

RECORD RUN MADE SCRIBER CASE

Total of 33 Witnesses Examined in La Grande Bank Cashier's Trial.

ALL SIGNATURES DENIED

No Witness Produced Who Would Admit Signing Notes for Single Item of \$78,700 Indebtedness. \$50 on \$1 May Be Paid.

DEPOSITORS FEAR BANK WILL PAY LESS THAN 70 CENTS ON DOLLAR. Depositors in the defunct Farmers & Traders National Bank of La Grande, many of whom are in attendance as witnesses at the trial of J. W. Scriber, are of the opinion that the assets of the bank will not pay to exceed 70 cents on the dollar of liabilities. In a number of instances the estimates run as low as 50 to 60 cents. Stockholders lost double the amount of their holdings. Capital stock amounting to \$20,000 was subscribed at the organization of the bank. An assessment of an equal amount has been levied by the receiver.

Witnesses in the number of 33 were yesterday examined in the trial of J. W. Scriber in the United States Court, charged with wrecking the Farmers & Traders Bank of La Grande. In shattering all records as to expediting the trial of a case, District Attorney McCourt was materially assisted by Attorney Fulton, who refrained from cross-examination in most instances. The larger part of the residents of Eastern Oregon who went upon the stand were former patrons of the defunct bank. In every instance their names had been signed to worthless paper by Cashier Scriber, the notes thus secured forming the basis for loans upon which Scriber floated the La Grande bank during the last two years of its existence.

No Witness Admits Signature. A witness was produced who would acknowledge the genuineness of his signature to a single item of the \$78,700 indebtedness. In almost every instance of the day Mr. Fulton admitted that the notes were counterfeits, but was content with the information that none of the forged notes had been collected by either the defendant or his successor, the receiver for the bank.

With the Government's case drawing to a close, it is apparent that Jeff W. Scriber is guilty of forgery, misrepresentation and other crimes. He is the director of the bank as to its insolvent condition, but that Scriber never profited by any of his crooked transactions. Scriber treated everybody alike in making counterfeit notes. He signed the names of business men, farmers, laborers and professional men with equal facility and aptness. Many of the signatures produced in court were so similar to the originals that only an expert could detect the difference. Scriber himself adopted a key by which to detect them when returned to the bank. It was a dot in the lower corner of each forged note.

Witness Knew Not of Note. N. K. West, the man who caused the exposure of the crooked note deals and the closing of the bank, testified that he had not in recent years given a note for any amount to the Farmers & Traders Bank, but that in October, 1908, a note was received from the First National Bank of Elgin to the effect that his note for \$200 was due and unpaid. "I called upon Mr. Scriber," said the witness, "and he denied all knowledge of the note and the fact that it was a mistake. I then told the Elgin people to hold the note until I could examine it. The next morning I was called to Elgin in an automobile. Scriber got a machine and left La Grande after I did. He was accompanied by Dr. Moller. "My machine broke down and I was compelled to finish the trip with a horse. Scriber beat me into Elgin. As I drove into town I met him coming out. When I reached the Elgin bank he said that Scriber had paid the note and destroyed it."

Insanity Plea Attacked. During the morning session District Attorney McCourt endeavored to lay the foundation for an attack on the insanity defense announced by attorneys for Scriber. The Government prosecutor worked on the plan of making it plain to the jury that Scriber was not altogether deluded with the idea of saving the bank, but was attempting to protect and cover up his disgrace. Witness Walter Plevin was called to show that an out-of-date issue of bonds made by the Grande Ronde Electric Company were placed with the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, the Bank of California and the German Savings Bank as security for loans, while a substitute issue of bonds in the same concern, and which were intended to replace the first issue, were hypothecated for other loans.

During the examination of Witness Pierce, it was brought out that the witness had indulged in a little high finance during the days following the failure of the Farmers & Traders Bank. Mr. Pierce admitted that he bought two genuine notes issued by himself and a Mr. Thomson for \$200 and \$100, respectively, paying \$150 for them. Along with the good notes were four forged ones. Later, Mr. Pierce admitted having turned in the forged notes in redemption of Grande Ronde bonds held by the Scriber bank amounting to \$7500. The securing of the bonds was hypothesized by Scriber with the bank at Palouse City.

