

BANK TOO WEAK FOR HEAVY STRAIN

Prairie City Institution Closed Because It Cannot Meet Demands.

CRASH HAD BEEN FEARED

Many Depositors Knew Condition of Bank Was Precarious and Withdrew Their Deposits Before the End.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—The Stockmen's & Traders' Bank at Prairie City failed to open its doors for business today, officers of the bank stating there is not sufficient cash on hand to meet the demands and they were forced to suspend.

Little surprise at the failure is expressed by people of Prairie City, for it has been known for some time that the bank was undergoing a heavy strain, and a great many depositors withdrew their funds before the crash came.

The last statement of the Stockmen's & Traders' Bank, issued February 6, this year, shows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Paid-up capital \$25,000, Individual deposits \$10,000, etc.

Officers of the institution are: M. A. Butler, president; Sol Taylor, vice-president; H. K. Butler, cashier; Sol Taylor, Isham Lawrence and J. R. Roland, directors.

FARMERS HEAR ROAD TALK

Samuel Hill Addresses Interested Audience at Garfield.

GARFIELD, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—The good roads meetings here this afternoon and evening were the most successful ever held in Eastern Washington. Several hundred farmers and business men were in attendance, and Representatives were present from Okanogan, Rosalia, Pine City, Alberton, Hay, Palouse and Farmington.

Samuel Hill, of Seattle, president of the Good Roads Association for the State of Washington, was present and spoke an hour in the afternoon, holding the closest attention and interest. His talk was along educational lines. He advocated the need of educating young men to take practical charge of road building, declaring that a course in civil engineering in itself was insufficient.

He explained the new law providing for rock quarries to be established with machinery to be operated by convicts. Four such quarries are to be established in different parts of the state. A rate of one cent a mile has been secured from some of the railroads for hauling rock from the quarries. This means a 25-ton car 20 miles for \$5. This will cheapen the cost of material to 75 per cent, and enable more persons to own and build roads, as expensive machinery will not be needed by the contractor to furnish material.

An illustrated talk was given in the evening by Professor Lancaster, of the State University, who stated that the cost of hauling freight on the Northern Pacific in this state is an average of 45.35 mills per ton per mile. The rate is slightly less on the Great Northern.

EAGLES TO ERECT BRICK

Vancouver Lodge Will Build Three-story Business Block.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Columbian Aerie of Eagles will erect a three-story brick structure, 50x100 feet, at the corner of Fourteenth and Main streets. Plans and specifications have been accepted and a building committee appointed, consisting of George Thomas, W. G. Emery, W. J. Knapp, Edward Selley and J. W. Bryant.

The lodge has been incorporated as a building association, and the members of the new block will be raised by selling bonds. Portland people have already expressed their willingness to purchase all the bonds issued, but the members of the lodge will be given the first chance to buy. Arrangements are now being made to sell the bonds.

YACOLT GETS NEW MILL

F. Coulter, of Hood River, Will Erect Big Sawmill.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—F. Coulter, a Hood River capitalist, will erect a new sawmill at Yacolt. The mill will have a capacity of 50,000 feet per day, and will give employment to 100 men. Mr. Coulter already has a franchise to put in an electric light system at Yacolt and is negotiating to buy the water works system.

The logging camps in the vicinity of Yacolt are in full swing now. Yesterday 80 carloads, comprising 900,000 feet of logs, were brought to Vancouver, and the camps of the Twin Falls Logging Company.

Shipping at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., March 20.—The steamer Northland has discharged her cargo of gypsum and will leave port this evening. The barkentine Georgina has arrived to load a cargo of lumber of Callao. The Blue Funnel liner Canada is due tomorrow from the Orient with general freight.

The Blue Funnel liner Keeman leaves port Wednesday morning for the Orient and Liverpool.

Burglars Rob Postoffice.

HANFORD, Cal., March 20.—The postoffice at Armona, four miles from this place, was entered last night by burglars, who blew open the safe and escaped with \$140. Two men were arrested on suspicion today and lodged in the Hanford jail. One of them had in his possession a small bottle containing nitro-glycerine, and a piece of soap similar to a piece left in the postoffice by the burglars.

RESIDENT OF MITCHELL IS OVER 100 YEARS OLD.



MRS. ANN MONROE, 100 YEARS OLD, NOVEMBER 3, 1908. MITCHELL, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Living in this county is a woman over 100 years old. She is Mrs. Ann Monroe, daughter of David Mann. She was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1808, making her 100 years old November 3, last.

PROBING BOARD TO MEET

COMMITTEE SETS DATE MARCH 30 AT OLYMPIA.

Charges Against State Officials Will Be Received and Report Prepared for Governor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Chairman P. L. Allen said today: "The committee appointed by the Legislature for the purpose of conducting an investigation into the affairs of state officials, commissions and institutions, will meet at the meeting of the committee, Tuesday, March 30, at 2 o'clock. The committee will receive and consider any charges which may be made either personally or by affidavit concerning the official actions or conduct in office of any state official, commission or institution."

