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BANK PRESIDENT TO SACRIFICE FORTUNE FOR DEPO

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DRRIS EXONERATED, DIRECTORS ORDERED PURCHASE OF BONDS

President of Defunct Bank Ready to Give All He Has, If Necessary—Director Friede Will Leave Nothing Undone to Satisfy Creditors—Hopeful View Is Taken by Receiver and Bank Officials

Above the spume of rumor and street gossip two important statements today by President Walter H. Moore of the Oregon Trust and Savings bank, stand out significant, and afford mingled admiration and encouragement among depositors. President Moore exonerates Cashier W. C. Morris from the charges by Directors Lytle and Friede that Morris purchased Home Telephone bonds without the knowledge and assent of the directors. Mr. Moore also pledges every dollar of his private fortune to the cause of the crippled bank. Director Leo Friede will also come to the assistance of the depositors if necessary.

Vice-President Lytle refuses to assist with a single dollar.

"It has been incorrectly stated that Cashier Morris or anyone purchased Home Telephone bond securities for the Oregon Trust and Savings bank without the knowledge and assent of the directors," said Mr. Moore. "The board regarded them as good securities, and purchased them knowlingly. While Mr. Morris influenced the directors very strongly in these purchases, they were made knowingly. We had bought Home bonds before and had made a lot of money out of them."

Moore Is Cheerful. President Moore when seen today at his residence on Everett street, was calm, and hopeful, even cheerful. He has regained his eld-time composure

Defunct Bank Prohibited by Associated Press Service Completely Demoralized Today Law From Being Declared Bankrupt.

Considerable doubt has arisen whether the petition in involuntary bankruptcy filed by creditors in the United States Press and a determination to fight it out to the bitter end on the part of the union operators mark the local situation in the telegraph strike today. No desertions occurred from the ranks of the strikers, but several messenger boys returned to work under parental persuasion.

According to Manager Dumars of the Western Union company the trouble experienced with tamperings with the wires had practically ceased. Messages, he asserts, are sent without trouble between the larger cities on trunk lines, although local service is still practically non-existant. Manager Dumars (Continued on Page Three.) district court yesterday against the Oregon Trust & Savings bank can be

Oregon Trust & Savings bank can be effected because of the wording of the United States bankruptcy hav of July 1, 1898, which says that a bank incorporated under state laws cannot be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt.

Lawyer William R. McGarry, who represents the petitioners, stated this morning that despite the wording of the law the bank can be adjudicated a bankrupt. Mr. McGarry said:

"Notwithstanding this clause in the bankruptcy act it may be held that if there are undistributed assets and unpaid debts the corporation may be adjudicated a bankrupt.

"An authority says, "The law intended to exempt only those entities which are strictly subject to the official espoinage of a state bank examiner, where the presumption is in favor of the regularity of their official supervision and against the possibility of preferences."

Officers Not Released.

Chapter 3, section 4, article 13 of the United States bankruptcy law of July 1, 1898, says: 1898, says:

"Any natural person, except a wage-earner, or a person engaged chiefly in farming or the tiliage of the soil, an unincorporated company, and any corporation legased principally in manufacturity trading, printing, publishing, minks or mercantile pursuits, owing debts to the amount of \$1,900 or over, may be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt upon default or impartial trial, and shall be subject to the provisions and entitled to the benefits of this act. Private bankers, but not national banks or banks incorporated under state or territorial if or impartial trial, and shall be act to the provisions and entitled to be nefts of this act. Private bank-but not national banks or banks porated under state or territorial (Continued on Page Three.)

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Receiver Thomas C. Devilin of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank believes today more than ever before that the depositors will receive dollar for dollar. He said there could not possibly be a shrinkage of so much as a quarter of a million dollars in the bank's listed securities.

President Waiter H. Moore today authorized The Journal to say that, with proper administering of the receivership, he will devote his private fortune, which was accumulated in eastern Oregon by years of hard work on the range, the farm and in country banking business. Asked if he had given authority for the statement from that he would stand behind the bank with his private property he said:

"It can be correctly stated that I am ready and willing to do that much, whatever it may be. Tr's man gives all that he has, be it 310 or \$10.00, he has done all he can. Everything that I can do will be done to repay these depositors.

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Morris is Exonerated.