Witness Tells of Offer. Mr. Pierce was one of the citizens of La Grande who urged Scriber to sell out his interest in the tottering bank. Pierce testified that on the night the bank closed he called Scriber into an office and urged him to accept the offer of Banker Scroggins and Myers, who said they would take over the institution and advance all money necessary to carry it through, provided Scriber stepped out of the management and the securities were in the note pouch. Scriber refused the offer and would not allow an examination of the note pouch of the Farmers & Traders. "Scriber said he must stay with the bank as cashier," testified the witness, "and said he would fight it out."

PORTLAND WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

MRS. A. C. NEWELL, CHOSEN PRESIDENT.



There was a large attendance at the Portland Woman's Club yesterday afternoon for the annual election of officers. Mrs. A. C. Newell was elected president for the coming year. Other club officers were chosen as follows: First vice-president, Mrs. Grace Watt Ross; second vice-president, Mrs. Alice R. Shannon; recording secretary, Mrs. O. P. Jamison; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. C. Jackson; financial secretary, Mrs. Fannie Harrison; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Lutke; auditor, Mrs. J. D. Spencer; directors, Mrs. John M. Scott, Mrs. R. M. Tuttle. The business meeting an excellent report was given by Mrs. Grace Watt Ross in regard to arrangements for co-operation with other organizations for "Cleaning-up Day." The resolutions committee was instructed to prepare a communication in regard to the report from the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry concerning the charges tracing tuberculosis, typhoid and other diseases to dairy products and urging action by Congress looking to an investigation as to this menace to the public health.

although he had just told me that he could not handle our pay roll unless I made a large deposit. I had seen a forged note that day, and I was worried. I did not know how many people were involved, or how. The following witnesses were on the stand during the day and repudiated signatures to notes. In only one of the two instances was it shown that an attempt had been made to imitate the handwriting of the persons who ostensibly made the loans: S. M. Bolton, partner in the corporation of Bolton & Bonden, three notes, \$8000; H. C. Rhinehart, general merchandise, four notes, \$3000; F. P. Childers, Sheriff, two notes, \$2000.

Several Deny Signing Notes. B. F. Webb informed the court that he had never signed a note for \$1000 and Farmer McInnon denied that he had indorsed the paper; L. L. McKinnon repudiated a personal note for \$1000, as did W. L. Ledbetter a note for an identical amount. F. D. McCully, who stated that he had known Scriber for 45 years, was used on the stand to repudiate notes of J. E. Foley, \$500; Samuel Morris, \$1000; J. D. Casey, \$500; L. A. Smith, \$1000; W. R. Ledbetter, \$1000; Julius Roesch, \$500; George Grope's Store, three notes, \$6000; R. O. Watkins, \$1500; A. T. Hill, \$1000; Dr. A. L. Richardson, \$1000; J. M. L. Adcock, \$1000; J. H. Rinehart, \$2500; W. H. Glenn, \$3000; C. C. Henry, County Judge, \$3000; Henry & Carr, three notes, \$3000; J. G. Wagner, \$1200; E. G. Adams, \$1000; W. H. Rinehart, \$2500; J. W. and Mrs. White, \$3000; S. A. Haworth and E. R. Haworth, two notes, \$3000.

State Treasurer Steel appeared for the Government and identified four certificates of deposit which he had accepted on the Farmers & Traders Bank, and which were a part of the forged "17,000 series." W. R. Hamilton was the last witness and recounted his experience on that day of the career of the defunct bank. Hamilton heard of the West note and being a loaner of money became suspicious of the note. He went to the bank for redemption of notes to the value of \$5000 prior to the closing of the doors. Hamilton was the last customer to secure money across the counter. He held the Casey and Grande Ronde Electric Company forged notes.

Many of the witnesses, who are prominent business men and were associates of Scriber, are being held in the city to testify next week as to the insanity of Scriber.

Man Who Has Broken Long Fast Isn't Hungry Yet. A. S. Houghton the photographer, who broke his fast on the twenty-fourth day by drinking the Juice of five oranges yesterday increased the amount of the fruit nourishment to seven. He says if he feels like it he may drink a little more today. Although orange juice has stimulated him considerably and he has no doubt that it will be found that the man suffered from some organic trouble that would have killed him even if he had not fasted.

