

MANY BANKS GET SCRIBER'S PAPER

Scraper Obtained Loans for Tottering Bank From Institutions Everywhere.

PAID THEM WITH OTHERS

Interest Deducted in Advance Made Frenzied Financier Lose Considerable Sum on Each Loan, Witness Testifies.

That many large banks of the Coast and Middle West were frequently loaded up with forged notes, furnished as collateral security by J. W. Scriber, was yesterday developed in the trial of Scriber in the United States Court.

Scraper's system was to make the notes and send a bunch of them to a correspondent bank as security for a loan to the Farmers' and Traders' Bank.

Among the banks which appear to have furnished money at various times and which carried the forgeries as security were: The Continental National Bank of Chicago; Capital National, Salem; Colfax National, Colfax, Wash.; First National of Idaho; Hanover National, New York; McCormack Company of Salt Lake; First National of San Francisco; First National of Omaha; Merchants National, German-American and Bank of California, of Portland.

When the crash came, Dexter, Horton & Company, Seattle bankers, have been reported to have had possession of a large number of the bogus notes.

Loans Carried on Private Book. All of the loans were carried in the private book kept by Scriber, and never entered on the books of the Farmers' and Traders' Bank as a liability. Notes and certificates were concealed in like manner.

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Notes Teller J. C. Norman, of the Dexter, Horton Company, yesterday returned others to the Government from the witness stand.

Shortage Nearly \$200,000. National Bank Examiner Eugene T. Wilson testified that on the day the Farmers' and Traders' National Bank closed its doors the actual difference between the value of the assets and the actual value of the same items was \$162,882.45.

Examiner Wilson was of the opinion that the "kindergarten system" of deception began after an inspection of the bank in 1907. Scriber was ordered by the Controller of the Currency to get rid of certain bad paper received from the Sumpter fiasco, by levying an assessment. Scriber refused to do so, not wanting his stockholders to learn of true conditions, but undertook to raise the necessary money from his private means.

Examiner Describes Methods. National Bank Examiner Gatch continued his testimony concerning the methods employed by Scriber in manipulating forged notes and so carrying them through the transactions of the Farmers' and Traders' National Bank as to deceive the teller, bookkeeper and National Bank Examiner.

Savings Account Robbed. The investigation showed that \$18,200 was owing to savings account depositors, information bearing on the amount being secured from cards. The bank books indicated that only \$2818 of such funds was in the custody of the institution. Scriber, the witness said, confessed to having used the difference of \$15,382 for private speculation. Most of the money was placed in bonds of the Hot Lake Sanitarium Company and the Grande Ronde Electric Company, none of the bonds being entered as assets of the bank.

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Insanity Plea Has Setback. The theory of insanity received a severe setback from Gatch on cross-examination. Scriber appeared to be under a severe mental strain, but not more than could be expected under the circumstances, said the witness.

Assistant District Attorney Evans followed Gatch on the witness stand and corroborated much of his testimony. Scriber, said the witness, was associated with Thompson in the Heppner land deal, and I understood that Scriber could not sue to recover the amount of the note for that reason. That was the first forgery and it deceived the inspectors so easily that the practice was continued.

HOUGHTON BREAKS FAST

PHOTOGRAPHER DRINKS JUICE OF FIVE ORANGES.

After Abstaining From Food for 21 Days He Will Gradually Get Back to Meals.

Because he was getting weak and needed nourishment so that he could take care of his business, A. S. Houghton, a photographer, yesterday broke his fast, on the 21st day. He sipped the plain orange juice, strained and never enjoyed it, although he said his appetite had not returned.

"I am sorry I did not have a complete fast," said Houghton, "but I was getting weak, my knees were shaky, and it was necessary to break my fast in order to take care of my business. I am not a bit hungry, although the orange juice tasted good. Last night the odor of cooking smelled good and strawberries looked delicious. It might have been called a mild temptation, but I was not hungry. Last night I dreamed of eating with a ravenous appetite. I presume it was because I had decided to break my fast today.

Houghton has lost 21 pounds since the fast began. He said he felt the stimulus of the orange juice yesterday and expects to gain in flesh at the same rate he lost it. The only effect he noticed since the fast began was very light sleeping, and instead of sleeping 8 to 10 hours, he was satisfied with 6 or 7.

SELLWOD PARK IMPROVED

Nature Helps Beauty Spot—Y. M. C. A. Bungalow Planned.

Work is progressing on the improvement of Sellwod Park. The swimming pool and the two sand pits are about completed. A swimming pool, 80 by 100 feet and three to nine feet deep, will be put in. Nature has favored Sellwod with grounds which a fair amount of work will make one of the beauty spots of Portland. The work this year will cost \$7500.

The plan to build the Sellwod Y. M. C. A. building of brick was abandoned when the bids were opened, the lowest being \$22,000. Since the building committee has only about \$1000 available, it has been voted to draw plans for a bungalow. The excavation has been made.

