# DEPOSITORS MAY BE PAID SATURDAY

## P. L. Willis, of German-American, Makes Deal for Oregon Trust Creditors.

## FURTHER DELAY UNLIKELY

**Personal Securities Are Put Up to Secure $300,000 to Liquidate Outstanding Claims Against Defunct Financial Concern.**

Although no formal announcement has been made, report is that the German-American Bank directors, through P. L. Willis, have concluded a deal for liquidation of the $300,000 unpaid deposits of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank. It is now regarded as certain that all claimants against the old bank will be paid in full in gold coin at the German-American Bank on Saturday.

Consummation of the deal will mark one of the important feats in the financial circles of the Pacific Coast for many years. That the deal has been made through Mr. Willis is acknowledged by those on the "inside" of the bank situation. The bulk of the securities put up to insure the deal are his own personal property. Mr. Willis maintained a silence as to the outcome of the negotiations, but yesterday authorized the statement that he had deals pending in San Francisco whereby he expected to secure the ready cash.

"We are working on the matter," said Mr. Willis yesterday, "and all I can report is progress. I have reason to believe the matter may be settled and that all claims will be paid on Saturday as provided by the contract with the Circuit Court, but at present the negotiations are not in that degree of completion that will permit final announcement.

Anticipating that perhaps a petition might have to be placed before the Circuit Court asking for a reasonable extension to enable the directors of the German-American to end their negotiations, several of the largest creditors of the old Oregon Trust & Savings Bank called voluntarily on S. G. Reed, president of the German-American Bank, yesterday, and signified their confidence in the directorate and their willingness to abide by any extension decided on. The plan of an extension will not have to be resorted to, it is believed.

Absence of Receiver Thomas C. Devlin, who is ill, will not affect payment of claims. If Mr. Devlin is unable to return in time to render his report as receiver to the Circuit Court on Saturday, and it is not expected that he can, it will involve no further complication than postponement of the official report of the receiver to the court of the affairs of the defunct bank and an accounting of the settlement of claims.

## COUNTY STRIDE IS BIG

**Judge Colvig, of Medford, Extols Jackson's Growth.**

Judge William M. Colvig, president of the Medford Commercial Club, who is passing a few days in Portland, is enthusiastic over the future of Jackson County and vicinity. Judge Colvig spoke before the Corvallis Commercial Club Thursday at a public meeting.

He speaks highly of the boosting spirit displayed by the Corvallis Commercial Club and predicts great things for the future of Benton County and Corvallis as a result of the efforts of the commercial body.

"Medford and all Jackson County are settling rapidly with a class of people that will make it one of the most desirable residence sections in the United states," said Judge Colvig. "Many of the settlers are men retiring from professional life, who come to the country for the purpose of making their homes there, and engaging in horticultural pursuits. These men do not come to make money as they have made their fortunes in the East. They are buying large tracts of land, setting out apple and pear trees, building expensive dwellings and beautifying the country in general. Men of wealth are making homes in Jackson County and spending thousands there on account of the great climatic advantages and other desirable features of the district.

"Thirty thousand dollars' worth of apples and pears were raised during the past year in Jackson County. Figure on one car an acre, which is a low estimate, the county will need 30,000 cars to haul away the apple and pear crop from Jackson County seven years hence.

"We receive the highest prices for our fruit. Comice pears from Medford sold for $7 and $8 in New York last Fall. The apples sell for $3 a box right in Medford. The prospects are that one year from now there will be 50,000 acres of pears and apples set out.

"All the residents of the section are optimistic regarding the future development of the country. Land values are going up rapidly, and it is likely that land selling now at $500 an acre will be worth $1000 an acre in three or four years. One resident of the county, John Gore, who has 20 acres of pears, has just refused a $25,000 offer because he is making $750 an acre net every year from his pears.

"Within five years the assessed valuation of property in Jackson County has increased from $5,000,000 to $23,000,000, and even then the state board cut down the valuation from $26,000,000. In Medford a water system costing $300,000 will be installed by July 1. The four banks of the city are doing a prosperous business. Outside of Portland, I think we have the best commercial club in the state, with a membership of 565.

"There is 25,000,000,000 feet of sugar pine still standing in the county. This is owned by Eastern capitalists. When the Hill road from the Columbia River is projected through Jackson and Josephine counties, it will open up one of the richest copper-mine districts in the Northwest."