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MISSING 40 HOURS CHILD BACK HOME

Kenneth Wood Weathers Terrible Experience Unusually Well.

FARMER FINDS WANDERER

Little Fellow, Thought Kidnaped, Returned to Parents, Who Are Overjoyed—Father and Mother Resent Criticism Made.

Weak and tired, but happy, and apparently little the wiser for two days without food or care, little Kenneth Wood lay at the home of his parents on East Thirteenth street last night absorbing nourishment gradually and regaining strength. The little fellow, only two and one-half years old, weathered the terrible experience well, thanks to his sturdy nature. Little Kenneth was lost from his go-cart at Kusa, a station on the Oregon Electric line near Tigardville, on Wednesday afternoon. A search, supposedly thorough, of the vicinity was made immediately, but the child was not found. Various theories, all seeking toward kidnaping, were advanced to account for his disappearance, and his frantic parents fully believed that their child had been stolen.

Child Had Journeyed Half Mile. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning a child's cries were heard by R. L. Sampson, a farmer, living at Barstow, half a mile from Kusa, and upon investigation he found the little wanderer lying on the edge of a stream near his house, completely exhausted.

Brushed and scratched, the child's face gave evidence of the vicissitudes he had encountered in the 40 hours of wandering. Dressing him in dry garments, Mrs. Sampson took the first car for Portland and went direct to the home of the Woods. There the happy mother snatched the boy from her arms, and, still stunned by the shock of the trial she had undergone, vainly strove to find words with which to thank her boy's preserver. Meantime the father, on his way to take up again the desperate search, was told at Kusa station that the child was found and returned at once to his home to complete the happy reunion. The news from the recovery spread rapidly and persons who had never seen the child rejoiced at his recovery.

Parents Resent Criticism. Warmest indignation is expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Wood over the statements of Mr. Lee and others which insinuate that the mother did not use the proper feeling at the recovery of her child, and it is said by them that Lee's attitude is influenced by personal spite. "I was simply stunned by the calamity and worn out by the search," said Mrs. Wood. "I had cried till I could cry no more when my boy was brought back to me. I was holding myself against a collapse, and everything seemed like a dream to me. I did ask my husband during the search for Mr. Lee, saying, 'Why had he not brought out something to eat.'

Tom Richardson at La Grande. LA GRANDE, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Tom Richardson, of Portland, this afternoon toured Grand Ronde Valley in an automobile, viewing all the fruit centers. Tonight he is the guest of local business men at a dinner given in his honor.

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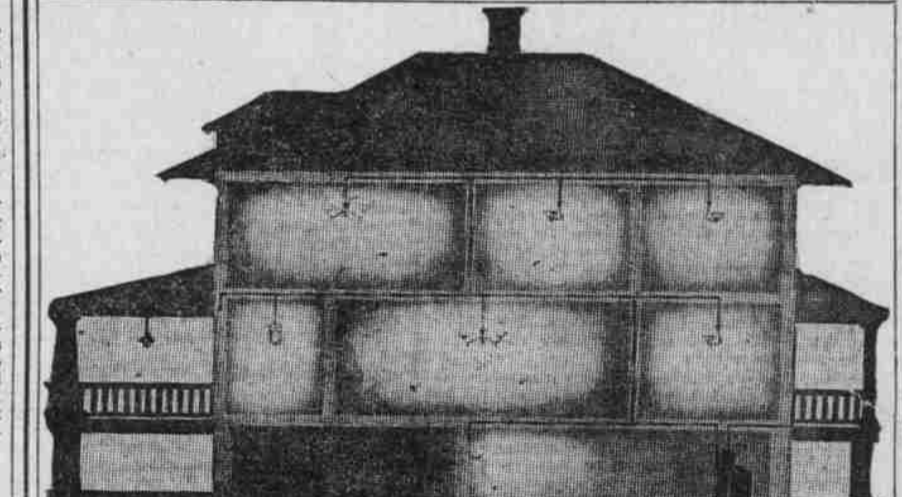
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