HURRIED AWAY TO ESCAPE LYNCHING

Federal Officer Declares Cashier Was in Danger of Violence.

TELLS OF HIS MISDEEDS

La Grande Bank Embezzier Declares His Crimes Were Committed in Futile Effort to Save the Institution.

Spirited away from La Grande by a Deputy United States Marshal 12 hours nhead of the previously announced time officer, to escape possible lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens, J. W. Scriher, ex-cashler of the wrecked Farmers & Traders' Bank of La Grande, arrived Portland last night in Federal cuatody and is lodged in the County Jail. ids have been fixed in the sum of \$3.000 in default of which Scriber will remain in the jail, awaiting the action

be called in January. The prisoner has abandoned efforts to secure bonds. Spirited Away by Officer.

of the Federal grand jury, which is to

in custody of Deputy United States Marshal Tom Hammersley, Scriber left La Grande Wednesday night. been previously announced and arranged that the officer and prisoner should leave Phursday, but local conditions, according to the officer, caused him to decide upon a sudden change of plans.

From information I received from the Sheriff and others at La Grande, I deided that it was imperative for me to take the prisoner away at once. There were all kinds of talk of lynching and I was convinced that it was my duty to

'In order to avert anything of the kind, the Sheriff of Union County had kept a force of deputies on guard at Seriber's house for several days. In view of these things and the open hos tility and constant threatening reports and rumors I heard, I took the pric-oper and hurried away from La Grande 12, hours ahead of the time we had intended to leave."

Departure Was Most Pitiful.

Hammersley describes the scenes at

Hammersley describes the scenes attending the departure of the banker as pittled in the extreme. Members of the family it is said, were oblivious to the violent attitude of the mob.

Broken in spirit, hopeless, involving none but himself in the great bank disaster of Eastern Oregon, the La Grande cashier willingly, and almost glady, passed through the great steel gate at the Jail last night. He talked readily of his troubles, of the failure of the bank, and asked no favors.

"I alone am responsible," Serber said, "and must stand the consequences. But this I want you to say for me—that they cannot find a dollar that I appropriated to my own use, a stellar that I used for speculation or a dollar that I sugandered. It all went in an effort to save the bank."

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Great Pride in Bank.

Fifty-two years of age, with a hashing experience of 16 years, this ex-cashier, whose pride in the bank and the attendant presides of his position, according to his story, caused him to wreck it utterly and dissipate the savings of hundreds in futile efforts to save it, gave no ovidence in appearance of the fearful strain he has ordered. For four years according to endured. For four years, according to his story last night he has practiced every deceit and subterfuce be could devise to deceit and subterfuse he could devise to avoid suspicions of the bank examiners.

There are no gray hairs, no furrowed cheeks, no dark lines beneath the eyes. Indeed, it is only the narrow wrinkles about his eyes and the deep look of hopeless terror there that indicate the frightful struggle to clude the examiners for the past four yours. He was very nervously talkative.

If was partly this look of hopeless terror that caused the Federal authorities to increase his bond to 25,000, which they knew he could not salse, so that he might be taken into custody. In the juli he has no means of suicide, and every premation to prevent even possible efforts at self-destruction has been taken.

Review of His Troubles.

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It was in 1901 that Scriber's financial It was in 190 that Scriber's financial troubles began, according to him. That is when the Sumpter bank in which he was interested broke, and if he had closed his La Grande bank at that time, subsequent trouble would have been overted. From the time of the closing of the Sumpter bank, he said, he had resorted

Sumpter dank, he said, he had resorted to every trick and subterfuge at his command to keep the bank going.

According to "inited States Attorney McCourt, the actual cash shortage is \$12,000, while the total shortage will be as much see \$120,000, chiefly through forged notes

ms \$120,000, chiefly through forged notes and similar listruments. Scriber will be prosecuted by the Faderal authorities. Although he has abandoned efforts to assure bonds, he would be rearrested at once in case of his release.

Scriber yesiarday filed a polition in bankruptcy w...ch will probably reach the office of the clerk of the United States Court teday. His entire estate, he says, is valued at \$7.00, while liabilities are declared to be \$54.000. The difference, he declared, would be used for the benefit of the creditors of the declared, a possithe creditors of the defunct bank, a possible 2000 to be applied to the payment of more than \$160,000.