### Lincoln Day Programme Arranged.

Barring severe weather conditions, Judge George H. Williams will be one of the honor guests of the Union Republican Club tomorrow night at its Lincoln banquet at the Portland Commercial Club. The committee on arrangements also has arranged for the presence of Salmon Brown, of Montavilla, son of John Brown. There will be addresses by C. W. Fulton, T. J. Cleeton, C. H. Carey and General O. Summers, of this city; Judge R. R. Butler, of Condon, and R. F. Mulkey, of Jacksonville. It is expected also that the members of the Republican State Committee, which will hold a meeting during the day, will attend the dinner, which will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

**WONDERFUL YOUNG PIANISTE SELECTS ARTISTIC PROGRAMME FOR PORTLAND CONCERT.**

MYRTLE ELVYN, WHO WILL APPEAR IN CONCERT AT THE BUNGALOW TONIGHT.

Myrtle Elvyn, the brilliant and beautiful American pianiste who will appear at the Bungalow Theater tonight, has selected a most attractive programme for Portland. Miss Elvyn's art and fascinating beauty have made her one of the most-talked-of artists before the public this season. She possesses marvelous technique, produces a beautiful big singing tone and dazzles with her brilliancy.

# SIMON TO HELP DIG

## Mayor Approves Grand Jury Probe of Boxing.

## MAINTAINS LAW UNBROKEN

**Recent Boxing Bouts, Says Executive, Cannot Be Classed as Infractions, but Warns Police to Look Out for Violations.**

"I would be very glad indeed if the Municipal Association will lay before the grand jury whatever facts it may possess relative to its allegation that prizefights have been held in Portland during my administration," said Mayor Simon yesterday. Any assistance I might be able to lend would be most cheerfully given, should President Pattullo and his associates decide to ask for such an investigation."

"We will consider the Mayor's recommendation in this respect," said President Pattullo, when asked if he cared to make any statement. "We will determine a little later what line of action to follow."

The Municipal Association, which has several members besides President Pattullo, has charged that Mayor Simon is tolerating prizefights, or that he has been "humbugged into believing certain boxing contests held here recently are not in reality violations of the law. That he has "had the wool pulled over his eyes" is the assertion made by the association.

"I am determined," continued Mayor Simon, "that there shall be no prizefights in Portland while I am Mayor. I am strongly opposed to them and would under no circumstances tolerate them. But I am not higher than the law, and cannot stop boxing bouts, which Chief of Police Cox and many others declare the recent contests to be; the law puts no ban upon these, and as long as they are held within the provisions of the law, I cannot interfere. I have instructed Chief Cox from the outset to see that none but purely exhibition bouts be allowed, but I have renewed these orders since the Municipal Association charged violations of the law.

"After careful investigation, I am unable to secure evidence of law violations in these contests, and am perfectly satisfied there has been none. Now, if President Pattullo or any one else knows of violations of the law, it is his privilege to make complaint to the District Attorney or to the grand jury. Not knowing of any violation, I cannot complain, and therefore respectfully suggest that, if Mr. Pattullo or any one else has information upon which to base an action, he lay it before the grand jury."

Mayor Simon yesterday issued special instructions to Chief of Police Cox to be extremely cautious not to allow any rough work at any of the boxing bouts, and to make certain they are held well within the law. Orders to stop at once any violation of law were given added emphasis, as the Mayor says he is determined there shall be no just cause for complaint.

### Moscow's First Bonds Mature.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The first bonds ever issued by this city, amounting to $16,000, to construct the first section of the original waterworks, have matured and the City Council has passed an ordinance authorizing their refunding. The refunding bonds are to run 20 years and bear 6 per cent interest.

# PUBLIC DUPED OF LAND FILING FEES

## About $500,000 Has Been Paid Out in Useless Effort to Buy Railroad Acreage.

## VICTIMS FOUND IN EAST

**Chicago Lawyer Offers List of 19 Applications, Despite Repeated Warnings of Loss That Have Been Given by Press.**

Despite repeated exposures of the fraud, unsuspecting homeseekers are being mulcted daily by unscrupulous agents who undertake to locate them on quarter sections of land in this state included in the grant by the United States to the Oregon & California Railroad Company. Suit for the restoration to the Government of the unsold portions of this grant, aggregating about 2,000,000 acres, is now pending before the United States Court in Portland. It is the fact of this suit which has suggested to these dealers an opportunity to pick up some "easy money."

The agents referred to send out circular letters announcing the fact that for a fee of from $50 to $75 they will locate any homeseeker on 160 acres of the railroad land which, it is represented, will become open to settlement in event the Government recovers the land from the railroad company. It is further represented to the homeseeker when he parts with his filing fee that by tendering to the railroad company $2.50 an acre for a quarter section of these lands and by having that tender duly recorded he acquires by that action a prior right to the purchase of the particular 160 acres he has selected when the case now in the courts has been decided in favor of the Government.

