

FLOOD D WITH BAD MONEY

WHATCOMB HAS BEEN VISITED BY CLEVER COUNTERFEITERS.

Treasury Department Official Will Investigate—Coins Were Made of Pure Silver.

WHATCOMB, Wash., Dec. 14.—This city is flooded with counterfeit money and denominated from dollars to dimes. The counterfeiters used pure silver in manufacturing their coin, and so clever is the work that the money had to be sent to the mint at San Francisco to be passed on. A Treasury agent is said to be on his way here to investigate.

MAJOR ABERCROMBIE RETURNS.

Directed Work of Government in the Copper River Valley.

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—Major W. R. Abercrombie, who for four years has been supervising and directing the United States Government's development and exploration work in the Copper River Valley, arrived here from Alaska yesterday. He went north a Captain and returns a Major, assigned to the command of the Thirtieth Infantry in the Philippines. As a result of his work, the town of Valdez has sprung into existence, from which point the military road has been constructed to the Tanana River, 24 miles to the interior. A gap of 70 miles south of Eagle City will be closed early next summer, as all the bridges on the road have been constructed. A stretch of 120 miles of telegraph from Valdez to the interior is up and in working order, and the line will be completed through by next September. In the construction of this all-American highway to the Yukon, the Government has expended \$121,000, and already gold to the value of \$100,000 has been taken out by the people. Major Abercrombie says there is every reason to believe there is an almost inexhaustible supply of copper ore in that section of Alaska, and that it is also rich in other minerals and agricultural resources. He also states he is confident that a railroad will soon be built to develop these riches.

CITY COUNCIL CRITICISED.

Report of Investigating Committee on Walla Walla Affairs.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 14.—The committee appointed at a citizens' meeting last September to investigate the alleged extravagance in the city and county governments, has filed its report. Regarding city affairs it says: "The making of divers improvements has given an excuse for the creation of several additional offices paying lucrative salaries, and your committee is of the opinion that a large saving could be effected by the consolidation of some of these offices. The expenses of the city have also been materially increased by reason of higher salaries paid to many of these municipal officers. Expenses involving large sums of money have been made in securing violation of the charter provisions of the city, and we unhesitatingly say that such departure from constitutional principles creates a dangerous precedent that may ultimately involve the city in litigation to her serious loss." "The City Council will probably demand that the committee either specify where and how it has made illegal expenditures of the public money."

As to city affairs, the report says: "The expense of carrying on the county government seems to be disproportionately great to the cost of conducting business of similar magnitude under the supervision of private individuals or corporations, whereas, there are no reasons to believe that the cost of the county government cannot be made to conform to the economical conditions obtaining in unofficial business enterprises."

"Money have been and are being expended for the purposes in the county and city that cannot be justified from a sound business standpoint."

NEW OREGON CORPORATIONS.

Articles Filed at Salem During the Past Week.

SALEM, Dec. 14.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this week as follows: Alaska Gold Fields, Ltd., Portland; \$500,000; A. S. Moss, Fred H. Rothchild, Thomas K. Mull.

Oregon General Electric Company, Portland; \$2,000,000; Fred S. Morris, J. Frank Watson, A. B. Crossman, William T. Blair.

Portland Drapery & Art Company, Portland; \$12,000; R. W. Welch, Le Roy Woods, William M. Gregory.

Linden Lake Gold Mining Company, Sumpster; \$200,000; J. W. Wilson, J. W. Doren, William C. Baker.

Marshallfield Brewing Company, Marshallfield, Coos County; \$30,000; Robert Marsden, John Marsden, Richard Marsden.

Mississippi Avenue Hall Association, Portland; \$1200; M. E. Thompson, J. W. Booth, David Dupee.

Equitable Savings & Loan Association, Portland; \$100,000; articles increasing capital stock to \$500,000.

Jeffers Dairy Company, Astoria; \$30,000; Elijah C. Jeffers, Irving M. Jeffers, John H. Jeffers.

American Vinegar & Pickle Works, Portland; \$20,000; Herman Wittenberg, C. B. Williams, George W. Stapleton.

Portland Mattress & Upholstering Company, Portland; \$15,000; Fred Jennings, Gustave Heise, Ralph Wiley.

Eagle Mines Company, Baker City; \$1000; C. W. Nibley, Joseph F. Nibley, John L. Rand.

Oregon Mutual Home Society, Portland; \$2000; C. H. Peterson, Samuel Connell, R. W. Hoyt, I. T. Mason, E. Miller.

Oregon Hating Company, Portland; \$200,000; A. B. Hammond, G. B. McLeod, H. Robertson.

Union County Artesian Well Company, La Grande; \$1000; W. G. Hunter, F. A. McDonald, E. W. Conner.

Waldo Hills Fruit Association, Shaw, Marion County; \$1000; W. J. Jones, J. F. Heigelsicker, C. R. Duffie.

FOREST RESERVE.

Baker City Desires More Protection for its Water System.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—Col. S. B. Ormsby, Superintendent of Forests for the District of Oregon, is here to look over the watershed tributary to the Nelson and Carpenter water rights recently acquired by Baker City. An additional forest reserve has been asked for in addition to the Elk Creek reserve, which was set apart by the Secretary of the Interior on the recommendation of Colonel Ormsby last summer.

Woodmen Prepare Celebration.

Head Consul F. A. Falkenberg, one of the founders of the Order of Woodmen of the World and founder of the Pacific Jurisdiction of Woodmen, will visit Baker City on December 18, on which occasion the members of the local camp of the order have arranged to give him a reception at Baker's Opera-House. There is to be a street parade in the evening, and a special literary and musical programme has been arranged. Mr. Falkenberg will deliver an address.

Working Hard for Public Library.

The Public Library Association of this city is working hard to raise money sufficient to place the library on a substantial basis by the beginning of the year, and for the purpose of encouraging the good work P. L. Moore has offered to be one of five men who will give \$100 to the library fund, or he will give that amount anyway, if the association will raise \$100 by public subscription or any other means.

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