

CITY MECCA OF MANY GATHERINGS

Coming Week Crowded With State Conventions of Various Organizations.

BUSIEST MONTH OF YEAR

Harness and Implement Dealers, Horticultural Society, Press Association, Grocers and Owls Are to Meet in Portland.

During the coming two weeks an unusually large number of conventions of various kinds will be held in Portland. There will be very many out-of-town visitors to the city during the week of January 20 especially, and there will be other gatherings here from now until the middle of February that will be attended by people in large numbers from all parts of this state as well as from other nearby states.

Probably more conventions will be crowded into the coming two weeks than any other period of equal length during the year. At this season it is more convenient for those attending such gatherings than at other periods and this is the chief reason why the first month of the new year will be so notable for its conventions.

The Retail Harness and Saddlery Manufacturers of the state meet in Portland tomorrow. Trade matters will be discussed and the business outlook will be considered. The gathering is an important one to all in that trade. The session will conclude on Tuesday.

Orchardists Meet Tuesday. The Oregon Horticultural Society will open its annual session in the city Tuesday and the fruit men will continue in session for three days.

The National convention of Owls will open on Wednesday. Members of the order from all over the country will attend this convention and the policy of the order will be outlined for the coming year. On Wednesday the German societies of the city will also meet to arrange preliminaries to calling a state convention at a later date.

Members of the State Press Association will gather in Portland on Friday, January 17. The session will conclude on Saturday. There promises to be a large attendance of newspaper publishers from all parts of Oregon.

The Democratic State Committee will meet in Portland on Saturday, January 18. Plans for the coming year's campaign will be reviewed in detail. Elections of committees will be held. The annual meeting of the Portland Commercial Club will be held on Saturday, January 18. Plans for the coming year's campaign will be reviewed in detail.

The Oregon State Grocers' and Retail Merchants' Association will gather for their annual convention in the Alisky building on Tuesday, January 21. The grocers will continue in session for two days and will be entertained by a banquet. Trade matters and business conditions throughout the state will come up for consideration. About 40 delegates from all parts of Oregon will attend.

Implement Dealers to Convene. The Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association will gather for the annual session on Tuesday, January 21. This body too, will meet in the Alisky building and will continue in convention for two days.

The Pacific Federation of Implement and Hardware Dealers will open a three-day convention in the city Thursday, January 23. This organization numbers dealers from all the Pacific coast states as well as from most of the Northwestern states. Portland is the biggest agricultural implement and hardware distributing center west of the Rocky Mountains and it is natural that the dealers should hold their annual gathering here.

On February 8 the city will be visited by a large delegation of delegates from Spokane, Walla Walla and the surrounding country, who will stop here on their way to California, where they are going on an excursion. The visitors will number 120 and will spend the day here as the guests of the Portland Commercial Club.

A delegation from the Portland Admen's Club will leave Portland this morning to attend the Pacific Coast Admen's convention, to be held in Oakland, Cal., January 20-22. Oregon people are interested in the Trans-Mississippi Dry Farming Congress, which will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 22-24. President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College is a member of the executive committee of Oregon and a number of others will go from this state.

BANK MERGER IN DANGER Reorganizers Believe Threats of Prosecution Are Inopportune.

"Knocking" by persons entirely disinterested in the outcome is credited with having endangered the merger proposed for the German-American and Oregon Trust & Savings banks. While a few days ago the proposition seemed certain to go through, things did not look so bright yesterday. District Attorney Manning put his expert, W. F. Ferguson, in the bank during the day to look into the affairs of the institution and while the reorganizers court the fullest investigation into the mismanagement of the bank, in which they had no part, they regard the threats of prosecution at this time as inopportune. The reorganizers propose to take the institution and give it a clean bill of health, but they do not want any hue and cry raised at this time that will frighten away their prospective directors, who are prominent business men of the city.

After the merger is completed and the depositors assured that they will get their money, the reorganizers do not care how fully the men who wrecked the bank are punished, in fact they want the responsible ones prosecuted, but they contend that now is not the time, any more than it was when the reorganization talk was first started.

"The interest of the depositors is the prime consideration right now," said one who is active in the merger yesterday. "Their prospects of getting their money should not be shattered at this stage of the proceedings by idle talk. These people who agitate the matter now are flirting with trouble. They are about as wise as people who explode firecrackers around a gasoline tank."

If the plan does fall through now, we can fix the responsibility without any trouble and the 17,000 depositors will know just who is to blame. We will promise 'knockers' that they will get full credit

for their activity if the hammering they do not get the effect of defeating the merger. Meanwhile work is going ahead in good shape at the bank. Expert Pflaier expects to complete his statement sometime during the coming week unless the remaining details require a longer time than now appears necessary. Immediately upon the completion of this statement, a showing will be made to the court and to the public. It is believed the statement will prove the bank solvent. When this statement can be shown to candidates, directors will be chosen and within a short time thereafter, if all goes well, the defunct bank will reopen.

