

CREDITORS TELL OF LOANS TO BANKER

Patrons of Failed Roseburg Bank Relate Inability to Make Collections.

CHECKS AND NOTES SIGNED

Partners of Tom R. Sheridan in Outside Ventures Deny Authority Was Given to Use Names. State's Case Is Closed.

A dramatic incident of the Tom R. Sheridan trial in Federal Court was furnished yesterday when Mrs. Elizabeth Byron, aged widow of John Byron, of Ollalia, Or., walked feebly to the witness stand and told her dealings with the banker, whose conduct of the defunct First National of Roseburg, has brought him under Federal indictment. "I have known Mr. Sheridan almost since he was a boy," said Mrs. Byron. She is now 69 years old and the defendant's hair, too, is touched with the silver of the passing years. In response to questions by United States Attorney Reames, Mrs. Byron told her story.

"I talked with Mr. Sheridan one day when I was depositing some money in the bank and he told me I had too much money there idle; that I ought to have it out earning something. I told him that if I loaned it, I would lose it. He said to let the bank use it and it would make 7 per cent for me and 1 per cent for the bank. "Mrs. Byron said she later received a memorandum check for \$1080 that had been taken from her account, but she never got a note for the money and although she repeatedly tried to collect her money, she was unsuccessful.

Money Used Without Note. J. F. Hoover, railroad section foreman of Myrtle Creek, who has lived in that county 17 years and began banking with the First National of Roseburg in 1895, testified that in December, 1908, he talked with President Sheridan in the bank and told him he would loan the money he had on deposit for him, and the banker said he would. Later, the witness said, came a memorandum check noting the loan of \$2500. He said he never received a note, and although the memorandum gave the initials "T. R. S." as the one to whom the loan was made, he never knew the identity of his supposed debtor.

It was in November, 1908, he said, that he went to the First National at Roseburg and asked President Sheridan about the loan and wanted to know where the money was. He said Mr. Sheridan was quite busy at the time and he replied it was all right. Later he asked him again about it and received practically the same answer. But he failed to procure the return of his money.

Farmer Loans Money. William Wende, a Douglas County farmer, 63 years old, with a record of 19 years' residence in that district, testified he asked Mr. Sheridan if there were not some way to lend him money and get interest on it. He was told it could be done, whereupon the witness asked Mr. Sheridan if the bank would be responsible for the loan and was told it would. He later signed the release when inquiry was made by Bank Examiner Goodhart as to authority given the banker to withdraw his funds.

A. M. Kelsey, formerly in the sheep business in Harney County, who was financed in the venture by President Sheridan, testified yesterday that he never gave the banker authority to sign notes for him, but it was understood generally that Mr. Sheridan had authority to borrow money for the business, and he said he felt Mr. Sheridan was perfectly right in signing the notes, although at the time he did not know of it. Fully \$8000 in notes, signed by Mr. Sheridan with Mr. Kelsey's name, were introduced as evidence yesterday.

Loan Made Without Knowledge. Joseph Mosthaf, of Ridgeport, was another depositor who asked the bank president to loan his money, which was done, an investment being made in Roseburg school bonds. When they were paid and Mr. Mosthaf's money came back into the bank, he said Mr. Sheridan loaned out \$300 of his funds without his knowledge. However, when a release was given the witness later and was told by Mr. Sheridan it was merely a matter of form and to sign it, Mr. Mosthaf signed.

S. A. Sanford, cashier of the First National, and now trustee, as the bank is going through liquidation, was called to the witness stand to testify that the bank directors never gave consent to drawing memorandum checks to take money out of accounts on deposit. E. C. Agee, whose name appears on many of the memorandum checks as a borrower of the bank funds, testified that he was a business partner of Mr. Sheridan in the ranching business in Douglas County and that the banker was financing the business. He left the money and to Mr. Sheridan, he said. He never paid the notes to which his name was attached, nor did he pay any interest.

Woman's Money Used. That the loan he promised to obtain for her was "just as good as gold" was the promise of Mr. Sheridan, according to the testimony of Mrs. W. T. DeWitt, a patron of the bank. A loan was made to A. M. Kelsey, the note being signed by Mr. Sheridan for Mr. Kelsey.

Mrs. Tim Barry testified that Mr. Sheridan loaned her money to the amount of \$4500 to himself and Mr. Kelsey. She said she had given the banker authority to loan her money. When she received a letter from Bank Examiner Goodhart, asking if she had authorized the banker to act for her, she said she took the letter to Mr. Sheridan, who told her it was just a matter of form, and asked her to sign it. She did so.

The Government rested yesterday, after the introduction of evidence by other witnesses along the same line. The defense will open this morning, expecting to conclude the examination of its witnesses tonight. The case is expected to go to the jury late this week.

TEST USE BAN PROPOSED

Mr. Dieck to Ask Prohibition on Advertising of City Examinations.