Will Turn Over Everything.

"I propose to turn over everything I have for the benefit of the bank's creditors," he said. "I have just filed a potition in bankruptey and shall turn over everything to them.

"The amount of my assets, according to the sum I just mentioned to you, does not include my holdings in the bank." he said. "I have 195 shares of stock and had contracted for 14 shares in addition. I hold 195 shares in my own name and lad contracted for let shares in addition. I hold 166 shares in my own name and they of course will be turned over to the bank but whether or not it will be possible to realize anything on them I do not know. But if things had gone right, if my plans had worked out as I expected them to do, my own holdings could have saved me.

Blames Only Himself.

SMILES ON LEAVING FAMILY

Scriber Exhibits No Feeling, While Others Cry With Broken Hearts.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)

—Arrested for the third time last night,
J. W. Scriber, the La Grande bankwrecker, was brought to Pendleton on
the night train and arraigned before
United States Commissioner Halley this
morning on the charge of forgery. He
waived a hearing, and, unable to furnish
the \$125,000 bail demanded, was taken
to Portiand this afternoon by United
States Deputy Marshal F. E. Hammersley, where he will be held in jall
while awaiting trial.

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When asked if he wished to furnish hall after the amount had been fixed. Scriber declared he would make no effort to furnish such a sum. He insisted that should he do so, additional charges would be preferred and more ball demanded with each reoccurring success in securing bonds, and that he had given up all hope of keeping out of jail by this means.

Though Scriber has shown himself Though Scriber has shown himself to be as thoroughly heartless. Marshal Hammersley says that in all his 15 years' service as an officer, he never saw anything quite so pitiful as the sorrow of the banker's family when the man was arrested and taken away last night. The officer declared that it was painful to see the way those children suffered and that he himself was compelled to turn away to keep from breaking down. But it did not bother Scriber. While everybody else was crying and it seemed that the grief of the children would be enough to melt the heart of any man, he smiled to melt the heart of any man, he smile

to melt the heart of any man, he smiled through it all.

"I thought he would break down when I got him to the train," said the officer. "but he did not. He took it coolly and could even sleep."

When the officer and his prisoner reached Pendleton. Scriber paid for a special guard and they went to a room in a hotel. The man for whom the pendleting doors are yawning slept as undisturbed as a child. While waiting for the train today, Scriber laughed and chatted gaily with his friends.

While here, Scriber admitted to Hammersley to having forged the name of Sheriff Childers, one of his best friends, to a note for \$2000, and also the name of O. F. Coolidge, one of his boaternen, it was the discovery of this latter fact, as much as the announcement of the as much as the announcement of the greatly increased amount of shortage, which led Coolidge to want to be re-leased and to have Striber taken into

Hammersley declared that the prople of La Grande were getting groatly worked up over the continued disclosures of additional evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Scriber, and he believed that had he waited until today that there would have been a demonstration against the banker at the depot. He gave it as his opinion that only the lack of a leader has saved Scriber from violence at the hands of enraged depositors in the de-

NEW FEAT BY WIRELESS

Steamer Talks to Honolulu and San Francisco at Same Time.

SEATTLE, Oct. 23.-For the first time in the histody of wireless telegraphy, a steamer between San Prancisco and Henolulu has been in communication with both stations at the same time This took place abourd the steamer Lur-line, of the Matson Navigating Company, which talked at the same time to both ports, when 1100 miles out of fan Fran-cisco, bound for Hanolulu. The Lurline equipped with the Massle system.

GOMPERS TO FLAY TAFT

Labor Leader Will Address Mass Meeting Sunday in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 .- A mass m Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will make the principal address. Mr. Gompers, it is announced, will attack the position of President Roosevelt in the position of President Roosevelt in the present campaign and Mr. Taft's attitude on labor.

Sherman Speaks in Alabay.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 29.-After a day of active campaigning through the Adi-rondack Mountains, in Warren County, J. S. Sherman, Republican Vice-Presidential candidate, addressed a large audience in Albany tonight.

