

**COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.  
Populist Forces Prepare a Meeting Tonight.**

The county central committee met at the county house at 10:30 o'clock this afternoon. The meeting was called to order by W. H. Spang, chairman, who stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the subject of better organization of the party within this county.

The committee was organized by the secretary, H. F. Caldwell, and members A. Foster, J. G. Gilbert, T. E. Ross, J. F. Kirk, E. J. Hill and J. F. Auld.

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**ANOTHER MAN GONE WRONG.**

"Prof." Wm. E. Ringwalds Arrested on the Charge of Embezzlement.

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One, William E. Ringwalds came here a few months since from Oakland, Oregon, claiming to have considerable wealth. He also claimed to be highly educated, saying he could fluently speak fourteen languages. In a short time he commenced soliciting for a life insurance company with success, and his spare moments he is said to have spent taking lessons in that very attractive American game, poker. He had here last week and soon thereafter came away, but he had been using money that did not belong to him. Yesterday A. G. Matthews justice out a warrant for his arrest in Justice Kinney's court which was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Conner for service.

The complaint alleges that Wm. E. Ringwalds in October, last, in the county of Lane, stole and took into his possession and maliciously converted to his own use, three certain promissory notes of the value of \$25,000, and notes being then and there the property of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., a corporation, and said notes being then and there in the possession of said defendants by virtue of being such agent.

Deputy Sheriff Conner went to Portland on his morning's duty and he was successful in his mission. Sheriff Nelson then he had arrested the man in that city, and would return with his prisoner on tonight's overland train.

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The Shiloh people claim some very beautiful rich ground that produced wheat in the value of \$150. There is a man in that town, who has a little car on a patch on one of the oldest farms in the community which he says yields at the rate of 25 tons per acre, which at \$2 per ton would bring the sum of \$500, 000,000 on the acre.

A number of persons went to Cottage Grove Sunday to attend the funeral of the late J. W. Stoddard, who lived in this place several months, and was highly respected here.

Dr. E. B. Searle, of Eugene, is going to be a guest at the fair given by the ladies of the W. W. Stoddard, who lived in this place several months, and was highly respected here.

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The first snow of the season appeared on the mountains after a storm Wednesday afternoon.

Our trappers are taking in the mink and marten pelts and if money don't get more plentiful soon skins will be legal tender by spring.

The revival services closed last Sunday, Rev. Ingle going to Cottage Grove to begin a serious meetings there.

Mourne Martin and A. J. Johnson went to Eugene Wednesday.

Ducks and pheasants are quite plentiful hereabouts, and so are the cranes, but we hear that C. B. Johnson is feeding several hundred of the latter on tin.

The young people of Cloverdale are making elaborate preparations for their Christmas tree festivities, and the only thing that will interfere with their plans is the lack of room in the school house.

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**Nat Blum's Tale Concluded.**

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—Special.—In the conspiracy trial this morning cross examination of Blum was concluded. Blum on direct examination testified that he was induced to turn state's evidence by the promise of the United States District Attorney D. R. Murphy to ask the court for leniency, and the desertion of the other defendants.

It is the general impression that Blum was a most competent witness for the government and thus his testimony has been very effective and has made out a most damaging case against the conspirators. The rulings of Judge Bellinger have damaged the lawyers for the defense throughout the whole trial, and a stronger galaxy of prominent jurists was never marshaled than are pleading the cause of these defendants.

Blum had his facts all pat and was never confused. On cross-examination he was proud to be more than a match for some of the counsel and often struck back at them in a telling manner with recitals they had rather kept in the dark. He had his records very complete, consisting of memoranda, letters, notes of agreement, cipher codes and fictitious names under which the money was passed. It is believed there will be convictions in every case.

**THE SILVER MEN.**

Leaders Considering the Means of Continuing the Fight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A conference of leading silver men of the country to devise ways of continuing the fight for free silver, opened today. Among those present were: General Weaver and Field, of Iowa; Stewart of Nevada; Keith, of Alabama; Morgan Freeman, the British authority on international law; General Master Workman, of Massachusetts; J. H. Sargent, of New York; and others. The conference is expected to continue for several days, and will be a through course of the situation. The conference is being held with closed doors.

**ASKED TO RESIGN.**

Secretary Carlisle Asks Collector Wither for His Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Late this afternoon Secretary Carlisle signed papers calling for the resignation of the following officers: G. C. Brewster, superintendent of the mint, Philadelphia; Joseph C. Dugan, assistant appraiser, New York; Milton Wither, collector of internal revenue, district of Oregon; and a number of collectors of customs at other points.

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