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ARREST OF BANK OFFICIALS IS SOUGHT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DRAWING COMPLAINTS

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Savings Bankers Accused of Receiving Deposits When They Knew Bank Was Insolvent-Money Taken in Up to Tuesday Night.

posit knowing that such bank is of a felony, and punished, upon conviction therefor, by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment in the state penitentiary not exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the

torney John Manning who is at New Mineral Springs, Washington, Assistant District Attorney H. B. Adams is draw ing up complaints today for the arrest of the officials acquainted with the condition of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings bank on the charge of receiving deposits while knowing the bank was insolvent. Warrants will be issued as seen as the complaints are signed and arrests will be made this afternoon. The district attorney's office is proceeding cautiously in the affair and will make complaints only at the instigation of reputable litizens who made deposits in the last few days. There have been a number of these men at the district attorney's office today and stated a willingness to sign the complaints. They are expected to sign them early this afternoon when all of the defendants will be taken into custody.

The bank officials claim a conviction is impossible as they did not know the bank was insolvent until the clearing house refused assistance.

Depositors Complainants. was insolvent. Warrants will be issued

Depositors Complainants. The action of the district attorney was commenced by several prominent business men calling up Mr. Manning at the springs last night asking whether action could not be taken against the bank officials. Mr. Manning took the matter under consideration over night and telephoned Mr. Adams this morning that if any reputable persons cared to file complaints against the officials he would prosecute them according to the

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Councilman Vaughn's Resolution Provides for Municipal

Conduit to Carry All Gas and Water Pipes and

All Electrical Lines Now Strung Overhead.

diste appointment by the mayor of a committee to consist of two members of the city council and two members of the executive board whose duty will be to negotiate with an expert consulting engineer as to the best ways and means of the system and the esti-

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law.
When the men called upon Mr. Adams this morning the legal phase of the

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BANK BAROMETER SHOWS PEOPLE ARE NOT SCARED

More Money Being Deposited Than Withdrawn at Other Institutions-Failure Will Not Affect Business of City to Any Appreciable Extent, Says Mr. Mills.

A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank, the largest financial institution in the city, does not look for any business interference as the result of the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings company. Neither does he consider that the people of the city will cause the other institutions trouble by becoming frightened at the failure.

"Our bank bargmeter, the certificate of deposit for a greater or less extent. We call the department the bank barometer, because it deals with that class of our patrons who have small amounts of money ranging from \$30 to \$500, who wish a safe place to leave their money. The bank takes these sums, giving in return a certificate of deposit department, shows that the people are putting more money in the people are putting more money in the bank than they are taking out," said Mr. Mills this morning. "Yesterday when

"We naturally expected, therefore, that these people would ask for their money, frightened by the failure of the other bank. On the contrary, however, there was a long line at the window for a great part of the day making deposits instead of withdrawing them.

"Beyond the inconvenience and possible loss to the depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings company I do not think that the failure will affect business in any degree," continued Mr. Mills. "Conditions here are sound, other banks are stable and the loss will simply affect those who had money on deposit in the closed institution. Beyond any indirect influence on local condiamounts. depositors whose money is tied up in the defunct institution, I do not believe that the failure will affect Portland business in any manner." Councilman W. T. Vaughn this afternoon introduced in the city council a resolution which will, if favored, provide Portland with a municipal street conduit and remove every electric light, telephone or trolley wire from everhead.

Councilman Vaughn's plans so far as outlined in his resolution is for immediate appointment by the mayor of a description introduced in the city conduit at a reasonable rental.

The outline includes the construction of public conduits to extend along all of that portion of the city traversed for the system, Councilman Vaughn thinks, is in the business area, although the has extended the provisions to include the entire city.

Washington, Morrison, Third, Second and Fifth streets are particularly pro-

any indirect influence on local condi-tions which may arise through the in-dividual financial embarrassment of the

The same reports are made by officers of other banks.



DEFUNCT BANK.

MASS MEETING IS CALLED ON PLAZA

Depositors in Defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Propose an Organization.

Trust & Savings bank will meet at the Plaza at 8 o'clock tonight to arrange for a permanent organization of the deposit ors which will protect their interests The meeting has been called by a special temporary committee of 40 of the de-positors.

ficers at tonight's meeting and to secure lawyers to safeguard the interests of the depositors. A complete register of the depositors will be made in the next few days with the hope of inducing all to join the movement for mutual protec-

A Richmend, an auctioneer, and one of the large depositors in the bank, will preside as temporary chairman until the permanent officers are chosen. It is proposed to have the meeting ask Lafe Pence to allow the depositors to use one of the buildings at the fair records as a meeting place in the functional season. as a meeting place in the fu-

It is believed that the formation of this depositors' committee is prelim-inary to the filing of suits against the Oregon Trust & Savings bank on the part of many of the depositors.

