

FARMERS FLOCKING FOR FINAL TALKS

Approximately 1500 at Corvallis and Day's Arrivals in Excess of 100.

VARIOUS SESSIONS HELD

Dairymen, Butter and Cheese Makers and Horse Breeders Meet. Amalgamation of Farmers' Union and Grange is Topic.

BANK RUIN IS ADMITTED

CAPITAL STOCK OF COWLITZ INSTITUTION WIPED OUT.

Squandering of \$60,000 on Attempt to Recover \$1000 First Lost Is Laid to Manager-Cashier.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Under the new state law, W. K. Hanson, State Bank Examiner, will settle up the defunct Cowlitz County Bank at Kalama, the capital stock of which was wiped out recently through an investigation by a deputy examiner, who arrived unexpectedly.

J. P. Atkins, manager and cashier, now under arrest for misrepresenting the bank's condition, is too ill with nervous prostration to be further questioned, but he is supposed to have lost \$1000 in an investment and to have squandered \$40,000 more in attempting to recover the \$1000.

The bank's capital stock was \$25,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$15,000, and its deposits amounted to \$110,000.

As the examination has merely started, no statement of what the depositor may expect is available, but the elimination of a receiver will save about 25 per cent.

When first examined the Cowlitz bank had only \$2000 cash on hand when it should have had \$10,000. Mr. Atkins promises that no receiver will be appointed for the Cowlitz County Bank here, that he will close his office, but that his office will transact all business to save expense.

Depositors express confidence that they will get all that is due them in time.

Mr. Atkins Putter, the Treasurer of the town of Kalama, has on deposit about \$25,000 for which he is protecting Cowlitz County from loss. A statement setting forth the condition of the bank will be filed by the Examiner with the Clerk of the Superior Court.

AID TO GERMANY CHARGED

British Declare Dr. Gellhorn, of Seattle, Got Papers by Fraud.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Dr. Gellhorn, a prominent physician of Seattle, who was taken from his ship at Kirkwall December 3 and is believed to be a prisoner in a British detention camp, is alleged by British secret agents to have been carrying plans for certain military inventions and some chemical formulas to Germany.

Dr. Gellhorn, who is a native of Germany, and has several brothers in the German army, said when he left Seattle was his purpose to join the German Red Cross, but British agents declare that he intended to join his former regiment in Germany. It is alleged by the British that he obtained an international Red Cross pass and credentials under false pretenses.

Man Shoots Wife, Babe and Self.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A. G. Larson, of Snoqualmie, Wash., a laborer, aged 23, shot his wife, aged 20, and his 2-year-old daughter, then shot and killed himself in a hotel room here today. The baby, shot through the head, will die. The mother, shot through the neck, will recover. The police theory is that Larson was mentally unbalanced because unable to obtain employment.

SEPARATE TRIALS ASKED

Pleas of "Not Guilty" Entered in Olympia Looting Cases.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The pleas of "not guilty" were entered by John P. Gillies, Frank W. Stone and R. W. Keene, arrested in connection with the recent looting, when the three were arraigned today on an information jointly charging grand larceny. The three men demanded separate trials, and by stipulation the state was given until tomorrow morning to assign the cases for trial. The state has the right to any which defendant shall be tried first.

The pleas of "not guilty" were entered after Judge J. H. Mitchell had overruled demurrers interposed by the defendants.

TWO ON BOBSLED INJURED

Head River Girl and Boy Hurt When Horse Is Hit.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A bobsled loaded with a number of boys and girls, started last night with a horse and sleigh. The heavy sled tripped the horse, which fell on one of the owners, Miss Madeline Mitchell, fracturing her shoulder and bruising her legs.

Miss Hunt, another occupant of the sled, sustained badly bruised legs.

ROADS COST \$1,620,674

Multnomah Expenditures for 1915 Are Listed.

Multnomah County expended for road work during the year 1915 a total of \$1,620,674, according to a

report which was submitted to the Board of Commissioners yesterday by S. R. Martin, County Auditor. The amount named includes both the funds derived from taxation and expenditures from the bond issue.

The report shows that the money derived from the regular road tax for the year 1915 amounted to a total of \$1,325,425.45. This was expended as follows: Columbia River Highway, \$315,100; road district No. 1, \$227,274; road district No. 2, \$224,853.82; Road district No. 3, \$224,853.82; Road district No. 4, \$224,853.82; Road district No. 5, \$224,853.82.

Of the \$1,325,425.45 obtained from the regular road tax the report shows that \$1,025,425.45 was expended during 1915. This was used on special road and hard-surface work on all the principal highways improved in the county.

Mr. Martin estimates that there will be available for road work in 1916 the sum of \$1,325,425.45. Of this amount \$1,025,425.45 is retained from the bond issue and \$300,000 is due on the regular road tax of 1.50 mills on a total valuation of \$20,000,000.

WASCO COUNTY FARMERS MEET

DUFUR, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Wasco County Farmers' Union held an all-day meeting here yesterday. There were morning and afternoon sessions of the union, with the business session in the afternoon. The meeting was attended by the women members of the union.

PULLMAN'S NEW PRESIDENT IS IN

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Holland, formerly superintendent of schools of Louisville, Ky., today took over the work as president of Washington State College. He was introduced at chapel by E. A. Bryan, retiring president.

TIMBER CASE RESTS

Government Completes Evidence in Trial Over 43 Claims.

SUIT VALIDITY AT ISSUE

Testimony Introduced in Attempt to Prove Reasonable Diligence in Obtaining Data on Fraud Before Limitation Expired.

With the introduction of what Assistant United States Attorney Backman said was all the documentary evidence in its possession as bearing on investigations of alleged fraudulent land deals by which the Oregon Lumber Company obtained patents to 43 timber claims near Bumpier, Or., the Government rested yesterday in the trial of its suit against the company for cancellation of the patents and an accounting for damages for approximately \$4,000,000 of timber declared to have been cut from the land.