The Sellwod Board of Trade discussed at its last meeting the building of a float for the Rose Festival parade. Most of the members present favored a bungalow emblematical of Sellwod as a place of homes. The question will be decided Friday night at another meeting.

A project to place cluster lights on Knapp avenue along East Thirteenth street from Knapp avenue to the golf links is being pressed, with apparent prospects of success.

Residents have been ordered to remove from the streets near their homes various piles of slab wood with which the suburb is now dotted.

Miss Rode, the Sellwod librarian, spent several days the past week at La Canas, Wash., fishing.

The O. W. P. is double tracking its road from the Oaks to the golf links. The work will be extended to Oregon City.

CLATSOP BEACH SPECIAL. Saturday, 6:30 P. M. Astoria & Columbia River R. R. train leaves Clatsop Beach Station at 6:30 P. M. every Saturday, runs to Seaside and other Clatsop Beach points.

Portland's Greatest Corset Store Now Selling at Reduced Prices Mme. Helene, Howd Le Beau, Royal Worcester, Bon Ton and Rengo Belt Corsets—Sahlin Waists and Others

\$1,000,000 Removal Sale May 13th Lucky Friday for Thrifty Shoppers

Today We Will Prove There Is Luck in the 13th Day—Luck in Friday—Double Luck When Together

Olds Wortman & King

A condensed list of Removal Sale bargains prepared for busy shoppers. Take advantage of this sale.

- \$3.00 Millinery Flowers now reduced to only 59c
\$3.50 Chip Hat Shapes now reduced to only \$1.98
\$10.00 Tailored and Fancy Waists, special at \$4.95
\$5.00 and \$6.50 Silk Waists reduced to only \$2.95
Infants' 65c Skirts and Dresses for only, each, 12 1/2c
Infants' \$1.25 Skirts and Dresses are marked at 29c
Infants' \$4.50 Skirts and Dresses are marked at 98c
Infants' \$7.50 Skirts and Dresses on sale at \$1.48
Women's \$1.50 Gloves reduced for this sale to 95c
Women's 75c Gloves at Removal Sale Price of 45c

Sale Women's Neckwear Values to 25c at 10c Each Values to 35c at 18c Each Values to 65c at 39c Each

\$1.50 Shirts 95c

WHITE SHIRTS—A remarkable offering of men's shirts. Rarely do you hear of staple sellers in pure white plaited shirts being offered at a reduction like this.

COLORED SHIRTS—5000 in this lot, to be mixed with 3000 white ones; negligees with collars attached, or soft shirts, with plain or plaited bosoms, made of such good materials as oxford cloths, madras, percales, chambray, etc.

Olds Wortman & King

For detailed descriptions of the following items see Thursday's Papers. Carefully peruse these bargains:

- Regular 15c Dress Swiss reduced to only, the yard 9c
Regular 40c Cotton Foulards now reduced to 34c
Regular 15c Cretonnes now reduced to only 12 1/2c
Heavy Ramie Linen for dresses, etc., on sale at 45c
\$3.00 Couch Covers are now reduced to, each \$2.25
Regular \$5.00 Scrim Curtains reduced to only \$3.75
Women's \$1.65 Corset Covers now reduced to 98c
Women's \$2.75 White Petticoats reduced to \$1.52
Women's \$1.85 Circular Drawers reduced to \$1.04
Women's \$1.85 Combination Suits reduced to \$1.04

Women's Suits \$32.50 Vals. At \$14.45

A lot of 300 women's Tailored Suits in plain and striped serges, wide-wale diagonals and fancy worsteds; short jackets, plain tailored, notched collars or shawl collar styles. Semi or tight-fitting; 2, 3 and 4-button styles; all with new plaited skirts; every wanted color for Spring \$14.45 wear; vals. to \$32.50, special \$14.45

5600 Yards of Fancy Silks 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 Values 49c At \$9.95

A great variety of fancy Silks, two-toned effects, etc. Values never before shown in the "Rose City." Such a sale is unusual—so unusual that extra preparation has been made to handle the crowd. Such a beautiful showing is seldom seen in the West. And not in all America can such bargains be found.



Women's Suits \$25.00 Vals. At \$9.95

Oh, such a pick-up of 570 suits. Our New York buyer found a factory with more suits than money, so secured this lot at his own price.