WIRELESS SERVICE TO SIBERIA IS PLANNED

(Journal Special Service.)

Berlin, Aug. 22.- Japan and Russia are planning the establishment of wire less connection with Siberia. Japan is connecting the shores of Viadivostok and Tsuruga on the western side of the Island of Hondo. It is proposed to lay the plans before the various chambers of commerce interested and also before the international telegraph conference next April for indorsement. The new line is expected to cut in two the pres-ent rates between Europe and Japan.

CONSTRUCTION BIDS

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Aug. 22.-Bids for the

RECEIVER OPTIMISTIC OVER BANK DEPOSITS



THOMAS C. DEVLIN, RECEIVER OF THE OREGON TRUST & SAV-

BANK BONDS ARE BEING RETURNED BY EXPRESS

Unable to Raise Money on Institution's Securities Cashier Morris Is Sending Paper Back to Portland-Director Friede Satisfied and Has Clear Conscience.

Cashier W. Cooper Morris of the Ore-on Trust & Savings bank, wired Pres-assets made public yesterday." on Trust & Savings bank, wired President Moore last night that he had forwarded by express the \$180,000 worth of his bank's securities which he took with him to New York. According to immediately. officials of the defunct bank these se-"I have received no official informa-tion as to Mr. Morris' whereabouts or as to the probability of his return to Portland, but I understand indirectly curities, consisting for the most part of Home Telephone company bonds, that he will return at once and face matters here," he said. Director Leo Friede of the Oregon

were shipped to Portland last night via FOR COALING WHARF the Wells-Fargo express. The bank's officials would not say whether or not these bonds were included in the list of assets heretofore published. No Sale of Bonds.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Bids for the construction of a coaling wharf at San Diego California, were opened here today. The lowest bidder was the Pennsylvania Bridge company, which bid \$289,400, and will likely be accepted. Cotton Bros. of Oakland big \$264,000 and the San Francisco Bridge company \$281,943.

NEW COMMISSIONERS

FOR POLICE BOARD

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Three new police commissioners. Hugo Nell, J. D. Leggett and Charles A. Sweigert, were sworn in yesterday. The Schmitz commissioners assert they will fight through all the courts to retain office.

Woshler Morris with the intended purchase the bonds required to turn the Oregon Trust & Savings into a national bank. It is said that Morris hoped to dispose of the bonds which represented a face value of \$180,000 for \$150,000 cash with which he intended purchasing the government bonds requisite to the founding of a national bank. Sweigert to the founding of a national bank. Lioyd R. Smith, assistant cashier and teller of the Oregon Trust & Savings into a national bank. It is said that Morris to describe the bonds which represented a face value of \$180,000 for \$150,000 cash with which he intended purchasing the government bonds requisite to the founding of a national bank. Owing to the tightness of the money market in the east he could find no purchaser for them.

Lloyd R. Smith, assistant cashier and teller of the Oregon Trust & Savings institution, said this morning: "I received a telegram from Cashier Morris last night saying that he had shipped all of the bonds that he had with him back to us by express. I do not know the amount of the bonds nor whether

Savings Bank Forced Under

Through Having Undertaken Too Large a Contract in Floating Phone Securities.

ing public toward Home Telsphone bonds continues to be the past, this bank will pay out all right," said Receiver Thomas C. Devlin of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank today. "The bank has other good securities. I think it is only fair to ask that

amination of the entire records, notes stocks, bonds and accounts in the bank, He took a hopeful view this morning of the situation. There is no further excitement apparent about the bank's doors. Small groups of people continue to gather in a normal way asking attendant policemen concerning the reasons for suspension, or to visit their safety deposit boxes. It will be three or four days before Receiver Devilin is ready to make any public statement concerning the actual condition of the bank. At the end of that time he will probably have a complete list of the notes and securities. As soon as the character of the borrowers can be seen it will be comparatively easy to determine the probable value of the assets listed at a value of \$846,182.66, under the head of "loans and discounts."

Today the receiver sent out collectors and will push collection of all accommodation paper that is collectible at this time. It is predicted by those who have had experience in settlement of the affairs of a suspended bank that within 30 days the receiver will be ready to announce payment of a preliminary dividend to depositors.