The purpose of this evidence was to show that the Government had exercised reasonable diligence in trying to obtain evidence of fraud, but that the proper officials had not received direct notice that fraud had been practiced until 1909, three years after the original statute of limitations had expired.

The defense opened its case at once. Wallace McCamant, chief of counsel for the Oregon Lumber Company, took up the Government's challenge that no notice of alleged frauds had been received prior to 1909 by introducing a mass of certified photographic copies of numerous complaints alleging fraud that had been filed with the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Secretary of Agriculture and other officials prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations in 1909.

Some of the complaints had been made as early as 1893, the year the lands were first entered upon and before the entrymen had obtained their patents.

T. B. Neuhausen testified that he had photographed these complaints, as well as orders from Department heads to special agents to make investigations, direct from the records at Washington.

It is the contention of the defense that the Government had full knowledge of the alleged frauds in patenting the claims long before 1909, the expiration of the statute of limitations, but took no action, and that the statute of limitations within which a civil action can be brought therefore has expired.

Mr. McCamant said the defense might complete its case by Saturday. Today will be the sixth of the trial, which is before Federal Judge Bean.

SCHOOL HAS \$12,000 FIRE

Vacation May Be Given Till Temporary Quarters Are Found.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The handsome brick school building at Pasco, Wash., District No. 10, was burned last night, only the brick walls remaining.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but the flames started in the rear of the building and quickly spread and soon the entire building was in flames. The loss is estimated from \$12,000 to \$15,000, with about \$5000 in books and supplies.

It is likely that a vacation will be ordered for a couple of weeks until some arrangements can be made to provide school facilities. Five teachers were employed.

CHAMBER CHIEF TO QUIT

W. G. Mumaw, of Aberdeen, Says He Won't Accept Re-election.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—W. G. Mumaw, for two years head of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, will not accept re-election, according to an announcement made by him today. No one is mentioned as a possible successor for him, although the election of officers will take place Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

Mumaw has been exceedingly active in developing farmer interests of the county. He is head of the telephone company here. V. H. Street, temporary secretary of the Chamber, will stand for re-election and probably will be unopposed.

SWOFFORD MAN IS DEAD

Charles N. Jordan Passes at Age of 56 Years.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Charles N. Jordan, of Swofford, 56 miles southeast of Chehalis, died Wednesday. Mr. Jordan was a native of Alabama, living later in Texas prior to coming here. He was 56 years old and had lived in Lewis County 25 years.

A widow and seven daughters survive. The daughters are Mrs. Charles H. Hilde, of Nesha; Mrs. Walter Kohler, of Chehalis; Mrs. Effie, of Chehalis; Mrs. Winnie, of Chehalis; Mrs. Emma, of Swofford. The funeral was held today, interment being in the Swofford cemetery.

\$100,000 BOND CHECK IN

Washington Turns Over Payment for Clarke County Issue.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A check for \$100,000 was received today by L. G. Conant, County Treasurer, from C. W. Clausen, State Auditor, representing the sale of \$100,000 of Clarke County bonds to the state. The money came from the state school fund and is an investment, the bonds bearing 3 per cent for 25 years.

On January 1 there was a balance of \$182,647.42 on hand in the Columbia River Interstate Bridge fund in Clarke County. This County is paying out about \$25,000 a month from this fund to contractors.

Columbia Ice Delays Mail.

ARLINGTON, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Columbia River at this point is running bankful of ice that are nearly as large as the channels. The ferry to Roosevelt has been tied up for a week and the small mail boat has trouble to make the daily trip. The shore ice reaches out about 100 feet and is covered with about eight inches of snow. The thermometer stands about 16 to 24 for the week, with no indications at this time of any warmer weather.

PASCO HAS NEW REGIME

Mayor Davis Names Appointments for City Offices.

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The newly-elected city officials assumed control of municipal affairs Tuesday night, with Edward A. Davis as Mayor.

Harry Dent, formerly Deputy Sheriff of Franklin County, was appointed Chief of Police; patrolman, Steve Adams; Fire Chief, E. R. Raymond; health officer, Dr. S. Q. Eimore; street superintendent, Harry Dent; police judge, E. R. Raymond; park board, Harry W. DeMuth, vice Mrs. Arnett; retiring: library board, Walter T. Ricks.

Sheriff Edward Onstott has appointed A. George Webb as Deputy Sheriff, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Harry Dent.

MR. GEISLER SAILS JAN. 25

Portland Man Will Leave to Take Vice-Consul Post in Germany.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Raphael Geisler, of Portland, this week named vice-consul at Cologne, Germany, will sail for Holland on January 25. From Holland he will go up the Rhine to Cologne.

Mr. Geisler took his preparatory school work at the Portland High School and in 1912 was graduated from the University of Oregon. As a thesis required as part of the work for master's degree, Mr. Geisler wrote upon



Boys' Store Second Floor

Boys' Sweaters

Jersey and Knit-Neck Styles.
\$1.25 Sweaters only..... 98c
\$1.75 Sweaters only..... \$1.48
\$2.50 Sweaters only..... \$2.15
\$3.00 Sweaters only..... \$2.48
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Boys' Underwear

In Gray, Etern and White.
50c Union Suits now..... 39c
75c Union Suits now..... 59c
\$1.00 Union Suits now..... 85c
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All Boys' Clothing Is Greatly Reduced During This Great January Clearance Sale

The famous Skolny, New York, Suits and Overcoats for boys, as well as all other makes carried by me, are offered now at genuine reductions from their normal prices. Scores of fathers and mothers are buying here this week. Come to the store today and share in these real economies.

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