Specials in Granitew're

- 33c Sauce Pan, 2 1/2-quart, special at 26c
65c Coffee Pot, 1 1/2-quart, special at 52c
Regular 65c Covered Sauce Pan, sp'l, 52c
25c Pudding Pan, Volcanic Ware, at 19c
33c Steamer, Volcanic Ware, at, ea., 27c
65c Colander, Volcanic Ware, ea. only, 52c
\$1.10 Water Pail, special price, each, 88c
\$1.00 Dish Pan, Volcanic Ware, each, 80c

Pearline Washing Powder reduced to, package, 4c 10c Monkey Brand Scouring Soap reduced to only 4c

- Swift's Pride Laundry Soap now selling, cake 4c
Pumice Soap, for the men who work, on sale at 4c
Hand or Scouring Sapolio on sale at, the cake 7c
Washing Ammonia, rubber corked bottle, at only 8c
10c Japanese Rose Toilet Soap, special price only 5c
Indestructo Trunks now offered at Removal Prices
Suit Cases and Bags have all been greatly reduced
Jewelry and Novelties are now all reduced in price
All Umbrellas and Parasols at great reduced prices
Richardson's Linens now at Removal Sale Prices
All Wash Dress Goods are now reduced in price

Fine Millinery \$10.00 Hats at \$3.95 Ea. \$15.00 Hats at \$5.95 Ea.

We will feature today two extraordinary specials in trimmed hats, at very low prices: LOT 1 will consist of street and dress Hats, all this season's styles; very tasty patterns and splendid values to \$10.00.

\$1.50 Allover Lace during this sale at, the yard 98c \$1.00 to \$10.00 a yard Lace Bands at HALF PRICE

- 35c Taffeta and Moire Ribbons now, the yard 22c
50c Dresden and Two-Tone Ribbons on sale at 29c
Women's Black Suede Pumps, special price \$2.29
Women's \$5.00 Pumps and Oxfords, the pair \$1.98
Another lot of \$5.00 Pumps and Oxfords for \$2.49
Men's \$5.00 Oxfords, great values at, the pair \$3.69
Great sale of all Rugs at exceptionally low prices
Draperies and Curtains all greatly reduced in price
Special in Baseball Goods at exceptionally low prices
All Cut Glass now marked at Removal Sale Prices
A sale of Rogers' Silverware at astonishing prices

NO STRIKE LIKELY

Plumbers Answer Charges Made by C. K. Henry.

BUILDING TRADES REPLY

No Prospect of Portland Labor Troubles, Says Business Agent of Laboring Man—Laurelhurst Residence Is in Question.

That there is no impending strike of journeymen plumbers; that there has been no increase of 25 per cent in the cost of plumbing supplies and that there was method of a "mean and despicable" nature in contrary statements accredited to C. K. Henry, a well known Portland real estate man, in substance was the declaration of J. H. Morrow, business agent of the plumbers' union and representative master plumber of the city yesterday.

It was suggested by Mr. Morrow that possibly Mr. Henry is seeking to make the union and the employers become an apology for his possible failure to erect a costly residence in Laurelhurst. "He has frequently published that he intended doing so," said Mr. Morrow, "and upon that representation lots, no doubt, were sold. Now he wants us to be his 'fall guy.' That is the way I have figured it out."

In an interview Wednesday, Mr. Henry declared that it was almost impossible to get contractors to bid on the contract for his possible failure to erect a costly residence in Laurelhurst, assigning as a cause an impending strike of plumbers and other building trades.

George H. Connolly, president of the Portland Master Plumbers' Association, declared that such utterances are a habit with Mr. Henry and further said: "From what I have been able to learn the firm drawing the designs for the

building are also bidding on the contract and that is the reason other contractors are not being paid \$5 a day. Until May they were paid \$5 a day, making a demand some time ago for an increase to \$6. They were paid \$6 before the panic of 1907. At that time the master plumbers asked them to submit to a decrease of \$1 per day, which was accepted on the promise that the old scale would be renewed as soon as prosperous conditions returned.

Though two years have passed since the return of prosperity the old scale has not been re-established. The remaining 50 cents difference is to be arbitrated, precluding the possibility of a strike.

According to J. F. Ledwidge, business agent of the building trades of Portland, the prospect of any strike at this time or soon, is an absurdity.

"So far as I know, and I am in a position to know," he said, "there is hardly a possibility of a general strike in any of the building trades unions."

CLEVER JOKES TO BE HEARD

American Beauty Show Promises Something New in Minstrelsy.

The American Beauty Show, which will be given two nights, May 20 and 21, at the Bungalow Theater, promises to be one of the most attractive and well-attended local shows of the year. The performance is being arranged in a grand first part minstrel ensemble, in which there will be a gorgeous display of Portland feminine beauty. Many clever songs, jokes and dances will be introduced by some of the best local actors and comedienne. A feature which is expected to create a sensation is the entrance of the American beauties and debutantes, who will appear in gorgeous gowns and costumes of the latest creations. The fun in the show will be supplied by a sextet of sapphire-colored maids who will impersonate the following characters: Anna Held, Fritzie Schert, Ivetta Jewel, Olga Kerners, Lillian Russell and Ethel Barrymore. A special orchestra of 14 pieces, under the direction of Leader Koch, has been arranged to furnish up-to-date numbers, which will vary from operatic to coon songs.

committee which has the active management of the show is composed of Mrs. C. J. Allen, Mrs. H. A. Heppner, Mrs. Joseph Ludlam and Mrs. F. Joplin.

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