

Scriber 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 Testifics.

That many large banks of the Coast and Middle West were frequently loaded up with forged notes, furnished as col-interal scourity by J. W. Scriber, was yesinternal security by J. W. Scriber, was yes-terday developed in the trial of Soriher in the United States Court. Scriber is charged with having wrecked the Farmers & Traders' Bank of La Grande through bad management. He has confessed to having forged hundreds of notes, using the names of many prominent men in Union County, in an effort to keep his bank affoat afloat.

Scriber's system was to make the notes Scriber a system was to make the house and send a bunch of them to a corres-pondent bank as security for a loan to the Farmirs' & Traders' Bank. The amount for which he applied more fre-quently was \$5000, but during the last year of the life of his institution, Scriber frequently ran the request up to \$10.000 year of the fire of his institution, scriber frequently ran the request up to \$10,000 and \$12,000 Invariably Scriber arranged other loans, or scraped the money to-gether to remit and cover the forged paper. The only time he ever slipped on West note at Elgin. Oftimes Scriber would abandon the

forgery of notes and resort to issuance of certificates of deposit in his own name or that of his son. In many instances certificates would be issued in the name of the bank from which the loan was obtained. In a number of cases the name of State Treasurer Steel appeared on the notes and certificates as an indorser.

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' & Traders' Bank as a liability. Notes and certificates were concealed in like man-

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 were: The Continental National Bank of Chicago; Capitol National, Salem; Colfaz National, Colfaz, Wash.; First National of Idaho; Hanover National, New York; McCormack Company, of Salt Lake; First National of San Francisco; First Na-tional of Omaha; Merchants National, German-American and Bank of Cali-fornia, of Portland.

fornia, of Portland. When the orash came, Dexter, Horton & Company, Seattle bankers, have been reported to have had possession of a large number of the bogus notes. A por-tion of them were returned to Scriber through a settlement which Walter Plence, president of the Grand Ronde Electric Company, secured with the re-ceiver of the Farmers' & Traders' Bank.

Interest Losses Heavy.

Note Teller J. C. Norman, of the Dexter, Horton Company, yesterday re-turned others to the Government from the witness stand. In reciting the his-tory of their loans to Scriber, the witness testified that interest was always de-ducted in advance. In that manner Scriber was losing from \$210 to \$250 on every large loan he negotiated.

Walter Pierce was the last witness of the day, and the first of the depositors of the Farmers' & Traders' Bank to go upon the witness stand. Mr. Pierce de-

following the failure, one of them de-tailing the connection of Asa Thomp-son, receiver of the La Grande land of-fice, with a note for \$6000. "Thompson went to the bank when Scriher was in Portland and told Mc-Cully that Inspector Greene was in town and would make an examination that day of the receiver's account at the bank." testified Gatch. "He se-cured the note to conceal fit from Greene's knowledge, promising to re-turn it after the inspector departed. "Scriber informed me that Thompson refused to return the note or make an-other and thin the forged a note to take its place. The loan to Thompson ap-peared to be legitimate, and I never sathered any information to the con-trary. Scriber said that he was asso-clated with Thompson in the Heppner land deal, and I understood that Scriber could not sue to recover the amount of 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."

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 was in bed at his home part of the time, but was strong enough to walk down to the bank.

Assistant District Attorney Evans followed Gatch on the winess stand and corrobarated much of his testi-mony. Mr. Evans scored a point for

mony. Mr. Evans scored a point for the Government in testifying to the mental attitude of Scriber. "Scriber regretted the condition of affairs," said the assistant prosecutor, "but his greatest regret related to his forgetting the N. K. West note, which he had sold at the Elgin bank. Scriber said if he had only remembered that the West note was due and had taken cars of it the exposure never would have happened."



