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The weather—Fair tonight and Thursday; variable winds.

"NOT OUR PURPOSE TO SHOW LIABILITIES," SAYS DEVLIN

ASSETS APPEAR TO COVER LOSS Slight Difference in Value of Obligations of and Amounts Due Oregon Trust

The receiver's report on the condition of the Oregon Trust and Savings bank, filed late yesterday afternoon, was incomplete as it did not show the liabilities of the concern. The assets of the bank are approximately \$2,209,536.

"It was not our purpose to show liabilities. We were reporting on what we find in possession of the bank," said the receiver today. "The liabilities are, as we estimate it, \$2,328,666."

The liabilities of the bank are made up of three items, as follows: Certificates of deposit, \$856,394.20; savings deposits, \$848,832.58; general deposits, \$793,439.94. In addition to the total assets shown in the report, there were, the receiver says, numerous mortgage securities that do not appear of record. Some of these mortgages are not listed because they had been sent to eastern Oregon for recording, and have not been returned. A few other mortgages that are securities for loans are on record, but have not yet been placed on the bank's books.

While there appear to be liabilities in excess of the assets, there are two items not listed that will more than make up the difference, if ample time were given to realize on them, said President Moore. "These are the bank's equipment and vault, valued at \$100,000, and the building it occupies. We estimate the value of this asset at \$75,000. There are also \$400,000 of telephone stock not having present fixed value, nor listed by the receiver, but which will in time be worth from \$200,000 to \$400,000. It is said to be increased between \$200,000 and \$300,000 by property to be turned over by Mr. Moore and Cashier Morris, which will in some measure make up the gap between the totals of the liabilities and the collectable assets."

Heavy Loans Secured. While there are a large number of small loans that have no collateral securities for their repayment, the bulk of the heavy loans are secured by what the receiver regards as adequate security. Among the large loans secured are \$12,500 to the Dollar Savings bank and the National Securities company, due November 15, 1907; \$10,000 to the Western Telephone company, secured by piano notes from which money is coming in on installment; \$7,500 to the Board of Health, due August 4, 1908, secured by his personal note; \$4,000 to the White Salmon Valley bank in the form of certificates of deposit for its purchase of Home Telephone bonds, and which it is paying as they fall due; \$4,153 to J. O. R. Scobey, on real estate security; \$2,000 to W. Scriber, due next February, the borrower being a La Grande banker, who has given good security;

LANDS OPEN IN EARLY OCTOBER

Good News Regarding Umatilla Project—Filing in Month of November.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Sept. 18.—Colonel J. F. McNaught, one of the founders of Hermiston, states in an interview that there is every reason to believe the opening of a portion of the lands under the Umatilla project will be made early in October. Then after the opening it will require 30 days' advertising before filings can be made. This will throw the actual settlement of the tract well into November, should the opening be announced within the next 30 days. As to the method of filing on the lands, the details have not yet been

MINIATURE MINES IN ACTION ON TABLES AT NOVEL BANQUET

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Sept. 18.—Nearly 200 guests sat down to an elaborate banquet at the Alexandria last night, tendered the mining men of Nevada, Arizona and California by the Los Angeles and Nevada stock exchanges. An unusually realistic desert mining schemes were represented on the long tables, showing miniature stamp mills and cyanide plants in actual operation, cactus, greasewood and mesquite waving on hill blown mounds, fanned by electricity, with horned toads, rattlesnakes and relics of the trail scattered in the sands about, while at intervals lay heaps of filled ore sacks. Over all hundreds of electric lights were suspended from miniature transmission lines and on two score poles sat stuffed desert owls looking solemnly on.

made public, but it is generally believed all filings will be made in the La Grande land office, and that no branch office or clerk will be placed at Hermiston for that purpose.

According to the reports of officials in charge of the Umatilla project, 7,000 acres of land will be thrown open to settlement by the government and private irrigation ditches when all that are under construction are completed. The size of the tracts will be 40 acres. A portion of the land to be reclaimed is any one can work in that section, where it is expected fruit growing and vegetable raising will be the principal uses to which the land will be put.