PULLMAN BANK OUT \$200

Deceptive Stranger Gets Cash by Representing Himself as Farmer.

COLFAX, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—The Pullman First National Bank checked up \$200 short Friday night after a hurry-up loan to a man claiming to be J. W. Watkins, a rancher, who asked for the loan as his wife was to undergo an operation at Portland. He stated he wished to leave for Portland at once, and said he would give a note due in 30 days, with N. Bourbonnais, a well-known rancher, as a surety. He soon returned with the note, and the bank, mistaking him for a well-to-do rancher whom the bankers knew slightly, gave him the cash, and are now looking for a man five feet tall, weighing about 140 pounds, Roman nose, sandy complexion, hair slightly gray.

BUILDING WORK RUSHED

Pacific Fruit Package Plant at Raymond Well Under Way.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Construction on the new \$200,000 plant of the Pacific Fruit Package Company in this city has begun and is being pushed rapidly to completion. O. C. Fenelon, of Aberdeen, is the moving spirit back of this important enterprise. Several patents covering novel methods of construction will be utilized for the first time in the company's output. Spruce logs have been contracted for to operate the plant for ten years. Its daily capacity will be 200,000 boxes.

VARSITY GETS GYMNASIUM

Dormitory for Girls Also to Be Erected at State University.

SALEM, Or., March 20.—President

BRADY UNLATTERED

Idaho's Governor Speaks at Ontario Convention.

INTERIOR SEEKS RAILROAD

Progress in Malheur Project Is Attributed to Interest Aroused by Oregon-Idaho Congress—Ontario Expects 500 Visitors.

ONTARIO, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Governor James H. Brady, of Idaho, Fred J. Keisel, of Ogden, Utah, Judge Will R. King, of Salem, J. N. Teal and Colonel C. B. S. Wood, both of Portland, Addison Bennett, of Irrigon, and Colonel A. W. Gowan, of Burns, will be speakers at the meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress, to be held in Ontario, March 25-27.

The congress will hold a two-day session Friday and Saturday, both being devoted to the discussion of subjects making for the upbuilding and development of the two states. Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, president of the congress, will preside and will speak concerning the plans and purposes of the organization. Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem, vice-president of the congress, will also be among the speakers, as will some of the prominent members of the Malheur and North Bend Chambers of Commerce.

Big Delegations Expected.

Many towns throughout the two states are planning to send large delegations to this meeting. The Ontario is planning to entertain one of the largest. The congress has been steadily growing during the past several months and its influence is being widely extended throughout all portions of Idaho and Oregon; especially those portions which for lack of railroad facilities and other means of developing their latent resources are today endeavoring to find "the way out." The principal object of the congress at this time is the securing of a railroad from Boise, Idaho, to Ontario, Or., and thence across Central Oregon to Goose Bay, Ore.

Saturday Irrigation Day.

Saturday will be devoted to discussion of the Malheur Government Irrigation project. Thursday of the project, which for the past five months has absorbed the entire attention of the people of Malheur County, Oregon, and Canyon County, Idaho, in which counties five flourishing towns are surrounded by an immense body of land which is included in the project. Two hundred thousand acres of the best land in these two counties will be watered by this project, and the entire Thursday of petitions to the Reclamation Department by both the Willamette Valley and the Dalles road companies has cleared away every difficulty in the way of the project. The Government has already signified its willingness to complete the project if the people and both road companies, signified a desire to have it completed. All preliminary surveys and estimates have been made, and the arrival this week of Carl Stradley, Reclamation chief engineer in charge of the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific, and a company of engineers, who will resurvey the proposed Oregon Eastern road, which will be in Malheur County, in order to raise the grade of the line away from the Government's proposed Harper reservoir on Malheur Lake, will be a great help in that work on the project will be begun almost immediately.

Railroad Hope Revived.

The circumstance of Mr. Stradley's presence here and the new surveys on the proposed railway also give rise to a hope that the work of the development of the Malheur project will be completed. All preliminary surveys and estimates have been made, and the arrival this week of Carl Stradley, Reclamation chief engineer in charge of the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific, and a company of engineers, who will resurvey the proposed Oregon Eastern road, which will be in Malheur County, in order to raise the grade of the line away from the Government's proposed Harper reservoir on Malheur Lake, will be a great help in that work on the project will be begun almost immediately.

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ROSS TO HEAR FATE IN MAY

Supreme Court Expected to Act on Appeal by That Time.

SALEM, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—Indications are that the Ross case will not be decided by the Supreme Court until the latter part of May or the first of June. The state's brief on appeal was filed on September 25, 1908, and the brief of the defendant Ross was filed on March 9, 1909. On the first Monday of June the Supreme Court holds a session at Pendleton, and there will be a decision in the Ross case before that time.

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