The joke lies in this: If the Government wins the suit and the unsold granted lands are restored to the public domain, the lands will be thrown open to settlement under the provisions of the homestead law and any notice of filing on the land in advance and recording that filing amounts to nothing. Secondly, if the decision of the court shall be that the railroad company shall sell the lands as provided by the terms of the grant, then the company will be required to recognize "actual settlers only" and to dispose of only 160 acres of the lands to each settler at the price of $2.50 an acre stipulated in the grant. At all events, the notice of record is worthless.

This graft was successfully worked in a number of the Western States for several months until it was exploited by the press. Since then the industrious agents, who are making a good thing out of this plan of operation, have extended their activities to other fields farther East. But the homeseekers nevertheless are being taken in. It is estimated that since the Government filed its suit against the railroad company in the Fall of 1907, 10,000 of these filings have been made. Computed at an average charge of $50 each, it will be seen that this game has netted the colossal sum of $500,000, which has come entirely from well-intending homeseekers who, in reality have parted with that small fortune without receiving anything of value in return.

Only yesterday P. C. Lamoreaux, representing himself to be a lawyer, of Chicago, presented himself at the land department of the Southern Pacific Company in the Wells-Fargo building. Approaching a clerk, he offered an alleged filing on 160 acres of Oregon & California granted lands in Linn County. At the same time he tendered $400 in gold in payment of the quarter section at $2.50 an acre. The clerk informed the Chicago man that he was not authorized to transact business of that character. This, however, did not confuse the lawyer who repeated the same negotiation separately for each of 19 applications he presented, tendering the identical $400 in payment of the purchase price for each. Having exhausted his list, Mr. Lamoreaux pocketed his $400 of capital and left the office, leaving the 19 applications with the clerk.

The following is a sample of the application presented by the Chicago man:

To the Oregon & California Railroad Company Land Department:

I, Rose Lamoreaux, of Chicago, State of Illinois, do hereby apply to purchase from the Oregon & California Railroad Company the following described premises, towit: Northwest quarter of section number 29 in township number 10 south of range number 4 east of Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, State of Oregon, at the price of $2.50 per acre. Said lands being 160 acres of the land now owned and held by said company under and by virtue of the grant of the Congress of the United States of America, and all acts and parts of acts of said Congress pertaining or supplemental thereto. I further state that I am a citizen and a resident of the United States and State of Illinois, over the age of 21 years, and that I made this application in accordance with the acts of Congress above mentioned; that I will faithfully and honestly endeavor to comply with all the requirements of said act of Congress required of purchasers of said land at said price of $2.50 per acre. That this application is made in good faith, and I desire to purchase said lands for my use and benefit and not for the use or benefit or as an agent of any other person or corporation.

I herewith tender to said company the sum of $2.50 per acre in payment for said land, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $400; and demand a deed of conveyance from said Oregon & California Railroad Company to myself for said lands.

In carrying on their negotiations, various of the agents are reported to be using the United States mails in promoting their schemes. This fact has been called to the attention of the postal authorities who are conducting an investigation. If it is found that the mails have been misused, the guilty promoters will be indicted and prosecuted.


# Over-Eating Worse Than Starvation

**Seven Deaths Arise From This Cause to One of Lack of Food.**

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## FIREMEN ARE CRITICISED

**Failure to Hear Alarm in Vancouver Causes Increased Damage.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Following the fire yesterday morning that destroyed property valued at $8000, a Council committee has been appointed by Acting Mayor Dubois to investigate reports that there was mismanagement by the fire department. The complaints are against the paid employes and not the volunteers. J. J. Padden, president of the department, and ex-chief, said that one reason was that the men did not hear the alarm. The firebell rang, but the brewery was not notified and did not blow its whistle.

T. H. Adams, president of the Citizens National Bank, around which the fire raged, said that the fire fighters took great risks and worked hard, but seemed to be without proper direction. Otherwise, he said, he believed the Wintler building might have been saved.

Fleming's cafeteria and Loren Kake's harness shop on Sixth street were destroyed. The fire communicated from the rear with the Wintler building. The skylights of Anderson's photograph gallery were broken and the gallery was flooded. Water soaked through the floor and damaged the clothing stock of Cohen & Dietderich. Kain's harness shop was damaged.