The reserve basin will be 17 square miles in area and about nine feet in depth. Altogether there will be 20,000 acres watered by the government and private irrigation ditches when all that are under construction are completed. The size of the tracts will be 40 acres. A portion of the land to be reclaimed is any one can work in that section, where it is expected fruit growing and vegetable raising will be the principal uses to which the land will be put.

OLGA NETHERSOLE TO AID JUVENILE COURT

Actress Will Give Benefit Performance to Assist Judge Lindsay.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Sept. 18.—Olga Nethersole, the actress, is an enthusiastic "booster" for Ben Lindsay and his juvenile court methods, as is evidenced by her deep interest in the work of reclaiming delinquent boys and girls, and upon her latest visit to London she spent an hour with the juvenile court judge, during which time she detailed to that official the basic principles upon which the juvenile court is founded. Miss Nethersole will demonstrate her interest in the work in a substantial way on Friday afternoon when she will give a benefit performance, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the work of Judge Lindsay's court. She is personally arranging the details of the program and will use every endeavor to swell the fund.

ADAMS HUNTING FOR WITNESS IN ALASKA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 18.—Attorney Crane, representing Steve Adams, has arrived here in search of a missing witness in the famous coal mine murder case on trial at Boise, Idaho.

GAMBLING MADE BOY A ROBBER

17-Year-Old Harry Bennett Makes Complete Confession of Burglaries He Has Committed—Downfall Is Due to His Losses.

Youth Is Son of Mining Broker—Lost Big Sum Playing His Favorite Game—Was in Love, So He Says.

Robbed Within Two Months. Harry Woods' meat market, First and Alder streets, 160. Boston Parking company, Third street, between Ash and Ankeny, 311. (Visited this place twice, securing nothing the first time.) National market, East Burnside street, 3216. Cline's market, East Burnside street, 31. Shoe store at the corner of Fourth and Yamhill streets, 358. Candy store, Third and Yamhill streets, 329. Chicago market, 30 cents. California furniture store, St. Johns, check for \$15, which he cashed at Clemenson's at the corner of Third and Yamhill streets. Louvre saloon, St. Johns, 415. Drink's saloon, St. Johns, one Blqe. Beauregard jewelry store, Washington street, nothing, as he was arrested there at an early hour this morning.

"Well, I'm not strong enough to follow my trade, I had to have money and I like to play pool," was the way 17-year-old Harry Bennett answered a query as to why he had carried on a systematic robbery campaign in the business district of this and other nearby cities for the past two months.

He had confessed earlier in the forenoon to Detectives Heliyer, Tichner and Jones of the police department to having successfully entered 11 places of business aside from the one in which he was captured at an early hour this morning.

The youth resided until arrested with his parents at the corner of Twenty-eighth and Gilson streets. His father, the present time, together with young Bennett's grandfather, is in Los Angeles putting through a mining deal. P. Bennett, is a mining man and at the present time, together with young Bennett's grandfather, is in Los Angeles putting through a mining deal. The youth was temporarily locked up in the county jail, together with young Bennett, on the part of Judge Frazer. Sometime this afternoon decision will be reached as to whether further action against him is warranted.

Youth Blames Himself. In the main cell compartment of the county jail this afternoon Bennett made a lengthy confession of his criminal career. In substance he said: "Just as I said before, I've got nobody to blame for this but myself. I have told every place I robbed and I am not sorry for what I did. In one way perhaps if I was out of this I would not do it again, but I wanted money to play pool with, and once in a while I drank some. The officers of the juvenile court have got it in for me, and last year they took away from me the only girl I ever loved."

Yes, I played a good deal of pool for money. Everything seemed to go against me. I lost as high as \$4 and \$5 nightly gambling that way. I played just as good pool as the other fellows, but somehow the games went against me. That tells the real story of why I wanted money so much.