He said he did not expect to think of re-entering the banking business, and that the project of starting the National Bank of Commerce is all dropped forever, so far as he is concerned. He desired now only to see that the bank's affairs are wound up to the best advantage, and that if possible it be proved that the bank was in good condition and could with timely assistance have been saved. His attitude was one of profound regret, but determination to make good to the full limit of his capacity to do so. He added:

"Different statements have been printed concerning the business mission of Cashier Morris to New York at this time. I will say regarding his trip that he did not go there to arrange for money to establish the proposed Na
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Muldoon refuses to say whether Secretary Root is passing the medicine ball or working on the horizontal bars. When the great trainer was asked whether the cabinet officer was easily subdued the withdrew within his great cloak of reserve and refused to discuss the subject.

From inside "Olympia," as Muldoon's resort is called, it is learned, however, that Root must have learned his lesson from the experience of Senator Depew, who was so thoroughly subdued upon Morris Is Excuerated.

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W. H. MOORE, PRESIDENT OF THE DEFUNCT OREGON TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK.

Secretary of State Living Fast Simple Life With Billy Muldoon.

(Journal Special Service.) White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 23.-Hundreds of people gathered about "Billy"

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Only Few Trunk Lines Working — Operators Lend

Financial Aid to Messenger Boys.

Crippled service on the part of the claims that he has all the men he needs telegraph companies and the Associated for Portland although he is looking for Press and a determination to fight it

OPERATORS WILL NOT

GET OLD POSITIONS

CASHIER W. COOPER MORRIS.

ROTHSCHILDS UNLOAD STOCK

Market Is Hit Hard as Result of Action of Big Banking Firm.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Aug. 23 .- What is an ounced as unloading by the great bank ing firm of Rothschild cost the stock

market a pretty penny today. Reading stock is said to have com-

Reading stock is said to have composed most of the block thrown overboard by the bankers today and its effect upon the value of that security was, startling. The losses were not noticeable at first but as the offerings began to increase the price slumped. At the close the price of Reading was almost \$4 a share under that of yesterday and few traders cared to take on the issue at that low mark.

Southern Railway preferred was another issue that some of the big ones were unloading today. While the directors announced the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent the trade has been greatly disappointed with the action of this security of late. Today a loss of about \$4 a share resulted.

The dumping of Reading caused intense selling by scared holders all through the market. It forced Amalgamated Copper down \$2.50 a share and American Smelter common about the same sum. There was also a loss of \$2.75 in Union Pacific shares and over \$1.50 in Southern Pacific. Great Northern Pacific almost \$1 more.

SEVEN MEN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

New York, Aug. 23,-Seven men wer killed today, Engineer Hopkins' body being blown to pieces by the explosion of the boiler of a coal barge in Long Island drydocks.

BIG FIRE IS RAGING IN CINCINNATI PLANT

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—While the Telegraphers' union is seeking to extend its strike or force brokers to sign contracts for closed shop the companies show that they are not weakening and will fight to the finish. Superintendent Miller of this division yesterday served notice on all operators within reach that they must not expect to secure their old positions even if they decide to return to work.

The company does not intend to blacklist the strikers who have not been also to prevent friction between men who went out and those who remained at work.

Union officers in this city received reports from Chicago that the fight was in such condition that one more week would surely bring victory. They admit that there have been a few desertions from the ranks here, but do not seem discouraged. (Journal Special Service.) Cincinnati, Aug. 23.—Fire which started last night in the Eagle White Lead company's tan bark plant is still burning. The loss is \$800,000.

MAKE BANK PAY EVERY DOLLAR

"The bank's affairs today look more encouraging. Its assets will realize well. The best thing that could have happened for it has happened in the prevention of the starting of hundreds of endless suits and litigation that would have cost the depositors thousands and crippled the bank hopelessly. Money is coming in well and we are pushing the work of listing and realization as fast as possible. The watchword here is to make the bank pay every dollar."-Thomas C. Devlin, receiver Oregon Trust & Savings bank.

Bank Says Institution Used Him But He Didn't Use It—Had Small Account Only.

"I do not see why, under the circumstances, I should be expected to back the Oregon Trust & Savings bank with nally liable for the loss of depositors my own private property. Do you?" This is the way E. E. Lytle, vicepresident and member of the board of directors of the defunct financial inday morning puts the question of his responsibility for the liabilities of the bank to the depositors whose money is

Knowing that Walter H. Moore, president of the institution, had decided to offer his private fortune to help dam up the deficiency, if necessary, Mr. Lytle was asked this morning what his own attitude was or would be, and the heart of the state.