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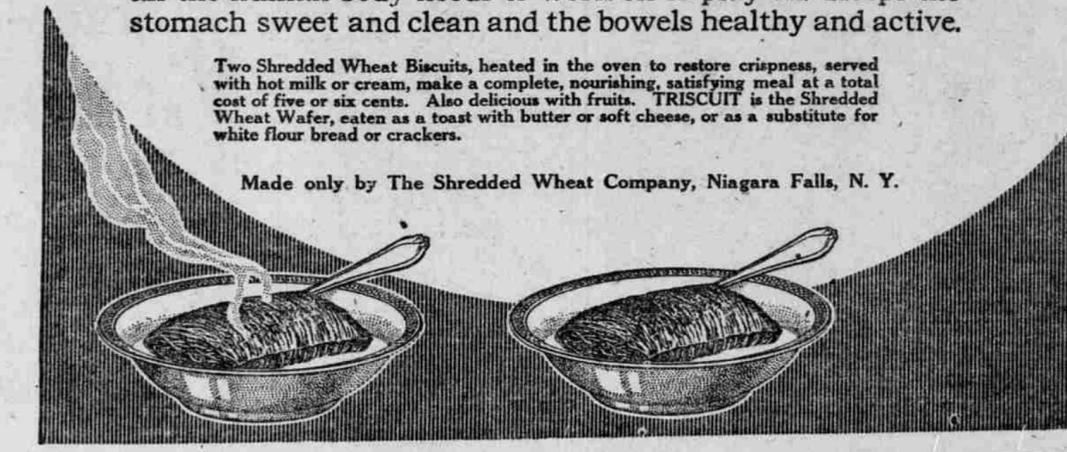
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MORAL COURT URGED

Official Creation Is Asked in Municipal Court Report.

PROBATION SYSTEM LAUDED

Judge Stevenson Also Advises Continuance of Installment Plan of Paying Fines to Give Offenders Chance to Make Good.

Continuance of the system of permitting persons convicted in the Municipal Court to pay their fines on the installment plan; perpetuation of the probation system for first offenders, and enactment of a law officially creating a morals court and court of domestic relations are commended in the annual report of Municipal Judge Stevenson, made public yesterday. The report covers the work of the past year and gives suggestions for the work of the year to come. In regard to the morals court, Judge Stevenson says that it should receive added power and dignity by being created officially by the City Council instead of existing only arbitrarily by order of the Municipal Judge, as at present. "The so-called morals court and court of domestic relations," says Judge Stevenson in his report, was organized May 23, 1914. The sessions of the court are merely sittings of the Municipal Court in a small room adjoining the main courtroom. The advantage of this arrangement is that it is achieved without the expense of a separate court in relieving witnesses testifying respecting delicate matters from the annoyance and embarrassment of large and morbid courtroom audiences. "This applies in matters of domestic relations as well as in cases involving breach of moral laws and ordinances. Experience reflects the fact that in matters of court procedure, women having cause for complaint against their husbands frequently withhold complaint because they do not like to relate their secret family affairs in the presence of large numbers of morbidly curious people. "The sessions referred to, I am glad to report, have the direct effect of relieving that situation, and there is a further fact when dealing with cases of this character, that court and court are always open to approach nearer the truth of the case when spectators are few and the inquiring body proceeds rather informally in a small room. The so-called morals court does not purport to be a secret tribunal, nor is there any disposition to deprive anyone of a public trial. These sessions are always open to anyone who has any right whatever to be there, but I have no hesitancy in saying that they are implicitly closed to those whose interest is purely that of indecent curiosity. "Good women and girls new in wrongdoing, frequently are brought into the Municipal Court, and it amounts to a pronounced alleviation of their distress, as well as that of their close friends and relatives, that the proceedings relative to their cases are heard with as little public advertising as possible. "The experiment of probation for first offenders has received a thorough trial and has proved successful. At the close of the period covered by this report there were approximately 200 men on probation, and the records disclosed that most of them have made good. "Early in the year the plan of installment fines was put in practice. The regulation has been that been that persons, otherwise worthy first offenders, and those giving promise of reform, were punished by fines and unable to pay, the terms of payment by installment were entered in a book, and they are allowed to pay their fines in installments suitable to their circumstances. While some of the fines go unpaid, by reason of breach of trust and inability to pay and are later remitted out of considerations of clemency, the system generally is successful, and, of itself, an excellent scheme of probation and deterrence. "Censorship Job Questioned. Whether or not the position of secretary to the motion picture censorship board, filled now by Mrs. E. B. Colwell, will have to be under civil service supervision is a question which