Loved Girl Two Years Older. Bennett stoutly denied that any woman was mixed up in the affair, but he admitted that he was smitten two years his senior, who once was a ward of the juvenile court. He gave her the name of Louise Smith. Touching on that subject he said: "Louise was the only girl I ever loved. But it wasn't any romance, either. I wanted to marry the girl, and up to that time I had never turned a crooked trick. I was working hard at my trade as a butcher killing sheep. When they separated us I took to drinking and went from bad to worse for a time. Then I went to work again."

"There is no use in worrying over this thing. I needed the money and I got it and I don't want anybody to help me out of it. I'll stand for the consequences, whatever they may be. Yes, I know all they can do is to dispose of my case in juvenile court; they can't hang me and I don't think there is anybody at home who will gripe over it if they do I can't help it any now. Again I repeat I needed the money and I don't mind adding that some of it went to the folks at home. My father went away to Los Angeles and never sent any money home."

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WOMAN TRIES TO BREAK M'DONALD WILL.



COIN GRABBERS WILL DEFY LAW

Owners of Slot Machines at Medford Decide to Ignore Ordinance.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Medford, Or., Sept. 18.—At a meeting held last night owners and lessees of slot machines in Medford decided to defy Sheriff H. D. Jackson, ignore his orders for putting the nickel-enticing devices out of the way and operate the machines as usual.

The charter was granted by the legislature of 1905 and repeals previous charters and "all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith."

Section 25, paragraph 23, gives the city council "power and authority within the limits of the city of Medford, to license, regulate and prohibit nickel-in-the-slot machines or any other schemes of chance."

ROBBERS CLEAN OUT DRAW POKER GAME

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) Needles, Cal., Sept. 18.—Two masked men yesterday entered a room in the rear of a barber shop where a game of draw poker was being indulged in by nine men, ordered all hands up and received the players of their money, amounting to about \$1,000. The robbers did not offer to take jewelry or other valuables, and after gathering up the cash left the place.

Mrs. Bott of Helix Dead.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Maud L. Bott, wife of V. A. Bott of Helix, died at St. Anthony's hospital Monday from appendicitis. She had been ill only a short time. The funeral was held at Helix yesterday. She leaves besides her husband a 3-year-old daughter.

OVERLAND WILL BE FIVE HOURS LATE

Northern Pacific No. 1, due at 8 o'clock, arrived at 9:40. Southern Pacific No. 16, due at 7:25, arrived on time. O. R. & N. No. 3, due at 8 o'clock, arrived at 9:05. O. R. & N. No. 5, due at 9:45, arrived at 2:15. Astoria & Columbia No. 21, due at 12:15, arrived on time. For the third consecutive day the Southern Pacific train from San Francisco arrived in Portland on time. The train was in two sections and both rolled into the station at 7:25. The overland O. R. & N. train from the east was marked up five hours late at noon.

WIRES WORKING SLOW IN WEST

Strike Situation Does Not Improve and Service Appears to Be Shattered.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chicago, Sept. 18.—Facts regarding the condition of wires of the Western Union Telegraph company have become known here within the past week and it is reported that the business of the big corporation has been handled with the greatest difficulty. East from this city the service has been better than on western circuits but the commercial and press business has been only about half of normal. Much business is being transacted by long distance telephone and by mail.

The wires west are in an exceedingly bad condition. Whether this is due entirely to the fact that few operators of the old school are available to take the places of the strikers or whether to the interference of the Order of Railway Telegraphers along the trunk lines is hard to determine. But the fact remains that wires are kept working under trying conditions and few of the circuits can carry anything like the business that they carried before the strike.

MRS. MARY M'DONALD ON THE LEFT, MRS. DORA M'DONALD ON THE RIGHT AND MICHAEL M'DONALD, OVER WHOSE ESTATE THE WOMEN ARE FIGHTING.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chicago, Sept. 18.—Suit has been commenced by Mrs. Mary McDonald, divorced wife of Michael McDonald, king of the gamblers of this city, who died recently, to obtain a share of the \$2,000,000 estate left by McDonald. Mrs. Dora McDonald, the widow, is now awaiting trial on a charge of having murdered young Webster Guerin, the well-known artist, with whom she had fallen in love. The two cases are very complicated and have attracted much attention. Mrs. Mary McDonald asks for a share of the estate on the ground that the time the divorce was granted she never complied with, and that it was intended that she should fall heir to a large part of the money left by McDonald.