OFFERS MONEY PANACEA Interest-Bearing Circulation Notes to Prevent Crisis.

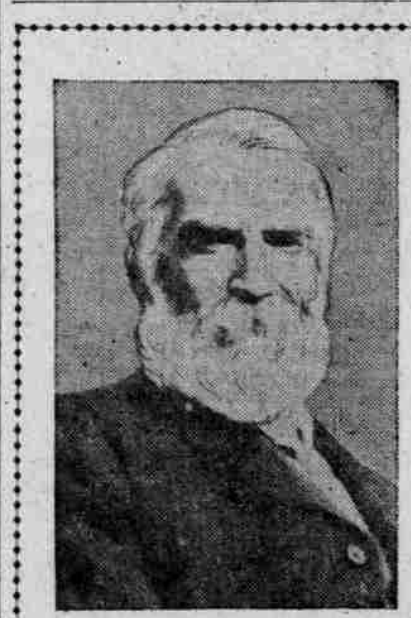
PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Many new ideas on finance have recently been suggested, but the most of them are from the very same class of bankers who deliberately brought the present financial crisis upon us. Any sane person ought to know that any idea or plan that they would approve would be entirely in their interest, or against the people's or Government's interest.

The control of our money system should and must be placed in the hands of our Government where it belongs. Congress years ago, without authority and consent, sold out—the Government's right to issue money and control our financial system, to a few private citizens, or bankers. For 40 years, those bankers have had things all their own way. By their scheming, the people and Government have been robbed of hundreds of billions of dollars in money, property and securities. In the last six months they have robbed the people of not less than nine billions of dollars. It is true that the most of this sum was water squeezed out of the stocks and bonds those same bankers had sold to the people. The people paid those bankers the good money for these securities. Said bankers required those securities back, so they put enough money under lock and key to bring on a money panic. Now they are buying those securities all back for 5 and 10 cents on the dollar. In a few years they will have back all the stocks, bonds, etc., and all the money—less 5 or 10 per cent.

The whole system is wrong and very dangerous to our form of government. The system, if continued, with the civil service law, will surely destroy the Republic within a few years, because all the civil service men will soon be on the pension list. This means that within 20 years there will be millions drawing pensions, living off the people. All the millions of voters on the pension list and in the service will in some way vote for their own interest, and that surely will be against the interest of the whole people.

No contract should be legal unless made payable in the full legal tender money of the country. A dollar is a promise to pay. Such a dollar is better than a gold dollar—if it is secured by the full legal tender money of the country. A dollar is a promise to pay. Such a dollar is better than a gold dollar—if it is secured by the full legal tender money of the country. A dollar is a promise to pay. Such a dollar is better than a gold dollar—if it is secured by the full legal tender money of the country.

Our Constitution ought to be amended to permit our Government to issue not over \$40 per capita—the ratio should continue as the country's population should increase. Full legal tender dollars, the numbers of the same not restricted, would be fiat money and of but little value. A dollar can't be a fiat dollar if the Government can't issue over a certain number of said dollars—according to its constitution. If we had the United States Postoffice bank and the full legal tender dollar, all the paper money, including United States bonds, would be taken in



The Late A. Benton Haines, Sr. employed in the Indian Department at Fort Klamath agency. Returning to Douglas County he purchased a farm near Elkton, which in Douglas County, on which he spent the remainder of his life. September 15, 1873, he was married to Miss Marjette Ransom, and a family of 13 children resulted from the union. From 1870 to 1876 he was postmaster at Elkton, and was esteemed as a man of high ideals and ability. He was liberal in his views, a good provider for his family, a believer in a good education, and a warm supporter of every means taken to build up a community. He was loyal to his country, responding freely to all calls to improve and beautify his home and country, and was ready to respond to all calls for true charity were proverbial traits in his character. Under former conditions he was always a delegate to his party conventions and, while no office-seeker, was several times mentioned for prominent positions. He was a member of the Oregonian for years was his source to learn of the outside world, but in later years, and to the end, he was a constant reader of The Daily Oregonian.

and burned up. Silver and gold would remain as it is, but not a legal tender. The full legal tender would be paid out or changed for gold. The gold should then be stored away to pay Government debts payable in gold. Gold should not be paid out on demand, or sold, but retained as bullion for future use in case of war, etc. Soon the United States would have four-fifths of all the gold in the world stored away. Gold would continue to come into the country and out of the mines, but no one would want it as it would not be legal tender. Hence, the United States bank would get it in and charge for paper money—the only legal tender.

To absolutely prevent any future money crisis, the Treasurer should be empowered to issue not over \$600,000,000 interest-bearing circulation notes to banks and others, in exchange for state, city or school bonds, at not over 75 per cent of their face value. The interest should be 5 per cent for the first six months, and 10 per cent for the last six months.

