

GRAND EXCHANGE MAY BE FORMED

Probable Result of Financial Straits of Board of Trade.

CONSOLIDATION IS LIKELY

Reorganization of Board Must Come as Soon as Debts Can Be Paid and Merger with Merchants' Exchange Is Discussed.

The organization of a strong commercial exchange that will take over the business of the Board of Trade and the Merchants' Exchange will probably be the outcome of the present financial straits of the Board of Trade.

Negotiations Have Been Opened.

The promoters of the new commercial exchange have opened negotiations in an informal way with the Merchants' Exchange and have conducted more or less of a canvass among the big grain dealers of Portland.

It is said the new exchange should have a working capital of at least \$10,000 to start with, and that this amount has been practically pledged and that double that sum will undoubtedly be subscribed.

The plan of operation suggested for the new exchange along the line adopted by similar organizations in other cities. The organization will not be a promotion body in any sense of the word and therefore will not be a rival of the Commercial Club or Chamber of Commerce. It is contended that with the growth of Portland as a grain port a demand has arisen for an exchange headquarters conducted on metropolitan lines.

Debts Will Be Paid.

"All of the debts of the Board of Trade were honestly contracted," said President E. Beach yesterday, "and all will be paid."

Grand Jury Uses Probe

Report on Falsification of County Records Awaited.

Unless all signs fail, the County Grand Jury will, in the beginning of next week, and possibly at the end of this week, make a report concerning the alleged falsification of records in the office of County Clerk Fields, whereby it is charged, attempts were made to defraud the rightful owners of certain plots of ground to their property, Frank Williams, who has had to deal with Mrs. Williams regarding 20 acres of land on West Island, says his position in the deal was perfectly correct and that he can show receipts for moneys paid to Mrs. Williams, who also avers, were signed by her, indicating her willingness to transfer the land.

JAMES TUFT FIXED

Barkentine Taken for Lumber to Australian Port.

SECURED BY J. J. MOORE

First Off Shore Lumber Charter for Present Week—Foreign Business Will Be Heavy During May. Rates Steadily Advance.

J. J. Moore & Co. have chartered the barkentine James Tuft, 1943 net tons, to load lumber at Portland for Melbourne, Adelaide. The rate was not made public. The Tuft is now en route from Newcastle to San Francisco with a cargo of coal. She sailed from the Australian port February 9 and should be close in to the California coast by this time.

The James Tuft is a four-masted vessel and was built by Hall Brothers at Port Blakely in 1901 for G. E. Billings, of San Francisco. She measures 215 feet in length, 42 feet beam and 17 feet depth of hold.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Florian Fuchs and wife to Robertina A. Fuchs, lots 20 and 21, block 12, Laurewood Park, \$1000.00. O. W. Taylor and wife to A. E. Smith, lot 9, block 2, \$1000.00. Charles K. Kiddle to J. J. Fulton et al., 104133 feet in south-west corner of lot 7, tract "F", \$125.00.

R. F. Ayers to G. W. Pugh et al., lot 1, block 11, \$1000.00. High Hume and wife to Sarah Ann Rose, City Center, \$1000.00. Laura E. Jameson et al. to J. J. Terry, Oregon, \$75.00.

Mechan et al., south 32 feet of lot 2 and north 35 feet of lot B, block 126, section 2, \$2100.00. J. E. Holbrook and wife to C. C. North, Bank Add., \$920.00.

E. McCoy et al. to Lulu W. Holbrook, lots 1 and 2, block 11, \$250.00. James D. Hart and wife to A. Irving, lot 1, block 2, \$100.00.

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CASES ARE DELAYED

Land-Fraud Trials Again Put in Future.

NEXT FALL NOW THE TIME

Indictments of Hermann and Others Will Go Over, While Minor Cases Will Be Called at Coming Term.

All important cases pending before the Federal court, including the Hermann and other land-fraud cases, will not be taken up until next fall, announced United States Attorney McCourt yesterday. Both the criminal and the civil dockets will be called before Judge Wolverton next Monday, when dates will be fixed for the trial of the various cases.

Two indictments charged with murder, several cases of alleged unlawful fencing of public land and other less important cases will be disposed of at the coming term of the United States court. Among the cases of the United States court to be tried is that of Charles A. Straw, former cashier of the Portland postoffice, who had been indicted for the alleged embezzlement of about \$4000 of postal funds.

Other cases to be tried at this time are: J. Williams, alias J. Lawrence, charged with the charges of fraudulent smuggling opium; Amos W. Long, for giving out advance information regarding public land matters while in the employ of the Government; William Hanley, charged with the fencing of 85,000 acres of Government land in Harney County; John Gilchrist, charged with the charges of fraudulent acquisition of public lands against J. H. Raley and several other residents of Harney County, and several indictments against W. Scriber, former cashier of the Merchants' and Traders' National Bank, of La Grande.