HUNDRED DIE ON BURNING VESSEL

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Sept. 18.—It is believed that more than 100 persons lost their lives on the Japanese steamship Taifu Maru which is reported to be burning at Chinkiang. Details of the disaster are lacking but according to reports received here this morning the fire was caused by an explosion in the boiler room.

NEGROES ANGRY AT PITCHFORK TILLMAN

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 18.—The colored people of Sacramento are being roughly aroused over the fact that Y. M. C. A. has arranged for the appearance here Friday night of Senator Tillman and have called a mass meeting for tonight to enter a vigorous protest. It is said in retaliation the colored people of Sacramento will stand solid against the movement to eliminate saloons from the residence district as a church movement.

ASSOCIATED PRESS ANXIOUS TO SETTLE

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Sept. 18.—The annual meeting of the Associated Press was called to order here today. The settlement of the operators' strike is the principal business to come before the meeting.

FIGHT FOR TRADE OF FAR NORTH

Merchants of San Francisco Declare War on Seattle to Get Business of Alaskan Cities—Portland May Aid Bay City.

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Sept. 18.—San Francisco merchants have declared war on the jobbers of Seattle to regain the \$15,000,000 a year business of Alaska. The campaign has been opened with the authorization of a committee representing all the big shipping firms affiliated with the chamber of commerce to negotiate for the establishment of a direct line of steamers to Nome and the southern points in the territory.

This action by the merchants here will probably stimulate the Portland merchants to make an effort to establish a similar line from that port. This would mean a friendly rivalry between the Bay and Rose cities, for the San Francisco merchants would welcome the assistance of the Oregon people in their fight against the Puget sound port.

When that is accomplished a horde of commercial scouts will be turned into the northern territory to win away the trade which the Washington city has grabbed since the discovery of gold. It has been agreed that the running expenses of a steamer line will be guaranteed until the California houses have gained a foothold. The principal difficulty in the way is the fact that Seattle men have all but bottled the Alaskan trade, through the purchase of interests in nearly all the big firms in the territory. By means of this and shipping contracts under which transportation companies grant rebates of as much as 20 per cent, they have compelled the shipment of the bulk of Alaskan business from Seattle. But it has been demonstrated that there are enough independent firms to keep a San Francisco line busy, provided that the same rates are given.

PASSENGERS TROLL FROM ESPEE TRAINS

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) Salton, Cal., Sept. 18.—Passengers on the Southern Pacific overland trains are having rare sport trolling from the car windows for fish in the Salton sea, and good catches have been made. A midway in the sea an arroyo extends back into the mountains. The track crosses this on a trestle. The water is 15 to 25 feet deep, and it has become a custom of the dining car porter to throw overboard the scraps from the table there. Thousands of fish of all sizes lie in wait for the train and can be easily seen.

THIRTY PERSONS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tokio, Sept. 18.—In a fire following a flood in the Kousabe mill 30 persons were burned to death and 100 houses destroyed. Women and children were the principal victims.

SPECIAL EDITION GOES TO EASTERN HISTORICAL ROOMS

In the archives of the Maine Historical society in the city of Portland, Maine, there reposes one of the souvenir numbers of The Journal's special edition, a gift from the Oregon Historical society. The anniversary number was sent from the Portland of the Pacific to the Portland of the Atlantic by Curator George H. Himes of the Oregon Historical society and an expression of thanks and compliment has already been received by him. There seems to be a bond of sympathy between the metropolis of the northwest and that of the northeast and the officials in charge of the two institutions have frequently exchanged important historical matter.

Hindus Flee From Aberdeen.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Sept. 18.—Eighteen Hindus who arrived here to go into the mills to work returned at once to the sound, as the mill where they expected to get work refused to employ them. This action was taken by the millmen to avoid trouble.