

NEW LIGHT SEEN ON FINANCIAL HORIZON

Prominent Bankers Tell Reserve Board Credit Conditions Are Improving.

SHORT-TERM MONEY CHEAP

Business Generally Reviving and on Upward Trend—Meeting With Advisers Develops Spirit of Genuine Optimism.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Financial conditions throughout the United States have improved greatly in the last few months according to reports to the Federal Reserve Board today by some of the most prominent bankers in the country. Credit conditions were said to be exceptionally good, reserves abundant and short-term money cheap.

Board Asks for Advice. The council held its first session today and met twice with the Board. It made no concrete recommendations, although the Board asked for advice on questions relating to time deposits, the use of acceptances and the admission into the Federal system of state banks.

Careful examination of all entering banks was recommended. It was said that in many parts of the country state banks are ready and willing to seek admission to the system under proper conditions in substantial numbers.

GANTENBEIN CASE ARGUED

Certificate of Election Is Issue at Supreme Court Hearing.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The case of C. U. Gantenbein, Circuit Judge, elect, Department No. 6, Multnomah County, to compel Governor West to issue him a certificate of election, was argued before the Supreme Court today.

HARRISBURG VOTE IS CAST

Mayor, Treasurer, Three Councilmen and Marshal Elected.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—At the election here yesterday, R. W. Davis won out for Mayor, M. R. Johnson became Treasurer and E. E. Carroll, H. R. Sherrill and R. W. Weatherford were named Councilmen. M. Hawk succeeded in his run for Marshal.

OFFICE FORCE COMPLETED

Governor-elect Withycombe Names Neil B. Baldwin Stenographer.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. James Withycombe, Governor-elect, announced today that he had completed his office force by the appointment of Neil B. Baldwin, son of Professor L. R. Baldwin, teacher of English in the Oregon Agricultural College, stenographer.

WILD MAN IS FINED \$10

Switchman Says He Does Not Remember Running Amuck.

A. J. Kelley, the switchman who terrorized a crowd with club at Fifth and Oak streets Monday, was sentenced in the Municipal Court yesterday to pay a fine of \$10.

DANGER IN HASTE IS NOTED

Governor-elect Advises Against Sacrificing Efficiency.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In a statement issued today Mr. Withycombe, Governor-elect, said he would not discuss, at this time, the details

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Dr. E. A. Pierce. The State Board of Health elected the following officers today: Dr. E. A. Pierce, Portland, president; W. B. Morse, Salem, vice-president; and Calvin S. White, secretary. The other members are: Drs. E. W. Pickel, Thomas J. Huggins, Andrew Smith and Alfred Kinney.

RECLAIMING ACT FILED

SENATOR JONES, OF WASHINGTON, SUBMITS NEW PLAN.

Bill Provides for United States to Guarantee Interest on Bonds Issued by Districts. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Jones, of Washington, will endeavor to get consideration this session for a bill which he introduced recently looking to Federal aid in bringing about the reclamation of arid, semi-arid and swampy overflow lands by district organizations formed under state laws.

PLUMBERS BUSY AT SHERIDAN

Many Water Pipes Freeze and Burst and Coasting Is Popular Sport.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—No relief is promised from the cold weather that has gripped the Sheridan country for the past four days. The temperature has reached a minimum of 29 degrees and has scarcely gone above the freezing mark in the four days.

CARLTON SKATES OUT AT LAST

Pond Surfaced With Ice for First Time Within Six Years.

CARLTON, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Ice skating is being done here for the first time in six years. A large portion of the pond of the Carlton Consolidated Lumber Company has frozen. The ice is about three inches thick. Clouds are beginning to show, and the weather is moderating.

SALEM HAS HOME FOR IDLE

Score Invade Club for Unemployed on Opening Day.

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A "men's club" for the homeless and unemployed of Salem was started today at the new building of George F. Rodgers at Perry and High streets. There were some members before night, and that the club will go far toward solving the question of providing for the unemployed of the city this winter already is demonstrated.

OWEN M. SCOTT WEDS IN SOUTH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Owen M. Scott, 25 East Twenty-seventh street, Portland, and also interested in Hood River holdings, and Mrs. E. McCormack, 84 East Salmon street, Portland, were married today at the Palace Hotel, Rev. G. A. Blair officiating.

Attorney to Be Named Today. SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Governor West announced tonight that he would appoint a district attorney for Oregon's new county, Jefferson, tomorrow. He said there were several applicants, but he declined to divulge the names.

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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Zero weather and cutting winds, which had somewhat abated today, returned to the Southwest tonight. With the coming of a new cold wave, the temperature in the Rockies, settled over this section.

