

PROBE OF OREGON TRUST IS BEGUN

Attorney Gruber, for Depositors, Files Serious Complaints Against Bank.

NEW GRAND JURY MAY ACT

Inquisitorial Body to Take Up Concern's Case After Routine Subjects—Deputy District Attorney Examines Charges.

It is almost a certainty that the grand jury which convened yesterday in the office of District Attorney Cameron in the Chamber of Commerce building will make the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank the subject of investigation. The matter will not be taken up until after the jury has disposed of the ordinary routine of business accumulated since the adjournment of the last jury. People in prison awaiting hearings and minor subjects will be first to come under the official probe.

Nothing definite has been determined in the District Attorney's office as yet with reference to the bank, save that charges have been brought to the prosecutor's attention which, if borne out, will make the conduct of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank worse, in reality, than rumors have pictured it.

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, who has charge of the preliminary investigation of the defunct bank's affairs, and who will probably handle the case through to its conclusion, has advised from Attorney E. E. Gruber, who represents a large number of dissatisfied depositors of the institution, sweeping charges involving many irregularities. Upon the question as to whether the trust was insolvent at the time it failed rests the question as to whether they will be laid before the investigating body. Attorney Gruber's request to the District Attorney is to have the matter made more definite, that the men responsible for the conduct of the institution permitted a system by which they and their employees could take money out of the bank for schemes of their own, some of them so intricate as to avoid those now looking into the wrecked bank behind.

Indictment May Result.

"I have not had the time to examine carefully all of the data left with me by Mr. Gruber," said Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald yesterday, "but if any one of the things his document alleges may be proven the matter will undoubtedly be laid before the grand jury. We would proceed immediately, but Mr. Gruber has submitted a statement of generalities, of conclusions drawn from an inspection of the books. Lack of evidence is the only thing which is holding us back at present. If sufficient evidence is brought forward, on the face of the charges, it is possible that an indictment would be a natural conclusion."

"We have heard enough to want to act now on our own initiative as to the complaints of unpaid depositors. We are looking into matters now, and just as soon as we can get the evidence and put it into such shape that it may be presented to the jury in intelligible form without taking up too much of their time in confusing detail, it will be done."

"We propose to make a closer check or clerk has been guilty of embezzlement. If such proves to be the case, we will act at once and see that he receives his dues under the law. We are also to see whether the statute has been observed with relation to receiving deposits after the bank was known to be insolvent."

Up to the present no other complaint has been made public officially at the District Attorney's office with relation to these charges. It is the desire of the prosecuting officer and that of the complainants to keep the specific charges from being made public as long as possible on the ground that the knowledge of what the attack is going to be might help those accused to cover up their tracks.

Work which was started last Friday by Lester Herrick & Herrick to expert the books is progressing rapidly, and until this work is finished, nothing will be done in presenting the bank's affairs before the grand jury. The experts will make a report on their findings as soon as possible, which, they said yesterday, would probably be completed within a week.

It is said that the examination of the bank's books is revealing a condition which casts the shadow of a very heavy cloud over several. Neither Receiver Devlin nor President Reed, of the German-American Bank, would discuss the nature of the disclosures until they had been unsealed and placed in the hands of the District Attorney.

"I am unable to say anything at this time," said Mr. Reed yesterday, "but from what I have been told by the experts, it would appear that if the District Attorney desires to make the matter one of official investigation, he will have plenty of material on which to base his prosecution. They have encountered entries which are not explained and evidently made purposely to keep the truth hidden. Nothing but a complete analysis of the books will show the true nature of the transactions carried on."

TOOK DANGEROUS PASSAGE

Loss of Ohio Due to Unwise Risks Run by Skipper.

SEATTLE, Sept. 7.—The Alaska Steamship Company today abandoned the wrecked steamer Ohio to the underwriters, who will probably sell the hulk for junk. The vessel has 90 feet of water over her stern, and her hull is buried in mud, which a river that empties nearby is piling higher each day.

The surveyors found the reef on which the Ohio first struck before she was beached in Carter's Bay and emphatically declare that the passage is exceedingly dangerous and that no such boat should be allowed to follow the course usually taken by American skippers in this locality. Canadians use another channel, which is safe.

15-MINUTE CUT IS PLANNED

United Railways Orders New Equipment—Faster Schedule Soon.

A 15-minute cut in the running time on the United Railways' schedule is promised within the next few months by General Manager L. B. Wickersham. Work to this end is being rushed, halting of the tracks is progressing at

SPAN NOT MENAGED

Albers Mill Will Not Interfere With Broadway Bridge.

OFFICIAL SURVEY IS MADE

Permit for \$30,000 Brick Causes Prompt Action by Officials. Subsequent Building Plans Will Be Watched.

Albers Bros., millers, took out a building permit at the City Hall yesterday morning, which caused much excitement in official circles. It was for a \$30,000 brick building, to be located at the foot

SAN FRANCISCO PARTY OF FESTIVAL MAIDENS TO PASS TWO DAYS HERE.

Twelve San Francisco girls, winners of a popularity contest in which nearly 2,000 votes were cast, will arrive in Portland Sunday morning for a two days' visit. The party is on its way home from the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

The girls are traveling as the guests of the committee in charge of the Portola Festival, to be held in San Francisco October 19 to 23, to celebrate the rehabilitation of the city and to commemorate the discovery, in 1782, of San Francisco Bay by Don Gaspar de Portola, first Spanish Governor of California. The festival is to be an international affair, and will be participated in by all the leading nations of the world.