Good Things in Markets

FROM the Hawaiian Islands comes Gough celery, almost three feet long, for cooking, which sells at 50 cents a stalk. Another "fairlie" is endive, from the war zone, Belgium, offered at 60 cents a pound, which certainly looks both inviting and interesting. Local productions are now coming to the front—mushrooms at \$1 and butter beans, 25 cents a pound. Radishes, 5 cents a bunch, three bunches for a dime; cucumbers—1 foot long and shorter—25 cents; less distinguished stock, 20 cents each; Oregon rhubarb, in three-fourths-pound bunches, for a nickel. Florida continues to send up new Early Rose potatoes at 15 cents a pound. (Guaranteed to have really grown in the Everglades State this time, previous supplies, it is now averred, having come from Bermuda.) Florida also sends us Refugee stringless beans at 40 cents a bushel at 20 and fancy tomatoes at 25 and 35 cents a pound. California forwards this week new carrots at 5 cents a bunch, cabbage at 3 cents and rhubarb at 15 cents a pound. Green peas from the Golden State are now 15 cents a pound, two pounds for 25 cents, green pepper, 40 cents a pound; artichokes, 10 cents each and asparagus, 15 cents a pound. Potatoes are selling at \$1.35 a sack, 15 pounds for a quarter, while, down in the Carroll public market, seven, eight and nine pounds can be had for a dime; sweets, 5 cents a pound. Down there, also, can be found bothhouse lettuce, two generous bunches for a nickel. Celery hearts, 10 and 15 cents a bunch; spinach, two pounds 15 cents; cauliflower, 5 cents, two for 15 and 10 cents each; celery, which is getting rather scarce, is 10 cents a bunch; head lettuce, two for 15 cents; mushrooms, 30 cents a pound. Imported Bermuda onions, 10 cents a pound; green, 5 cents a bunch, and dried, eight pounds for 10 cents; garlic, 35 cents a pound. Chives and mint, for planting, 10 and 20 cents a bunch; dandelion greens, three pounds for a quarter, and water-cress, 5 cents a bunch. In the fruit market: Apples are at last beginning to get scarce, some varieties having disappeared. By the box they now range from \$1.35 to \$2.50. Stark, 25 cents a dozen, \$1.50 a box. Fancy Winesap and Newtown, 20 cents a dozen; Arkansas Blacks and a number of other kinds, 15 and 30 cents a dozen. Oranges are in considerable evidence. Good navel's can be had at 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50 cents. Blood oranges, 15 cents a dozen. Tangerines, two dozen for 15 cents. Cardboard boxes, containing a dozen choice navel's, are offered at 35 and 45 cents each. Marmalade oranges, 25 cents a dozen. A consignment from Redlands, Cal., separately lined and guaranteed, very sweet, is offered at 15 cents a dozen, or two dozen for a quarter. Lemons, 10, 15, 20 and 25 cents. Mexican limes, 25 cents a dozen. California grapefruit, 5 cents each; those from Florida, two for 15 cents and two and three for a quarter. Bananas, 25 cents a dozen; pineapples, 20, and coconuts, 10 cents each. Oregon rhubarb, local, is offered at three pounds for a quarter; other stock, 5 cents a pound. As the Jewish Passover occurs this coming week the stores have made preparation for it. Matzos (or unleavened) bread, 20 cents a loaf; Matzos flat cakes, two packages for 35 cents; Lat's meal, for Passover purposes, two packages, 35 cents. Oregon milk-fed hens that have been fattened specially for the Passover are 25 cents a pound. Hot Cross buns, for Good Friday, on sale Thursday next, 15 cents a dozen. Pimento, or Spanish cheese, for sandwiches, 40 cents a pound; cottage cheese, 15 cents; Roman cheese, for macaroni, 60 cents; and Gorgonzola, 50 cents a pound. Both of these are imported from Italy. Imported Swiss cheese, 40 cents; Roquefort, 50; Wisconsin Swiss, 30; fancy sharp cream and caraway cheese, each 25 cents a pound. Philadelphia scrapple, 15 cents a brick, made of cornmeal and meat minced very fine, forms a good breakfast dish when cut in thin slices and fried. In the fish market: Oregon City chinook salmon, caught with hook and line, 20 cents; steelhead, 12 1/2 cents a pound; sturgeon and Caddis-bug

MRS. MATHERS IS FOUND

Husband Leaves for San Francisco, Where Three Daughters Are.

Mrs. Josephine Ethel Mathers and her three daughters, for whom a search has been made for some time, have been located in San Francisco, and Martin L. Mathers, of Portland, husband of Mrs. Mathers, will leave immediately for that place. Mrs. Mathers is said to be working in a millinery store and singing in a cafe frequently as an extra entertainer. Deputy Sheriff Phillips received news of Mrs. Mathers in a letter from Chief of Police White, of San Francisco. Chief White said that Mrs. Mathers told him she did not want to return to her husband, because he would not work and wanted her to support the family.

Boy Shot by Airgun

Fred Propp, 7 years old, was shot in the head Wednesday night while George Spady, 12; Leo Veratater, 14, and Elmer Jinder, 13, were playing with air rifles

near the Propp home at 585 Mason street. The youngster's scalp was torn severely. Patrolman Elliott confiscated the rifles.

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