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, April 28.—Arrived—Steamship Argyle, from San Francisco; steamship Clearmont, from San Francisco; steamer Astoria, from Astoria; steamer Astoria, from Astoria; steamer Astoria, from Astoria.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Alliance is due to arrive this evening from Coos Bay ports. The Union oil tanker Argyle is discharging fuel oil at the Port-mouth tanks.

States in Union Puzzle

FORECASTER BEARS RUNS UP AGAINST HARD PUZZLE.

Wants to Know How Many Admitted and Has Much Difficulty in Obtaining Information.

District Forecaster Beasly, of the Weather Bureau, is of the opinion that civil service examinations should be revised, so as to include modern National history and statistics.

LAUNCHING IS POSTPONED

Steamer Hyak Will Be Given Initial Plunge Next Week.

Low water in the Willamette has caused another postponement of the launching of the new steamer Hyak and other tug boats. The date was originally set for April 26, but is now announced for the first week in May. The new Government boat No. 12, must complete cargo in time to get away from the river by the end of May.

Notice to Mariners.

The British Colonial Secretary for the Fiji Islands at Suva, has cabled that from May 1 to June 1, 1909, approximately, the light on Wallangata Island, in Manuku Bay, Fiji Islands, will be temporarily replaced by a white light visible all around the horizon for a distance of eight miles. Further notice will follow.

Sunday Excursions to Stevenson.

Beginning Sunday, May 3, the excursion steamer Bailey Gatzert will make Stevenson, Wash., the up-river terminus for the Sunday excursions. The vessel will leave Portland at 9 o'clock A. M., and will return at 9 o'clock. This is the same schedule on which she operated last summer.

Steamer Columbia Goes to Sound.

The small propeller steamer Columbia has been sold by Captain James Good to a company in Seattle and the craft will be taken to Puget Sound, where she will be operated as an excursion boat.

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L. B. GEER IS STRICKEN

Ex-State Land Agent Suffers From Paralysis.

SALEM, Or., April 28.—(Special).—L. B. Geer, a cousin of T. T. Geer and State Land Agent under the Geer administration, who recently sustained a stroke of paralysis, is somewhat improved, but is reported still in a critical condition.

Ground Acquired for Asylum.

SALEM, Or., April 28.—(Special).—The Asylum Board today purchased from the Willamette Endowment Association five acres of land north of the street, died Tuesday in Oregon City of typhoid fever after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Pressey was the wife of Patrolman Pressey of the local police department, being on the second night relief under Captain Slover. Funeral arrangements had not been made last night.

Marriage Licenses.

WEIS-OLIVER—Walter F. Weis, 27, city; Hattie M. Oliver, 24, city. COLE—MADAM—Helen C. Cole, 25, Sublimity, Or.; Mae Boddy, 26, city. BOBER—EDWARDS—William H. Bober, 24, city; Edna M. Edwards, 22, city. MOON—GIBSON—William H. Moon, 24, city; Lucinda Gibson, 22, city. SMITH—SMITH—Bertha Ellen Smith, 22, city. SMITH—SMITH—Bertha Ellen Smith, 22, city. SMITH—SMITH—Bertha Ellen Smith, 22, city.

BECKER WILL NOT PROSECUTE

Federal Case Against O. & C. Railroad to Be Handled by Townsend.

It was announced at the Federal building yesterday that Tracy C. Becker, special assistant to the Attorney General, would no longer be associated with B. D. Townsend, also special assistant to the Government's prosecutor, in the prosecution of Oregon and California Railroad Company for a cancellation of its grant to over 2,000,000 acres of valuable timber land in this state.

Kerr Pays His Fine.

W. T. Kerr, of Coquille, yesterday paid the United States Court the remaining installment of \$100 on the fine of \$2000, which was imposed on him following his conviction last November for conspiracy in an attempt to defraud the Government of valuable land in Curry County. Kerr was one of the defendants in what is known as the "Los Angeles case," which was tried before Judge Wolverton last fall. Several of Kerr's associates, who were convicted at the same time, have appealed their cases.

Diseases of Men

Private diseases are successfully treated and cured by me. Call and see me about your case if you are suffering with any of the following: Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Venereal disease, etc. I have a special treatment with my own medicine, which is guaranteed to cure you. Consultation free and confidential. Office hours: 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Dr. W. L. Walker, 151 First St., Cor. Yamhill, Portland, Or.

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