BIG MONTANA FRAUD EXPOSURE ASSERTED

Political Sensation Expected From Spokane Postal Inspector's Announcement.

STATE OFFICIALS NAMED

Operations of Great Falls Company Said to Have Mulcted Public of More Than $300,000. Grand Jury Invoked.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Exposure of a gigantic fraud in which the public has been mulcted of more than $300,000 is asserted by the Spokane postoffice inspectors, following an exhaustive investigation of the operations of the Northwestern Trustee Company, of Great Falls, Mont.

Included in the list of men connected directly or indirectly with the investigations are high state officials of Montana, prominent merchants, bankers, and a former Spokane real estate dealer, Robert R. Sidebotham.

Because of the prominence of many of those involved, the case, which will be presented to the Federal grand jury at Great Falls, June 15, promises to create a political sensation, and its influence is expected to be a big factor in the coming general election in the state.

Among those whom the company's prospectus shows to have been directly or indirectly connected with the Trustee Company are: Ex-Governor Edwin L. Norris, of Montana, attorney for the Northwestern Trustee Company.

A. M. Alderson, Secretary of the State of Montana, and president of the company.

William C. Rae, Treasurer of the State of Montana, and secretary-treasurer of the company.

Robert R. Sidebotham, formerly of Spokane, and organizer of the Great Falls company.

Besides these, there are a score or more agents, salesmen and other employes connected with the case.

Mr. Sidebotham has been arrested on warrants charging fraudulent use of the mails in the transaction of the company's business, and a warrant is out for the arrest of J. G. G. Wilmot, who, with Sidebotham, was fiscal agent of the company.

Sidebotham, who visited relatives here last week, is out on $12,000 bonds. He was associated with Arthur D. Jones & Co. in 1900.

NOTE SIGNING IS COSTLY

NEGLECT TO PUT ON GLASSES COSTS WOMAN $777.

Mrs. Mary Maher Held Liable for Part of Amount Obtained by Her Husband From Bank.

Saying that she thought she was signing an order for credit for her husband and son-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Maher testified in Circuit Judge Davis' court yesterday that she affixed her signature to a note for $4000. She seeks to escape being bound by a judgment on the note obtained by the Scandinavian American Bank.

The charge of fraud in securing the signature was not answered by the husband last Spring, when he allowed his wife's suit for divorce, in which this was one of the allegations, to go by default. The note was signed November 26, 1913. Mrs. Maher testified that her husband, J. E. Maher, and son-in-law, C. R. Fones, had induced her to sign a document on representation that it was an order for credit. She said she did not have on her glasses and did not read it.

Mrs. Maher said she had given her husband $3000 the day before their marriage and had paid all the household bills since.

The bank sued on the note and obtained a judgment against Messrs. Maher and Fones and Mrs. Maher. The Hamilton Company, as collectors, brought the suit.

The case went to the jury at 4 o'clock yesterday. Its decision was that Mrs. Maher must stand her share of the liability, which was fixed at $777.

DELEGATE TRAIN LIKELY

SPECIAL MAY BE RUN TO CONVENTIONS IN CHICAGO.

Railroads Urging Candidates in Oregon to Join Washington and Idaho Republicans and Progressives.

A special train party may be organized by the delegates to the Republican and Progressive conventions from the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Railroad officials now are soliciting the candidates for the delegate positions in this state with a view of getting their assurance to join in the movement. The delegates in Washington and Idaho already have been selected and are understood to favor the plan.

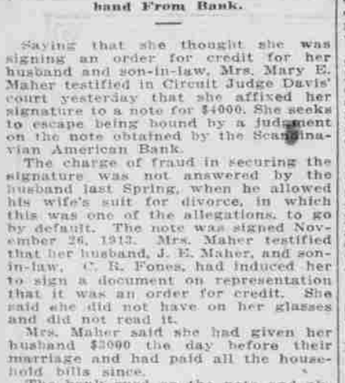
According to tentative arrangements the Oregon delegates would leave Portland in special cars, going to Spokane, where they would join the Washington and Idaho delegates, and where a special train would be made up.

Washington will send 14 delegates to the Republican meeting, Oregon will send 10 and Idaho eight. The Progressives will send seven from Washington, five from Oregon and four from Idaho.

It is probable, too, that most of the 14 alternates elected by the Washington state convention will make the trip. Newspaper men and hangers-on can be depended upon to join the group.

It is planned to leave Portland about June 1, so that the party can arrive in Chicago about June 4—a few days before the convention opens.

The regular eastbound Summer tourist rates will apply for the big Chicago conventions, as well as for the Democratical National Convention in St. Louis the following week.