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

Because he was getting weak and seded nourishment so that he could take care of his business, A. S. Houghion, a photographer, yesterday broke his fast, on the 21st day. He sipped the

juice of five oranges during the day and enjoyed it, although he said his appetite had not returned. Orange julce will be his food today and tomorrow he will begin on milk. After drinking milk two or three days, he will take soup and in a week or so may begin a light diet of more solid food. It will

a light diet of more solid food. It will probably be several weeks before he attempts to eat an average meal. "I am sorry I did not have a com-plete 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 tempration, 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.

of eaching presume it was because I had uterate to break my fast today. I suppose that as soon as I begin taking solid food into my stomach I will have an appetite, and it will be necessary to exercise will power to not overeat. To derive benefit from fast-tory persons must not overeat when it overeat. To derive benefit from fast-ing persons must not overeat when it is broken. It is no fun to fast three weeks. Eating is delightful, but I can-not afford to destroy the good I may derived from the fast by eating too much for some time. When I do begin to eat normally again I will confine myself to two meals a day." Houghton has lost 21 pounds since the fast began. He said he felt the stimulus of the orange julce yeater-day and expects to gain in flesh at the same rate he lost it. The only ef-fect he noticed since the fast began was very light sleeping, and instead

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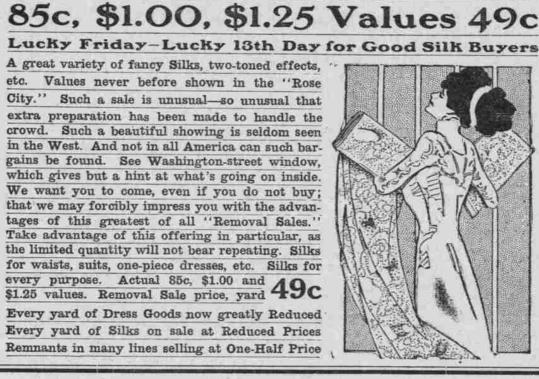
BUILDING TRADES REPLY

Residence Is in Question.'

That there is no impending strike of

journeymen plumbers; that there has been no increase of 15 per cent in the

Pearline Washing Powder reduced to, package, 4¢ 10c Monkey Brand Scouring Soap reduced to only 4¢ Swift's Pride Laundry Soap now selling, cake 4¢ Pumice Soap, for the men who work, on sale at 4¢ Hand or Scouring Sapolio on sale at, the cake 7¢ specials in trimmed hats, at very low prices: LOT 1 will consist of street and dress Hats, Washing Ammonia, rubber corked bottle, at only Sc 10c Japanese Rose Toilet Soap, special price only 5¢ Il this season's styles - very to and splendid values to \$10.00 \$3.95 each. Removal sale price, each 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 Nature Helps Beauty Spot-Y. M. C. 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



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\$1.50 Allover Lace during this sale at, the yard 98¢ \$1.00 to \$10.00 a yard Lace Bands at HALF PRICE 35c Taffeta and Moire Ribbons now, the yard 22¢ 50c Dresden and Two-Tone Ribbons on sale at 29¢ Women's Black Suede Pumps, special price \$2.29 Women's \$5.00 Pumps and Oxfords, the pair \$1.98

Company, Mr. Pierce repudlated notes purporting to have been given by its officers.

Shortage Nearly \$200,000.

National Bank Examiner Eugene T. Wilson testified that on the day the Farmers' & Traders' National Bank closed its doors the actual difference be-tween the book value of the assets and the actual value of the same items was \$102,882.45. The larger part of this dif-ference represented formeries.

\$102,882.45. The larger part of this dif-ference represented forgeries. On the night the bank closed, Scriber secured admittance to the building and desiroyed notes to the value of \$72,000. About \$30,000 of the burned paper were genuine and valid claims, the cashier not taking time to separate them. Examiner Wilson was of the opinion that the "kindergarten watarm of descen-

that the "kindergarten system of decep-tion" began after an inspection of the bank in 1907. Sorther was ordered by the Controller of the Currency to get rid of certain bad paper received from the Sumptor fiasco, by levying an as-sessment. 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 con-dinued his testimony concerning the methods employed by Scriber in manip-ulating forged notes and so carrying them through the transactions of the Farmers & Traders National Bank as to deceive the teller, bookkseper and National Bank Examiners.