Too Large a Contract. to gather in a normal way asking at-

Receiver Thomas C. Devlin said that e understood in a roundabout way that

Too Large a Contract. The investigation, so far as it has gone, seems to show conclusively that the Oregon Trust & Savings bank was forced to suspend mainly by reason of its directors having undertaken too large a contract to sell Home telephone bonds, which securities, together with all other stock and bond securities, have been difficult to market within the last month owing to the seneral disturbanes.

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Former Secretary Asked to Account for Sixty Thousand Dollars Collected as Fees Under Permission of Legislature While Holding Office.

filed today in the circuit court of Lane county against H. R. Kincaid for the accounting of certain sums which he received during his term as secretary of state from January 14, 1895, to January 14, 1899, and, as is alleged, did not turn over to the state treasury during his term as secretary of state. The complaint is made by the state of Oregon on relation of J. K. Sears as a taxpayer in the state. It is stated that the amount of which the state received no account was approximately \$60,000, though there is no means of knowing exactly. It is claimed that the money was received in incorporation fees, fees on trade-marks, notary publics' fees and from other sources from which he received money as secretary of state. The plaintiff asks that the defendant be required to pay the costs of the suit, besides rendering an account of the money accounting of certain sums which he regotiate to meet him either directly or on relation of J. K. Sears as a taxpayer

Morris to Beturn

Morris was going to return to Portland

Trust & Savings bank stated today to

which it is alleged that he received. It Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—A complaint was is stated that W. S. McFadden was requested to bring suit against the de-fendant in his capacity as prosecuting attorney, but that he refused.

TRUST MAGNATES TO BE SENT TO PRISON

Washington, Aug. 22.—Since the president's recent speech the conviction has grown that the administration will information to be used to b has grown that the administration will

predict. It is said by officials in a posi-tion to know that the department of commerce has been quietly gathering

STRIKERS ARE WILLING ACCEPT FAIR ARBITRATION

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Aug. 22 .- "Any fair proposals of arbitration will be accepted," said President Samuel Small of the Commercial Telegraphers' union in discussing the strike situation. Small will

tion.

All Wires Underground.

It is the intention of Mr. Vaughn to make the conduit not only self-sustaining but one that will eventually pay for itself. Every enterprise that is required to go below the street surface

Time Now to Act.

For months Councilman Vaughn has been thinking of introducing the ordinance but was not quite ready to present it to the council. However, the recent recommendation of the executive board to forfeit the heating franchise (Continued on Page 1997). leave for New York next Saturday. All of the brokerage offices in Chicago with two exceptions have signed the union agreement and union scale and the men have returned to their

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AND FIGHT MINERS

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Special Service.)

Non-union men who are employed as strike-breakers in the Western Union office are dissatisfied with conditions which they are forced to work under and officials of the union declare that many of them are planning to strike and join the union. Western Union officials deny the truth of this assertion and say that none of the strike-breakers have deserted yet. More are being imported daily.

COMPANIES REFUSE TO SEE OPERATORS Indirectly.

Employers Make Men Sign Agree ment Not to Affiliate With

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Service Prostrated.

Almost complete prostration of the telegraph service in the northwest is shown, the government being able to reach only two points on the weather list that it posts on the board of trade. The points reached were Moorhead. Minnesota, and St. Paul. The facilities of the government were inadequate to

Union officers declare that they will

furnish proof that the Postal and Western Union are allied in violation of the anti-trust law and a campaign is to be waged along that line. The company officers do not take this threat seriofficers do not take this threat seriously. Business men are clamoring for
a settlement of the strike and urging
intervention of the president, but so
far these appeals are in vain. Both
companies report that business is improving rapidly in the east and middle
west, but transcontinental wires are
working badly.

Mrs. Stokes Would Aid. Rose Pastor Stokes addressed the

Rose Pastor Stokes addressed the striking telegraphers yesterday aftermoon. She proposes that the strike be arbitrated and the telegraphers have faith in her good intentions. According to the plans she outlined to the strikers she hopes to interest the directors of the Western Union and Postal in her effort to arbitrate the present difficulty.

National arbitration experts, including President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and Commissioner of Labor Neill will likely be in New

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stockade and import nonunion miners fifield, Nev., Aug. 22.—George to work the claims and fight the Moyer-Haywood organization to a finish.

The present strike only involves about 200 men, but it promises to spread, and the situation is regarded as critical. The Combination men joined the Mohawk miners on strike yesterday, and the Red Top workmen are likely to go out soon. ngfield, one of the big owners of the evada Consolidated mines, declares that unless members of the Western Federation of Miners keep the agreement and permit the installation of the "change room" on the Consolidated and Red Top properties, he will build a