Mr. Lytie was found in his private office at the Worcester building, where he has the headquarters of the Pacific Railway & Navigation company and where he was busy this morning attending to his duties as an officer of directors.

"Mr. Lytle," the bank director and vice-president was asked, "It is reported that on the night of Tuesday last when the directors and officers of the Conference with the committee from the Clearing House association, you and President Moore offered to jointly sign a note for \$100,000 or \$150,000, giving your own personal property as security in order to raise funds sufficient to tide the bank over its difficulty. Is that the case?"

"Mr. Moore made the offer," said Mr. Lytle. "He stated to the clearing house committee that he would sign such a note with me and asked me if I These men all came in early in the forenoon in response to subpoenas is the district attorney, but they

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"Mr. Moore made the offer," said Mr. Lytle. "He stated to the clearing house committe that he would sign such a note with me and asked me if I would do so. I said to him "Walter, I do not think you should ask me to do that. I think the bank has used me to the limit as it is and do not think I should be asked to pledge myself to more than I already am in for."

"Mr. Moore admitted this," continued Mr. Lytle, "but he said 'All I have in the world is in the bank and I intend to stand by it and thought you would too.' And I said to him 'I do not see why you should expect me to sign the note under the circumstances."

Bays Bank Used His Mame.

posit of \$60 at 3 o'clock on the same afternoon, while G. A. Metzger, of Metzger & Co., stated that he had sent a deposit of \$100 to the bank on Tuesday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock.

These men all came in early in the forence in response to subpoenas is sued by the district attorney, but they were not the end of the procession. The office has been busy throughout the day listening to similar tales and others having to do with the management of the bank. The depositors, many of them, are clamoring that immediate action be taken by the district attorney.

Mr. Manning will Not Eurry.

Mr. Manning, however, states that he intends to proceed carefully in the case and to know where he stands before he makes any move. At the present time

Says Bank Used His Name. Then Mr. Lytle put the question to the questioner: "Don't you think you would have done the same thing under the same circumstances?" "I do not know the circumstances," was the answer to the question and Mr. Lytle went on to explain. (Continued on Page Three.)

Vice-President of Defunct Informations Will Issue Angry Depositor Demands Against Bank Officials If Investigation Proves Deposits Were Taken After Institution Was Insolvent

> Oregon Trust & Savings bank are crimiof the bank under the provisions of the Oregon law is a question which District Attorney John Manning and his force of deputies are hard at work solving today. If it is found that the bank received

deposits after the officials knew that

deposits after the officials knew that the institution was unsafe then informations will be issued by the district attorney charging them with a felony and indications about Mr. Manning's office tend to the belief that such a showing will be made.

The object of the investigation new being made by the district attorney and which probing has kept the office chairs filled during the morning and early afterneon with men subpoenaed to tell what they know of the situation, is to determine whether or not deposits were taken by the bank on Tuesday last after the unsoundness and peril of the bank was known to the officials and board of directors.

Took Deposits Late Tuesday

Mr. Manning, however, states that he intends to proceed carefully in the case and to know where he stands before he makes any move. At the present time he is sitting as a grand jury under the authority granted him by the law and is making an investigation to determine whether or not informations should is-According to the opinion of District Attorney Manning, if the evidence shows

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BE CHARGE WOMAN'SLIFE

Check From Mrs. Morris Under Penalty of Blowing Up Cashier's House -Police Protection Ordered.

An unknown man claiming to be a de positor in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank last night called upon Mrs. Morris, wife of Cashier Morris of the defunct institution, and threatened to blow up the Morris home at 394 Twelfth street unless she immediately wrote out a check covering his losses. The man said he had read an account of how Mrs. Morris had given Patrolman James F. Anderson a check for \$7,000 to cover the money the officer lost in the bank and demanded that she also reimburse him.

Mrs. Morris explained to the man that

Mra. Morris explained to the man that there was no foundation to the reports that she had given Anderson any sum of money and further that she herself had no money. The Morris family state that they paid little attention to the threats believing them to be from an irresponsible person.

Mra. Morris received a message from her husband this morning stating that he was just leaving Chicago for home and would reach Portland, if connections were all made, on Sunday night.

Moore's Mome Threatened.