National Bank Examiners. Scriber kept a private cash book in which all the bogus transactions were noted, the witness said, and at the close of business each day be would make out a slip for the teller showing the balances and other information which was to be carried through the system of accounts. The book was turned over to Examiner Gatch and Assistant United States Attorney Evans on October 15, 1908. The officers of the Government testified that afterward Scriber came to the bank and explained the entire

testified that afterward Scriber came to the bank and explained the entire series of entries, picking out the forged notes on the register of the bank from entries in his private book. Witness Gatch testified that approxi-mately 500 depositors kept accounts in the Farmers & Traders Bank at the time of the exposure, and that the total deposits amounted to \$140,276.64.

nied that he had ever executed a note to the bank for \$5000 and pronounced the note bearing his name to be a forgury. As president of the Grand Ronde Elec-

SELLWOD PARK IMPROVED

A. Bungalow Planned.

Work is progressing on the improve nent of Sellwood Park. The wading 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 Sellwood with grounds which a fair amount of work will make one of the beauty spots of Portland. The work this year will cost \$7000.

The plan to build the Selwood Y. M C. A. buiding of brick was abandoned when the bids were opened, the lowest being \$22,000. Since the building com-mittee has only about \$12,000 available, Plumbers Answer Charges it has been voted to draw plans for bungalow. The excavation has been

The Sellwood Board of Trade discussed at its last meeting the building of a float for the Rose Pestival parade.

Most of the members present favored a bungalow emblematical of Sellwood 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 No Prospect of Portland Labor Troubles, Says Business Agent of links is being pressed, with apparent Laboring Man - Laurelhurst

respects of success. Residents have been ordered to re-move from the streets near their homes various piles of slab wood with which the suburb is now dotted. Rev. D. A. Thompson, pastor of the

Spokane-Avenue Presbyterian Church, spoke to the indians at an Indian camp meeting near Pendleton recently, through an interpreter.

Miss Rode, the Sellwood librarian, spent several days the past weak at La Camas, 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.

Harry I. Plants, who died at the Sell-wood Hospital, was buried Tuesday. He was 28 years old.

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committee which has the active manage-ment of the show is composed of Mrs. C. seph Ludiam and Mrs. F. Joplin. with which to promote the Portland Au-

building are also bidding on the contract and that is the reason other contractors are not bidding, though other reasons no doubt will be given. So far as I know there is no probability of the journeymen plumbers striking. We propose to see that they do not or that any trouble is had whethere?" ditorium. Among the clubs which are backing the movement are the Monday Musical Club and the Daughters of the Confederacy. The several committees which are working for the success of the American Beauty Show report that ad whatever.

had whatever." As the situation now stands the plumb-ers are being paid \$5.50 a day. Until May I they were paid \$5 a day, making a demand some time ago for an increase to \$6. They were paid \$6 before the panle of 1907. At that time the master plumbers asked them to submit to a decrease of \$1 per day, which was ac-quiesced to on the promise that the old scale would be renewed as soon as pros-perous conditions returned. perous conditions returned.

perons 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 strikes at this time or soon, is an absurdity. "So far as I know, and I am in a po-sition to know," he said, "there is hardly a possibility of a general strike in any of the building trades unjons."

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CLEVER JOKES TO BE HEARD

American Beauty Show Promises Something New in Minstrelsy.

The American Beauty Show, which

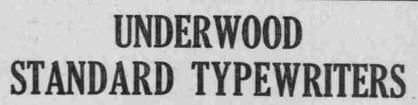
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GOOD TEETH BRING SUCCESS. One day, hundreds and hundreds

GOOD TELETH BRING SUCCESS. One day, hundreds and hundreds of years ago, a certain immortal by the name of Jason left the sunny shore of Old Greece. In search of the Golden Fleece. His boat was on beaten gold studded cars, held in place by chains of pure wrought sliver. The story of his wondrous trip and of his successful return has furnished the topic for many a Winter fireside tale. Brother Jason was a philosopher, an analyzer. He had a definite purpose and he returned successful. Today sliken salls and diamond-studded cars are out of date. They are buried with the centuries that graced their vogue. But people still have purposes—and they still succeed—because they go ore-pared. When you meet other people, you have a purpose in view, either busi-ness or pleasure, and your appearance is just as important to you as were the gorgeous embellishments which garnished Brother Jason's claborate craft. The world has no time to waste on the man or woman who is not present-able or who can't put up a good ap-pearance. . Lit people of missing teeth are a





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