Fact No. 61

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BISHOP WILL OFFICIATE

RALLY OF EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONS IS ARRANGED.

Dr. Breyfogel, of Reading, Pa., Is Head of Association in United States and Many Foreign Countries.

Bishop S. C. Breyfogel, of Reading, Pa., senior bishop of the Evangelical Association in the United States, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, China and Japan, and one of the most prominent religious workers in this country, will be in Portland tomorrow and will conduct three meetings. One of these, at 3 o'clock in the First United Evangelical Church, in Ladd's Addition, has been arranged as a means of bringing together the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical churches.

In the morning the bishop will speak in German at 10:45 o'clock in the First German Church of the Evangelical Association, corner Tenth and Clay streets.

The night meeting will be in Lents, in the Evangelical Association Church.

Bishop Breyfogel was in Albany yesterday attending the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society. On Thursday night he was in Portland for a few hours and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Luckel, who entertained at dinner. Additional guests were the presiding elder, H. Schuknecht; the Rev. G. F. Liening and the members of the official board, with their wives.

X-RAY'S USE INDORSED

METHOD VALUABLE AS PART OF TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSIS.

Organization of Workers to Combat Plague Urged—Compulsory Health Insurance Is Predicted.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Election of officers and sectional discussions brought to a close today the 20th annual meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Today's discussions drew expert opinion on clinical, pathological and sociological aspects of tuberculosis. Diagnosis of tuberculosis by X-rays has been universally successful, in the opinion of those who discussed it at the clinical section, although its value depends largely on its use in connection with other means of diagnosis.

An address by John Andrews, secretary of the American Association for Labor Legislation, featured a meeting of the sociological section. He predicted early adoption in the United States of compulsory health insurance similar to that in effect in European countries.

Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, of Washington, at the same meeting urged that industrial towns and cities be urged to organize workingmen and women in the campaign against tuberculosis. Medical examinations of employes was advocated by Dr. Harry E. Mock, of Chicago, as insurance for corporations that employ large numbers of men and women.

FORESTERS TO CLIMB PEAK

Party of 60 Will Visit Larch Mountain Tomorrow.

More than 60 employes of the Forest Service and their friends will make the trip up Larch Mountain tomorrow under the direction of Albert Weisendanger.

The party will leave on a special train from the Union Depot at 9 o'clock A. M. They will start on their climb from Multnomah Falls and go over the new Larch Mountain trail. They will follow the trail up Multnomah creek about half a mile to where the Benson trail joins it and return over the Benson trail via Wakheena Falls.

The excursionists will return to the city late tomorrow night.

SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE TOPIC

Educators and Prosecutor to Address Civic League.

C. J. Bushnell, president of Pacific University; J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Walter H. Evans, District Attorney for Multnomah County, will be the speakers at the luncheon of the Civic League at the Oregon building today at noon. "Three educational needs of Oregon" will be the subject of the programme, and the speakers will deal with the uses of schools for playground centers and community purposes, eight months' minimum school year and the education of subnormal children.

Eleanor Rowland will be chairman of the day.

NEW MEAT BOOTH SOUGHT

Appointment of Inspectors for Lents and Mount Scott Proposed.

Meat dealers of the Mount Scott and Lents district want a meat inspection booth established at Lents Junction, where meat can be inspected in accordance with the city ordinance twice a week. A request for the booth was made to the City Council yesterday.

Action was deferred until next week, when Mayor Albee will submit an ordinance to the Council providing for the appointment of two more meat inspectors. If this is passed the Lents request will be granted.

White Salmon Commencement Due.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—The White Salmon schools closed today. The final week has been devoted to exercises of different kinds, class picnics and preparations for commencement. The entire staff of teachers has been re-elected. Miss Lura Ellwood, who has taught the first grade here for five years, will go to North Yakima and A. Loomis, principal of the high school, will take a post graduate course in Chicago next year.

PAPER HARD TO GET

Manila Buyer Says Demand Far Exceeds Supply.

ORDER TO BE PLACED HERE

J. P. Heilbroon, Formerly of Oregon City, Reports $1.85 Stock Has Risen to $8.10 in China. Visit Is Made to Mills.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The demand for printing paper in all parts of the world is far exceeding the supply, bringing about a situation unequaled in the history of the business, says J. P. Heilbroon, of the J. P. Heilbroon Company, paper dealers of Manila, P. I. Mr. Heilbroon was in Oregon City today endeavoring to buy paper.

"America is called on to fill contracts and orders for all parts of the world, with the exception of Germany and Austria," he said. "In Shanghai, for instance, seven papers have suspended on account of the lack of news stock. This same shortage is noticeable in other parts of the republic.