## HALF-HOUR CARS ORDERED

**Commission Decides on Service Between Oregon City and Canemah.**

SALEM, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission today issued an order requiring the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, within eight days of the service of the order upon the company, to establish and maintain a half-hour service between Oregon City and Canemah. The leaving time at Canemah begins at 7:15 A. M. and the service is to continue until 12:15 A. M. It is also ordered that the company operate early cars between Canemah and Oregon City, leaving Canemah at 5:42 A. M., 6:12 A. M. and 6:42 A. M.

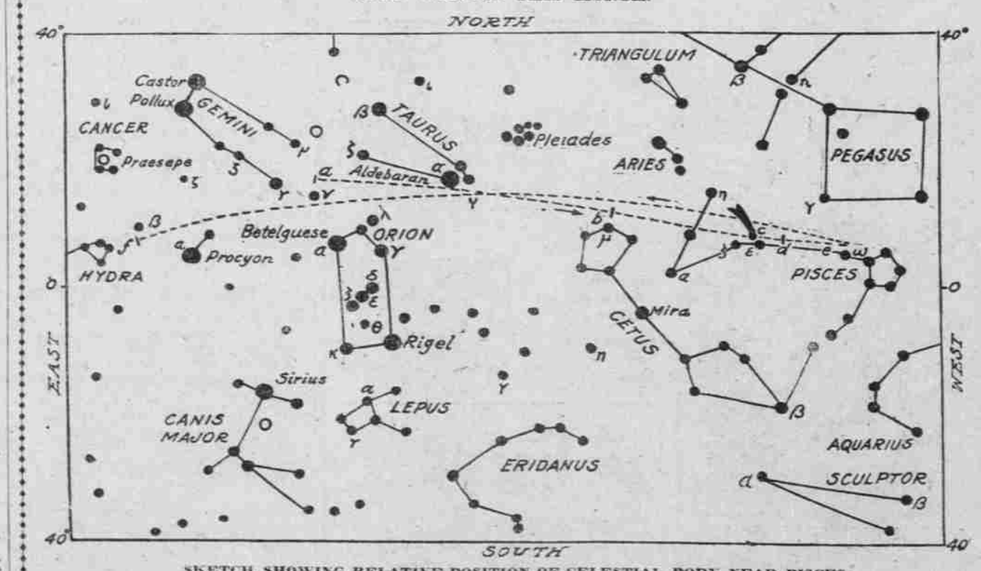
It is specified that all cars run during the daylight hours shall be operated to the southerly terminus of the railroad company's line, and all other cars to Canemah Park, and that leaving time during the daylight hours shall apply to the southerly terminus and at all other times shall apply to Canemah Park.

In the case of Hudson vs. the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern, the Commission finds the rates on apples and green fruits between Gates and Salem, and Gates and Portland, to be unjust and unreasonable, and ordered the rates reduced. The present rate on apples in less than carload lots from Gates to Salem is 35 cents a hundred pounds and to Portland 37 cents. These rates are ordered reduced to 32½ and 34½ respectively. The old rate on green fruit in less than carload lots is 42 cents to Salem and 44 cents to Portland. It is ordered that a rate of 29½ cents to Salem and of 40½ to Portland be put into effect.

In the complaint from Edenbower, the Commission finds that Edenbower is entitled to a spur-siding long enough to hold three freight cars.

It is ordered that a caretaker be maintained at New Era.

**HALLEY'S COMET MAY BE SPIED NOW THROUGH TELESCOPE; EYES UNAIDED MAY GAZE UPON WONDER THIS MONTH.**




SKETCH SHOWING RELATIVE POSITION OF CELESTIAL BODY NEAR PISCES.

Halley's comet will be visible this month to sharp eyes, without a telescope, but it will not be spied by average vision until May, in the early mornings. On May 19 it will be nearest the earth and will thereafter fade away on its rush to the outermost realms of the sun's attractive influence.

Right now, Halley's comet can be viewed after sunset in the West through a telescope in the constellation, Pisces. The red planet Saturn is near by, following the bright light Venus by about two hours, and setting about 9 P. M. Mars trails behind Saturn by an hour. The comet is west of and below Aries, which has three bright stars in the arrangement of an inverted L. The comet is traveling fast toward the sun and soon it will be entirely obscured in the light of that luminary. On April 24 it will swing round the sun on its return. Its course is indicated by the dotted line in the accompanying map. One of the unexplained mysteries of comets is that they always turn their tails from the sun, that part of them being evidently repelled by the sun, through some unknown influence, supposed to be either electrical or light. Halley's comet has been journeying toward the sun since 1874, and will not reach its most distant point again until 1946. It will return to its present proximity to the earth about 1986, so that few persons now alive will see it again. The letters in the diagram are the astronomical symbols of the various stars in the different constellations.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