to Olympia yesterday to attend a meeting of the Interstate Railway Commission, where passenger rates and mileage tickets will be the subjects under discussion.

POLICY MAY BE CHANGED

Agricultural College Regents Hold Important Meeting Next Week.

"Important questions affecting the policy of the institution will be considered at the mid-year meeting of the Board of Regents at Corvallis next Wednesday," said Dr. William Kerr, president of the State Agricultural College, who was at the Portland yesterday. "I am not at liberty to discuss these pending questions nor to state the nature of the questions which will be taken by the Regents," explained President Kerr when questioned further.

"This school year has been an unusually prosperous one, embracing agricultural, dairying and general agricultural, domestic and mechanic arts. These classes will be formed next Tuesday, January 7, and the prescribed course will cover six weeks."

President Kerr is in Portland attending to several details connected with the resumption of classes at the Agricultural College next week.

WILL REORGANIZE DEPOSITORS.

Their offer was promptly turned down, and they were given to understand that they will be considered further. If the Depositors' Association has any reputable member it would like to have given consideration in this reorganization movement, we shall be glad to recognize him, but we shall deal no longer with these men Day and Richmond. They are acting from selfish considerations wholly in holding up the reorganization, and are standing in the way of the depositors."

DR. FORD OUT OF DANGER

Pastor of Sunnyside Church on the Road to Recovery.

Rev. T. B. Ford, pastor of Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is reported out of danger. Mr. Ford returned home yesterday from Hot Lake, where he went two weeks ago to assist in caring for the stricken minister. The cause of Dr. Ford's trouble was gastritis, which reached an acute stage six weeks ago. Since that time he has been unable to perform the duties of his pastorate, his pupil being supplied each service by volunteers.

Dr. Ford is one of the most prominent ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been pastor at Sunnyside for three successive years. Prior to his assignment to that charge, he served three terms of six years each as presiding elder, in Washington, Oregon and Kansas. His book on the subject of the Retail Grocers' Association last night, the matter was considered and the move endorsed.

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FAVORS WEEKLY PAY DAY

Grocers' Association Will Work for State Law on Subject.

Grocers of the city and state favor a law requiring employers in all lines to pay their employes every week, instead of each month as is now the custom with many employers. This plan will result in employes having more pocket money and will, it is believed, mean more prompt payment of grocery bills.

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HEADQUARTERS IN PORTLAND

Astoria & Columbia River Road Moves From Astoria.

J. C. Morrison, formerly assistant head of the dining car service for the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at San Francisco, has been appointed superintendent of the commissary department of the O. R. & N. Company and the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. The appointment was made by General Manager O'Brien, and became effective yesterday.

R. Pryer, formerly superintendent of the commissary department, has resigned to go into other business. Mr. Pryer has been the head of the commissary of the Harriman lines here for years, and has made many friends throughout the state by his able management of the department.

J. C. Morrison has been with the Southern Pacific commissary department at San Francisco for the past 10 years and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the position to which he has just been appointed.

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Under the direction of H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent for the Portland & Seattle Railway, the headquarters of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad will hereafter be in Portland instead of Astoria. The change was effective yesterday. For a time the offices of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad will be in the same quarters as those occupying the Portland & Seattle, room 14 Union Depot. Permanent headquarters for both Hill lines will be chosen later. Both roads now have the same president, the same quarters and are both run by the same man, H. M. Adams, who is expected that at a later date the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad will be operated as a division of the Portland & Seattle Railway system. G. B. Johnson has been appointed general agent for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad at Astoria.

EXCURSION WILL BE LARGE

Trainload of Inland Empire Business Men Coming.

All accommodations in the Inland Empire Special, the excursion train to be run from Spokane and Walla Walla to California early in February, taken, according to advices received from Spokane by General Passenger Agent McMurray, of the Harriman line. Four cars have been filled in Spokane and another at Walla Walla. It