$1.85 Paper Now Costs $8.10.

"To give you an idea of the extent of the shortage in Shanghai, the price now is $8.10 in gold per hundredweight, while formerly news could be landed for $1.85. But now, even with high prices owing to the scarcity, paper is difficult to get for love or money.

"China is now beginning to receive monthly one shipment from a Swedish manufacturer. If these steamers are lucky enough to get through without being captured there is a possibility that the paper situation in China will be greatly relieved, as this manufacturer has a tremendous quantity of paper on hand awaiting transportation."

Experience Gained in Oregon City.

Mr. Heilbroon worked for the Willamette mills here many years ago as a rewinderman. Later he went to San Francisco, where he worked in a paper warehouse. In 1898 he went with United States soldiers to the Philippines, and at the end of the Spanish-American war he remained in Manila. He has been extremely successful, and besides his office in Manila has a branch in Shanghai and has large property interests in the Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Heilbroon were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hawley, Sr., with a dinner at the Hawley home in Portland and an automobile ride through Portland and to Oregon City. He was much impressed by the growth of Portland. Several years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Hawley, Sr., and W. P. Hawley, Jr., were touring the world they visited Mr. and Mrs. Heilbroon in Manila.

SEASIDE EVENT IS TODAY

May Festival Is to Be Given by Woman's Club.

SEASIDE, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The musical section of the Woman's Club has arranged to hold a May festival tomorrow. The proceeds of the musical performance will go into the entertainment fund of the club to be used on the occasion of the annual convention of woman's clubs to be held in Seaside this Fall.

The programme, arranged by Musical Director Milo Godfrey, assisted by Miss Alice Smith, will consist of the following choruses, "Oh, Columbia," by Donizetti; "Voices of the Wood," by Rubenstein; "Pond Lilies," by Frohman, and closing with "Aloha."

The solists are Robert Wallace, of Gearhart, Mrs. Regina Oxer, of Portland, Jack Reins and Clare Milo Godfrey, of Seaside. The chorus consists of 150 voices. The Independent Band also will be present.

In the afternoon there will be a parade, of which the crowning of the queen will be the climax. This part of the entertainment is in charge of Dr. Lena Hodges, president of the local club.

SCHOOL CONTRACT IS LET

Portland Firm to Put in Heating Plant at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the Roseburg School Board here Wednesday night, John Hunter, of this city, was awarded the contract for erecting Roseburg's new high school building. Mr. Hunter's bid was in the sum of $57,783. C. W. Hughes, of the Roseburg Plumbing & Heating Company, was awarded the contract for installing the plumbing. His bid was $3329.64.

Finnigan Brothers & Hill, of Portland, were awarded the contract for the heating and ventilating systems. The bid for this work was in the sum of $11,820. The building is to be completed by October 1, according to the contract. There were eight bidders for the general contract. F. Manson White, of Portland, prepared the plans and specifications for the building, which will cost $72,000.

CONFUSING NAME CHANGED

Otto A. Koch Is Now Mr. Cook, With Court Sanction.

Cook is much easier to pronounce than is Koch. At least that is what Otto A. Cook, formerly Otto Koch, salesman for the Crane Company, thinks. Mr. Cook's name has been distorted into Kotch, Coke and others, and to forestall any other difficulty he has resorted to the simplified spelling. Through legal procedure his name has been changed to Cook.

Mr. Cook has notified his friends and business associates of the change in name through the medium of a poem, setting forth the distortions that his name has undergone and the name the court has given him.

ASTORIA WORK STARTED

Highway to Westport Expected to Be Completed by July 1.

ASTORIA, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—As a result of the advent of pleasant weather active work will be in progress during the coming week on opening the Columbia Highway between here and Westport. Men have been employed for several days clearing the rock slide at Bugby, but the rains have prevented anything being done in removing the dirt from the cuts and repairing the slides on the earth fills.

The intention is to have the entire road open for travel before the first of July, and the portion between here and Knappa will probably be ready at an earlier date.

France is stimulating attention to gardening.

I Am Fighting to Keep Prices Down

By Ray Barkhurst

The prices of woolens—of trimmings—of everything that goes into the making of men's fine clothing—is going up day by day.

I am not going to raise prices till I am forced to. Will you help me to keep them down?

I have been scouring the country from one end to the other to get my materials at the lowest possible price—

And I have succeeded in making a great purchase

In my stock and in my windows you will find hundreds of patterns displayed. They include about every weave and fabric, every shade and color, every plain and staple pattern that the average well-dressed man could think of. English, Irish and Scotch tweeds and homespuns, plaids, stripes and fancy mixtures in cheviots and cassimeres, and a fine, big showing in medium and heavyweight blue serges. The man that can't be suited in this magnificent selection is hard to please, indeed.