Verdict Returned in Federal Court in Los Angeles Conspiracy Case.

NEW TRIAL TO BE ASKED

Counsel for Defense Granted Ten Days in Which to File Motion. Trial Hard Fought From Step to Step.

After being out for five hours and R ninutes, the jury in the United States Court that heard the evidence in the con spiracy case against the defendants in the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Com-H. Smith and Richard Hynes guilty as charged in the indictment, and Le Myers and Jeremiah Huntley, ex-United States Commissioner for Curry County,

The trial, although not attracting m attention locally, has been one of the most important land-fraud cases tried in Portland since the Representative Williamson case, and it involved more acre-age than any thus far tried by the Gov-ernment. In the conviction of the three defendants, Tracey C. Becker, special assistant to the Attorney-General, and United States Attorney John McCourt feel that the Government has won a sub-

The trial of the so-called Los Angeles The trial of the so-called Los Angeles conspiracy case has been fought with considerable vigor and the end is not yet. No scoper had the jury rendered its verdict than Atterneys McLemore and John Manning asked for the usual ten days stay, which was granted, and will, at the end of this time, demand a new

The case in which the three defendants were convicted was an altempt to obtain something like 20,000 acres of timber lands in Curry County, forming a belt of timber that would extend to Northern of timber that would extend to Northern California. It was shown by the evidence that the officials of the company through their agents, induced persons to buy stock in the company and take up timber claims, for waich the company was to pay the filing fees and also to purchase the claim after the final papers had been received.

Throughout, since the indictments were found against the defendants, the case has been vigorously fought, not only in

found against the defendants, the case has been vigorously fought, not only in the Federal Court here, but in Los Angeles as well. Most of the defendants of whom there were a dozen or more, were residents of California and the California defendants especially fought removal to Oregon. Some of them were successful and the cases against them were dismissed. Two died before being brought to trial. The Government has never been able to locate one of the defendants. In this case, like others that have been tried in the Federal Court here the penalty calls for a county juli sentence or term of years in a Government positionizary, or e of from \$1 to \$19,000, or both fine

RINGS BELL, FACES GUNS

County Jail Visitor Sounds Riot Call While Hunting Jailer.

With the County Jall riot call ringwith the County Jali Flot can ring-ing in their ears, Sheriff Stevens' dep-nties rushed down stairs yesterday morning, revolvers in hand, ready to assist Jalier Hunter in quelling the supposed disturbance. But all ap-peared to be running smoothly in the jail, and upon investigating the depu-

Cost Bill Filed in Myers Case.

George T. Myers, Jr., filed in the County Court yesterday a cost bill for \$365.65, which amount he demands from Mrs. Georgia Frances Stevens. The reporter's fee for taking and transcribing the testimony in the George T. Myers will contest was \$449, there being \$52 pages of type-written testimony. Half of this fee is demanded in the cost bill. With the exception of \$8.59, the clerk's fee, and \$1.95 Sheriff's fees, with \$5 to an attorney, the balance is the amount expended for witnesses.

Land Title Is Complicated. The suit of Frank H. McCarter to have August Franke ejected from property at Tremont, on the Mount Scott carline, was taken under advise-Scott carline, was taken under advise-ment by Judge Cleland in the Circuit Court, yesterday. Franke showed by testimony that he has been living on the property since 1895. Fifteen large deed books were taken into the court-room yesterday morning, while Mc-Carter was trying to prove his title to the property, which is described as lot 8, block 37.

DYING MAN TELLS STORY

H. E. LAGE LOSES MONEY ON RACES, THEN SHOOTS SELF.

Went to Bay City From Idaho for Treatment-Stranger Swindles Him Out of \$200.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 .- (Special.)-Despondent from illness and brooding over the loss of the money with which he had expected to secure treatment, H. E. Lage, a German farmer from Wenona, Idaho, attempted to commit suicide in Golden Gute Park this afternoon by shooting himself, and now lies fatally wounded at the Central Emergency Hos-

Lage came to this city from Idaho two weeks ago, intending to procure medical treatment for rheumatism, a disease from which he had been a sufferer for several years. Shortly after his arrival in this city he met a man, who persuaded him to invest \$200, which was nearly all the money that he had, in bets on the races. After securing Lage's money, the stranger disappeared, and Lage, prevent-ed by illness from working and lacking the means of support himself, determined to end his life.