Yesterday afternoon some one telesphoned the residence of President W. H. Moore of the bank and threatened to bring a mob up to take Moore from his house and wreak vengeance on him. Mrs. Moore and her son were alone in the house at the time and, owing to the presence of any depositors about the place the every getore, was very nervous. She telephoned to the police for help and two officers were sent up. They found no suspicious characters in the vicinity of the Moore home, however, and, after reassuring Mrs. Moore, left. Relative to the statement made by Policeman Anderson that Mrs. Morris had paid in full the account his wife had in the bank, Mrs. Morris this morning said:

"I have been so greatly inconvenienced about the published statement that I paid a policeman \$7,000 that I am going to ask you space for denial "Every cent of money I had is in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. I never had an account at any other bank in Portland, therefore I could not pay any one a cent. When our bank closed it tied up all our funds, and had not a friend of my husband come to my rescue I would not have one cent at our house. A wire from Mr. Morris states he is on his way home and he will verify my statement when he arrives.

"MRS. W. C. MORRIS."

Policeman Anderson corroborates Mrs.

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Transfers in Portland Yesterday Involved Over Quarter of Million Dollars--Early Activity Criterion of Heavy and Prosperous Real Estate Market This Fall.

Yesterday was one of the busiest days which has been leased for a term of the local real estate market for sevral months past. Over \$250,000 worth the building will cover the entire quarter block, and will cost about \$35,000. in the local real estate market for several months past. Over \$250,000 worth of city property changed hands, including a centrally located quarter block at \$50,000, and two \$25,000 deals. The long predicted revival in the realty world, with the approach of fall seems to be at hand.

One of the most important sales closed yesterday was that of the quarter block at the southeast corner of Glisan and Twelfth streets. This property was purchased by Albert and Asmus Brix from W. A. MacRae for \$25,000. The Messrs. Brix have let the contract for the erection of a four-story brick building, with concrete basement.

Prisco Capitalist Buys.

Another large transaction brought to a close yesterday was the sale by B. M. Lombard and the H. W. Goode estate of the local holdings of the Sunset Real Estate company to Elliot McAllister, a San Francisco capitalist. San Francisco capitalist.

The property transferred consists of a quarter block at the southeast corner of Third and Jefferson streets, a lot on Taylor street between Fourth and Fifth, and some acreage and lots northeast of Irvington. The total consideration for the above holdings was \$104,000. The Third and Jefferson street quarter block was puschased by B. M. Lombard

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ARMORED CRUISERS START FOR COAST

Washington, Aug. 23.—With the departure of four big armored cruisers—the Colorado, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania—from Japan for San Francisco yesterday, the movement to collect a strong fleet in Pacific coast waters is well under way. It is announced at the navy department that necessary repairs on the armored cruisers. These details are the most recent developments of the change of the paval policy, the most significant feature of which has been the president's decision to send the Atlantic fleet of 15 battleships to the Pacific.

Committee to Be Elected Tonight to Act With Manning and Receiver.

A second meeting of depositors of

the Oregon Trust & Savings bank will be held in the Empire theatre at-7 this evening. The officers chosen at the first meeting held in the plana last first meeting held in the plass last night will preside until the permanent organization is elected.

A committee will also be chosen to act in conjunction with District attorney John Manning in going over avery detail of the bank's condition and in endeavoring to outline the best policy for the settlement of its affairs.

Conservatism was the keynote of the meeting last night, and the same anti-radical policy will doubtless be followed this evening. Speakers last night declared that it was to the interest of the depositors to work in conjunction with the district attorney and with the receiver in straightening up the bank's affairs, and so for the present the plan of retaining attorneys will be dropped. As tomporary chairman of last night's meeting F. J. McHenry will preside this evening, and A. Richmond will act as secretary. A committee consisting of McHenry, Richmond and J. Day to secure a hall for later meetings saw Manager George L. Baker of the Empire theatre and secured his permission to hold meetings of depositors in the Empire theatre tonight and tomorrow night. It is proposed to open the doors at to c'clock, so as to give all depositors fin the evening to formulate plans for the interest and protection of all the doors. It is proposed at the meeting his evening to formulate plans for the interest and protection of all the doors. It is proposed at the meeting his evening to formulate plans for the interest and protection of all the doors. It is proposed at the meeting his evening to formulate plans for the interest and protection of all the doors. It is proposed at the meeting his evening to formulate plans for the interest and protection of all the doors. The terest and protection of all the doors in the securities now on hand the district attorney and with Passara and protection of all the securities are an analysis to the securities now on hand the bank and report back to the typesities which there find night will preside until the permanent