ONE DOZEN PORTOLA GIRLS. The girls in the picture, reading from left to right, beginning at the top, are—Miss Mabel Carroll, Miss Beesie Fowler, Miss Estelle Colloman, Miss Anna Keenan, Miss Clara Harrigan, Miss Anna Hupp, Miss Sarah Thorold, Miss Genevieve Wells, Miss Sarah Miller, Miss Norah Dwyer, Miss Florence Davis and Miss Lulu O'Dea.

of Lovejoy street, and when Councilman Menefee and Judge M. G. Munly heard about it, they hurried to the office of Mayor Simon and held a conference with him, for they feared that the new structure was to be placed in the path of the proposed high bridge that is to span the Willamette River near that point. However, it was subsequently discovered by means of a survey that it will not hamper the bridge, but some outbuildings that are contemplated, and which are to be a part of the mill, may.

In view of the fact that Mayor Simon intends to rush the new bridge to completion, and the people of the North East Side are very desirous of it, it is probable that the administration will take immediate steps to condemn the right of way on either side of the river, so that no such an emergency can arise as that which was feared yesterday in regard to the new mill of Albers Bros.

When Councilman Menefee and Ellis and Judge Munly appeared at the office of Mayor Simon they were considerably agitated because the Building Inspector had issued a permit to Albers Bros., and after conferring with the Mayor, it was decided wise to send a surveyor from the City Engineer's office to make certain whether the new building would be in the way of the bridge approach. Mayor Simon instructed the Building Inspector that, if it developed that the mill would interfere with the bridge, to cancel the permit.

Judge Munly, who has just returned from an Alaskan trip, said to Mayor Simon that he does not care as to the details of the projected bridge; that he is willing to leave that part of it to the Mayor, but that the East Side wants the bridge, and leave the rest with the administration.

City Engineer Morris has stated that the bridge can be built for \$1,000,000, instead of for double that amount, and the assertion, which at first was ridiculed by some, has been accepted as a fact now. It is probable that in the immediate future steps will be taken to condemn the right of way for the approach.

DECISION NOT YET REACHED

Dr. Brougher Returns but Does Not Settle Los Angeles Call.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher returned last evening from Gearhart, where he had spent two days, but without having made up his mind, he said, whether to accept the call to Temple Auditorium at Los Angeles, which has been tendered him.

"There are still several matters of detail to be considered before I shall decide," said Dr. Brougher, "and I think I shall adhere to my intention announced last week of telling my congregation at next Sunday morning's service what I shall have concluded to do. While I gave the question much consideration during my stay at the beach, I really do not yet know what I shall do."

MORE CHEAP RATES.

September 9 is the date announced by the Canadian Pacific for sale of special round trip excursion tickets to Chicago and Eastern points. For rates and full particulars apply at local office, 44 Third street.

Oregon Herbs (a tea) best remedy for kidney and bladder troubles. Nature's own preparation. 50c at all druggists. Trunks, suitcases and bags. Largest variety at Harris Trunk Co.

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From my back to yours, but

No cotton added in transit

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Brownsville Woolen Mill Store

Clothiers Mill to Man

Third and Stark

PORTOLA GIRLS COMING

SAN FRANCISCO FESTIVAL PARTY DUE SUNDAY.

Winners of Popularity Contest to Pass Two Days Here After A. Y. P. Trip.

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The 12 girls who compose the Portola party were chosen from several score of candidates in a contest which lasted three weeks. The contest was conducted by an association of which prominent San Francisco society women were directors, and only girls who support themselves were eligible as candidates.

Those who compose the Portola party are Miss Julia Estelle Colloman, Miss Anna Keenan, Miss Sarah Miller, Miss Anna G. Hupp, Miss Clara Harrigan, Miss Mabel Carroll, Miss Beesie Fowler, Miss Sarah Thorold, Miss Genevieve Wells, Miss Norah Dwyer, Miss Florence Davis and Miss Lulu O'Dea. The girls are chaperoned by Mrs. Kate Steuben Hart, a prominent member of the California Club, and the comfort of the party is being looked out for by Frank Camargo, a hotel man well known in Portland and San Francisco.

During their stay in Portland the girls will be quartered at the Portland. Three days will be spent in seeing the exposition and the sights of Seattle. Thursday morning the Portola party will go to Victoria, returning in the evening.

Friday will be passed in Tacoma and in the evening the party will go to Portland. The party will return home September 16.

The fickleness of fame is shown in the dispute that has raged about the proper pronunciation of Portola. After much research, it has been decided that the first Spanish Governor of California was known as Porto-La. This was revealed by original signatures of Don Gaspar found in Mexico.

Miss Virginia Bouche, a girl well known in Portland, has been chosen to be the Queen of the Portola. She is the daughter of Virgil Bouche, chief engineer of the Western Pacific, and prominently connected at one time with railroads in the State of Washington.

3000 Census Clerks Needed. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Examinations for approximately 3000 temporary clerks to be appointed in the Census Bureau for the 13th decennial United States census are to begin October 23. The examinations are to be held at various cities throughout the country, according to announcement relative to the examinations and appointments, which has been issued jointly by the Department of Commerce and Labor and the United States Civil Service Commission. The appointees for the census work will be given salaries of \$600 per annum at the beginning, but promotions to \$900 will be given those who render satisfactory service.

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