While on the operating table Lage told his story to Chief Steward C. C. Bucher, and the Police Department, when in-formed of the circumstances, detailed Detectives Bell and Murphy to investigate the case, with a view to locating the man who swindled Lage out of his money.

Laborers Suspected of Crime.

Deputy Sheriffs Leonard and Beatty last night arrested A. E. Peck, Mike Cal-lahan, Fred Hart and Albert Arthur, all laborers, in a logging camp one mile south of Linneman Station, on the Esta-cada line, on suspicion of having at-tempted to burgiarize the house of Oscar Moore, a rancher, who lives on the road about half a mile from the camp where the men work. The attempted robbery was made a few nights ago and was dis-covered by the 17-year-old daughter of covered by the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. Moore. She awoke in the night to find a band feeling around under her pillow. She acreamed and the intruders grabbed her by the hair and attempted to smother her with a pillow. Her acreams had aroused the household and Mr. Moore came running to the rescue. The rebbers had made their escape and no trace of them was found. Examina-tion showed that they had gone away tion showed that they had gone away

Cows Take Part in Parade.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Five cows on their way to penesful homes in Brooklyn came near breaking up the Republican parade on the way to the Taft meeting at Madison Square Garden last night. The cows were being driven along Sixth avenue and came in contact with the parade moving towards the garden. The bands, the yelling and the red fire caused construction among the cows and with name of West was responsible for the alarm. Wishing to speak to the jailer, who was attending to his duties in another part of the jail. West had innocently pressed a button, which be supposed would call the jailer. West is starting an industrial farm and wished

NEW HOME OF PORTLAND Y. W. C. A. IS NEARLY READY TO BE OCCUPIED



Y. W. C. A. BUILDING, SEVENTH AND TAYLOR STREETS.

Blames Only Himself.

Thave nobody to blams but myself. I did things which I should not have done, but I did them for the bank. There was no one in whom I could confide. I could not take my attorney into my confidence, nor the directors of the bank. I was by myself, and I have bluiding was erected from plans made building was erected from plans made building was erected from plans made building was erected from plans made by MacNaughten, Raymond & Lawrence and is located at the northeast renear of Seventh and Taylor streets. The following contractors completed the work, Bingham & McClellan; appeared by MacNaughten, Raymond & Lawrence and is located at the northeast renear of Seventh and Taylor streets. The cost of the building exclusive of the fact floor the first floor wember, money has been scarce and it for the Y. M. C. A. building, some building the past year when the bank many many times of completion was begun now nearing completion was begun ployed until that building is ready.

The basement is to contain lockers, a with high-grade brick, with terra cotta trimings for the floor the right high and high grade brick, with terra cotta with high-grade brick, with the past with high-grade brick, with the work, Manoury and confidence, no the directors of the nudition. On the second for dising, for the very law will be to confidence, nor the dir

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HELD UNDER NUISANCE LAW

Drs. C. H. T. and C. H. Atwood Are Taken Into Custody on Charges Growing Out of the Death of Pearl Lamb.

Drs. C. H. T. Atwood and C. H. Atwood, father and son, who have offices in the Alisky building, and who operate a private hospital at Tremont station, on the Mount Scott line, were arrested last night about 6 o'clock at their hospital by Deputy Sheriffs Bulger and Kelly on a warrant sworn out by Assistant District Attorney Fitzgerald yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Olson, which charges them indirectly with being instrumental in causing the death of Pearl Lamb, a young woman from Eugene, Or., who died at the Atwood hospital on Monday night following the results of malpractice. The accused doctors were taken to the County Jail, where they were kept in default of \$1000 cash hall each.