I am going to put on hundreds of fine patterns this morning made to your individual measure—

$20

There are values among them that ought to bring from $30 to $40, and many of the high-priced exclusive shops would charge even more.

But I am going to continue to do as I have always done—

Give values that positively cannot be approached by anyone else—and I am going to give my friends and customers the benefit of this fortunate purchase as least as long as this shipment of woolens lasts.

Remember this—I am going to fight to the last ditch to keep from raising prices—but if I am to succeed in doing so I must do a bigger volume than ever. Will you do your share to help me do it for our mutual benefit?

Remember, this sale opens this morning, and naturally those who come first will have the best picking. Honestly, I don't think you can afford to overlook this opportunity.

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Ray Barkhurst

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DUFUR IS PICNIC HOST

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE IS AMONG PROMINENT SPEAKERS.

Gathering Is Held in Interest of Southern Wasco County Fair and Boys' and Girls' Clubs Benefited.

DUFUR, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The industrial club picnic held on the Southern Wasco County fairgrounds at Tygh Valley was attended by a large crowd of people from all sections of the county. Addresses were made by Governor Withycombe, Rev. George A. Harrison and J. T. Harper, of Tygh Valley; by Mayor Anderson, of The Dalles, and Mayor Knowles, of Dufur; H. C. Seymour, state leader of boys' and girls' club work; L. P. Harrington, industrial field worker for Oregon; H. R. Richards, president of the Wasco County Farmers' Union; Superintendent Warner, of The Dalles public schools, and A. R. Chase, county agriculturist.

An old-fashioned picnic dinner was partaken of and was followed by a meeting to promote interest in the Southern Wasco County Fair.

Miss Helen Cowgill, of Oregon Agricultural College, gave a cooking demonstration for the club girls and their mothers, and Messrs. Seymour, Harrington and Chase addressed the club boys.

The Wapinitia Concert Band furnished music throughout the day.

County School Superintendent Bonney was in charge of the arrangements. Later in the day there was a baseball game between teams of the Tygh and Wamic schools, and in the evening the Tygh Valley Players' Club presented "Highbee of Harvard" at the Oddfellows' Hall. The picnic was a huge success and it is expected it will give a great stimulus to the industrial club work among the school boys and girls of Southern Wasco County.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT

Leavenworth Woman Chosen President at Convention at Cashmere.

CASHMERE, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—The attendance at the Royal Neighbor convention was the largest in its history, with eight camps represented: Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Everett, North Yakima, Seattle, Tacoma, Cle Elum and Cashmere and a total attendance of 84 members. Dinner was followed by the business meeting. District Deputy Sadie Merritt, of Everett, was present.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Fields, of Leavenworth; first vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmitten, of Cashmere; second vice-president, Mrs. Gormley, of Wenatchee; receiver, Mrs. Eckhardt, of Leavenworth.

Italians Called Home.

SPOKANE, May 12.—Practically all male Italians in Spokane between the ages of 22 and 39 were called to the colors by Italy, according to word received here today by Ettore G. Fiordalisi, Italian consular representative. The notice calls on all reservists born between 1876 and 1894 to be in Italy by August 31.

Cowlitz Jury Term Opens June 9.

KELSO, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Judge William T. Darch has set the jury term of the Cowlitz Superior Court for June 9. The jury is being drawn today. The following cases have been set for trial: State vs. Columbia River Smelt Company, 9 A. M., June 9; State vs. DeWhite, 1:30 P. M., June 9; State vs. McPherson, 9 A. M., June 10; State vs. Swofford, 9 A. M., June 13; State vs. Cooley, 9 A. M., June 15; State vs. Robertson, 9 A. M., June 15; Cowlitz County vs. Graves, H. G. Huntington, D. S. Huntington and Lizzie Cochrane, June 16 and 17.

Ex-Saloonkeeper's Case Dismissed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—The case against Dan Salzer, ex-saloonkeeper, who was fined $30 and costs in the local Police Court in January on a charge of violating the local liquor ordinance and who appealed to the Lewis County Superior Court, was dismissed by Judge Rice in the higher court yesterday for lack of evidence. Two other appeals from the local Police Court, the cases against Dr. T. Primmer and Mrs. Nettie Rhodes, will be heard in the Superior Court, the latter tomorrow.

It is believed that forests sometimes take fire by the heat generated from the rubbing of the branches together.

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