The above plans of the financial system, etc., is in the interest of the whole people and Government. There can be no other; it will for ever prevent any serious money stringency, much less a real money crisis. A. J. SMITHSON.

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Complaints are made that sailors of the tramp steamer Germanicus, loading here for Australia, are housed in poor quarters and ill clothed. Several sailors made application to the Associated Charities, which has brought the matter before the public.

Several charters have been made the past 24 hours for vessels which have been laid up in Gray Harbor. They include the schooners Roy Somers, Lizzie Vance and Allen A. The Vance is at Cosmopolis and the Allen A. at Montesano.

OWLS TO ARRIVE TUESDAY

Local Nest Preparing to Welcome the Birds From Other States.

The local Owls, members of Portland Nest, No. 4, Brotherhood of Owls, threaten to set up a goodly portion of next Tuesday night to welcome the invading forces from nests both far and near. Past Executive Gus C. Moore says that some of the Seattle birds with the big round eyes are apt to fit in almost any day, but that the main flock will scramble for the local perches about two nights hence.

It was a frame-up job that was perpetrated on some of the unsuspecting members when the nest held its annual meeting last Tuesday night and selected a new list of officers upon whose shoulders will fall the burden of entertaining the visiting feathery tribe.

One of the main features of the big show the coming week will be the formal installation of the recently elected officials and there will be plenty of "high links" in connection therewith. The outgoing officials took studious pains to protect themselves against indicting the new crowd into office at the annual season of the nest. The election was held last Tuesday night, so that it will be up to the new ruling birds to assume the responsibility of office either at some special meeting between now and Wednesday night or await the arrival of the grand officers two days later and be officially installed under their supervision.

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RADDING LOSES IN COURT

Discredited Delegate Without Claim to Seat in Convention.

CHORUS TO BE ORGANIZED

Applications for Membership Will Be Received by W. H. Boyer.

SCORES GRESHAM JUSTICE

Lawyer Mendenhall Charges County Squire With Ignorance of Law.

GREATEST SILK PETTICOAT Sale.

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Gresham justice of the peace. In his petition, he says: "While I am aware that the justice of the peace before whom said case was tried is extremely ignorant of the law as well as the duties incumbent upon him by virtue of the office he holds, nevertheless I did not think it prevailed to the extent evidenced."

Judge Johnson states frankly in his letter to Mendenhall that it was the first case appealed from his court and that he was ignorant of the necessity of filing the appeal transcript.

Mrs. Engling Gets Divorce.

Minnie Engling was given a divorce by Judge O'Day yesterday from August Engling on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. They were married in June, 1904. Engling abandoned her a month later, returning after two years. He was then very abusive and has since gone again. The husband did not appear to defend the case.

Radding Loses in Court

Discredited Delegate Without Claim to Seat in Convention.

E. E. Radding, discredited delegate from the Painters' Union of this city to the Oregon State Federation of Labor convention at Astoria, experienced a further defeat yesterday, when Circuit Judge McBride, of the Fifth Judicial District, sitting in this city, sustained a demurrer to the complaint in the suit Radding had brought against the officers of the State Federation for an alternative writ of mandamus, to compel the organization to give him a seat in the convention. President C. H. Gram and the other officers of the State Federation, through their attorney, J. J. Fitzgerald, demurred to Radding's complaint, alleging that it did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. Judge McBride sustained the demurrer and dismissed the application for a writ of mandamus. Radding has the right to file an

amended complaint, but since the convention has completed its work and adjourned it is not considered likely that he will further press his suit in the courts.

Radding is the man who is charged with having formed a conspiracy with Mrs. Belle Waymire to injure Mayor Lane's reputation. The election of Radding by the Painters' Union as their delegate to the Astoria convention was not endorsed by the Federated Trades Council but the painters would not recede from their action. The suit against the officers of the Federation, which was dismissed yesterday, was the result of the refusal of the state organization to give Radding a seat in the convention. It is reported that at the convention of the State Federation, Radding further earned his reputation for being a disturbing element in labor circles by organizing a faction among the delegates sufficiently strong to control the election of officers with the exception of president, C. H. Gram, of this city, being re-elected over William Mackenzie, also of Portland.

CHORUS TO BE ORGANIZED

Applications for Membership Will Be Received by W. H. Boyer.

In connection with the Spring Music Festival to be given in April with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra of 40, under the Heilig Theater management, a chorus of 500 voices will be used for oratorio and cantata work, presenting "Fair Ellen," by Bruch, Cowen's "The Swan and the Skylark," and for the Sunday afternoon concert the ever-popular "Messiah." It is expected that for the performance of the "Messiah" singers from neighboring cities will join the Portland chorus. The work of drilling the chorus is in the hands of W. H. Boyer, who has had such remarkable success in this line of work. All applications for membership in chorus should be made to Mr. Boyer. There will be a small fee, for which

chorus members will receive the privilege of all the concerts and will have music furnished them. The rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 15, at Ellers' hall.

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