The arrest of the Drs. Atwood was made a little earlier than had been anticipated, owing to information which reached Assistant District Attorney Fitzgerald to the effect that one of the decrease was recognition to be the first ware for Eugeneric was recogniting to leave for Eugeneric manner of the second of the control of the contr a private hospital at Tremont station, on

fendants was preparing to leave for Eugene for the purpose of destroying evidence obtained against them there. The warrant in this case does not charge the defendants with manslaughter, but charges "indecent and immoral acts which openly outrage public decemey and are injurious to public morals." This is the same statute as was used in the prosecution of the defendants in the now celebrated Lane-Waymire-Radding case.
District Attorney Cameron said last night that this was the first instance in gerald to the effect that one of the de-fendants was preparing to leave for Eu-District Attorney Cameron said last night that this was the first instance in which an offense of this character had been prosecuted under the statute. He said he had instructed that the prosecute position of this \$9. ion be brought in this way because of tion be brought in this way occase of failure in the past of prosecuting officers in securing conviction on charges of manshaughter. The claim made by the Aiwoods to Coroner Norden when the investigation in the case was first begun that the malpractice alleged was not ef-fected by them, but by a Eugene physi-cian, is discredited by the prosecution, which makes claim to having evidence showing that the malpractice was actually done by the Atwoods and that the statement signed by the girl before she died was written in order to protect the

'It will be a serious menace to the dishonorable physicians of this community if we secure a conviction on this charse," said Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald last night. "It will mean that we can ced against many who otherwise we

Inspired this attack upon us," said the practiced his profession of dentistry, elder Atwood. "If the prosecuting officers of this county are really looking for He was last associated with Dr. L. M. the malpractitioners of the community they might have looked further than to us. During the past month we have refused to take about 50 cases of this charbellevel to have relatives in Iowa. His

acter which we know have been handled by others in this city. If we were in this line of business why should we have refused to do the work?"

SPEAKER'S HANDS CLEAN

Defeating Littleton Bill.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29 .- The Tribune this morning says in a news article: The Republican members of the House committee on judiciary of the 59th Congress have exonerated Speaker Cannon from all blame in connection with the defeat of the Littlefield liquor bill. This was the measure which pro-hibited the shipment of liquor into prohibition districts. It was killed by the judiciary committee on the ground that should it pass the courts would hold it unconstitutional. Because of the defeat of this measure and Speaker's alleged connection with it, he has been fought bitterly by the temperance cause and especially the W. C. T. U. The exoneration of the Speaker by

The exoneration of the Speaker by the members of the committee was given in reply to a query from the Central Christian Advocate, published at Kansas City. Congressman Littlefield, author of the bill, previously had declared the Speaker had nothing to do with its defeat. The Central Christian Advocate wired six Republican members of the committee to ask if Littlefield's statement was true.

The six members addressed, as well

The six members addressed, as well as four Republican members who did not receive any message, immediately replied, supporting the Littlefield statement in full and declaring Cannon had nothing whatever to do with the fate of the bill.

ROAD'S FINANCES WRECKED

(Continued From First Page.) shown to much zeal in pro

The difference between this amount and the money actually expended on the

Only a hazy idea of the ultimate disposition of this \$9,715,000 exists outside the circle of Frost and his confidants. Most of it went into the hands of A. C. Frost & Co., and thence was parceled out to various Frost enterprises. About \$2,000,000 went to the Alaska Central Railway, of which Frost was president. A tremendously large amount was dissipated in the selling of bonds at extremely low prices. Until the affairs of A. C. Frost & Co. are probed thoroughly the sands that sucked in their money.

Dentist Dies. Bride Destitute.

Dr. W. N. Goodby, who died early yesterday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital, was identified yesterday by his wife, who had been a bride but two short months. Mrs. Goodby was formerly Miss Jannie N. Bussey, of 575 might have to pass by without hope of reaching. If the Atwoods are convicted, it will curtail a great deal of the malpractice now being carried on in this city."

The attitude of the prisoners was one of composure last night at the County Jail. "We believe that some enemy has inspired this attack upon us." said the elder Atwood. "If the prosecuting officers of this county are really looking for the was last associated with Dr. L. M.

No woman's happiness can be complete without children; it is her nature to love and want them as much so as it is to love the beautiful and pure. The critical ordeal through

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Births Far Exceed Deaths.

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