Middle West Grows Colder. Corpus Christi, Tex., tonight reported temperatures of 42 and Dallas 34, while Oklahoma City recorded 32 degrees. In Iowa and Nebraska temperatures were falling rapidly, Des Moines and Omaha reporting a temperature of 20 degrees.

BAKER MERCURY YET 1 ABOVE

North Powder Continues to Shiver at 12 Below Zero.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Baker shivered again last night, with the mercury on the Government thermometer dropping this morning to one degree above zero, the same point it reached yesterday morning. North Powder kept up record of being the coldest spot in Oregon, the temperature dropping to 13 degrees below zero there this morning.

THE ADVANCE GUARDS OF THE DRYS

under a screen of political cavalry, have captured the last trenches in this State, and we must relinquish all that the Spring Valley Wine Company represents and sign the Articles of Surrender.

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SNOW FALLS AT HOOD RIVER

River Frozen, Temperature Drops to Ten Degrees Above Zero.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Not since January of 1912 has the ice on local ponds been so thick. The temperature since last Saturday has been below the freezing point. Thermometers in the city have registered as low as 15 degrees, and in the upper valley the mercury has been down to 19 degrees above. The Hood River is frozen over above the dam of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company.

KIDNAPING MINER GUILTY

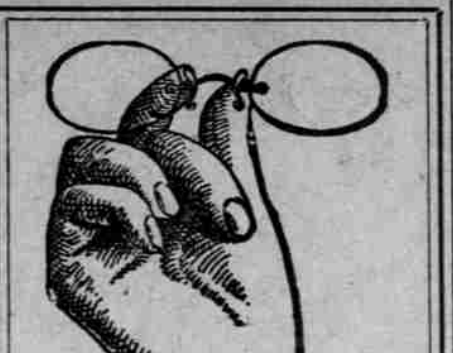
Butte Man's Alibi Disbelieved and He Gets Two Years.

BOZEMAN, Mont., Dec. 15.—William Winchester, a miner charged with kidnaping from the St. Lawrence mine in Butte, August 23 last, Richard O'Brien, a miner, and with aiding in his subsequent deportation, was found guilty in the District Court here today. His punishment was fixed by the jury at two years in the State Penitentiary.

CLACKAMAS BUDGET CUT

Taxpayers Oppose \$15,000 Appropriation for Jail and Others.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Cuts totaling \$27,625 were made



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in the county budget as drafted by the County Court at the taxpayers' meeting held today in the Courthouse.

SEARCHING MAY END Britain Willing to Permit Consuls to Give Clearances.

BRYAN LISTENS FAVORABLY France Announces Readiness to Allow Cotton Shipments to Pass as Non-Contraband, as London Also Regards It.

BARN MURDER TAKEN UP

SPECIAL GRAND JURY AT ROSEBURG BEGINS INQUIRY.

Father of Edna Morgan, Alleged Victim of Roy Farnum, Testifies—Prisoner Asserts He Is Innocent.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—If anything was to be said concerning Roy Farnum or the evidence adduced before the grand jury today, further than we are making rapid progress and should complete the investigation by Saturday," said District Attorney Brown at the conclusion of today's session of the inquisitorial body.

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Ruffnecks Reduced Men's \$5.00 Sweaters at \$3.75 Men's \$6.50 Sweaters at \$4.95 Men's \$8.50 Sweaters at \$5.95

Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth



Christmas Ship Off for Saloniki. GENOA, Dec. 15.—(Via Rome.)—The United States naval collier Jason, which brought Christmas gifts from the American people to the children of the belligerent powers, left here today for Saloniki.

Russia Banishes German Baron. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15, via Berlin and The Hague.—Baron Carl von Man- teuffel, who owns a fine estate at

Kardangen, near Libau, and the most prominent German noble in the Russian Baltic provinces, has been banished by the military chief of his district to Dwinsk near Tomsk, Siberia. The excitement of the Baltic nobility because of this incident is reported to be great.

A recital of the John McCormack records, assisted by W. W. Allen, the popular violinist. This evening at 8, Ellers Recital Hall, Ellers Building, Broadway at Alder. Complimentary tickets may be had at Ellers Music House.

Tickets on Sale December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 1914; January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1915. Return limit for all stations January 1, 1915.

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Tickets for the Christmas Holidays will be on sale between all points in Oregon December 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 31, January 1. Tickets will also be between all C. & E. P. R. & N. P. E. & E. and S. P. C. & W. points. Return limit for all stations January 4, 1915.

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