SECRETARY STANDS BY GOVERNOR

Benson With Chamberlain in Using Full Power of Office to Enforce Restitution of Funds Loaned Bank That Failed.

Further, Will Join in Demand for Resignation Should Irregularity in Steel's Actions Appear—Crawford Is Active.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Nov. 26.—Republican state officials show a disposition to cooperate with Governor Chamberlain in recovering the state funds tied up in the suspended banks. Secretary of State Benson is not disposed to talk very much, but has assured the governor that he will work with him in making loans and will call upon the state treasurer to produce the school funds as fast as they can be loaned. He says furthermore that if it should appear that the treasurer was loaning money in violation of law, or was receiving any interest for leaving money in the suspended banks, he will join in demanding that the laws be enforced, though it leave the state with a Democratic treasurer. Mr. Benson infers from the statement of the agent of the American Surety company that the whole amount of Mr. Steel's shortage will be made good by that corporation.

Attorney-General Active.

The attorney-general has taken every legal step, he claims, that is necessary to ward off the possibility of the state losing out on a technicality in the way of defense against its demands. He has served notice on the banks in the name of the state treasurer for the sum of $395,941.24, due the state treasury, and made up as follows: Active fund, $47,483.81; interest, $40.56; demand certificates of deposit, $60,000; school fund, $288,426.87.

The attorney-general has also served formal demand upon the receiver, George H. Hill. He has also served legal demand upon the American Surety company for the two bonds of $50,000 each, taken in the name of Treasurer Steel by the Title Guarantee & Trust company.

Similar demand notices have been served by General Crawford on the Merchants' National bank for $12,478.20, the sum of state funds deposited there, for which the state holds a $40,000 bond of the American Surety company. The banks, the receivers and the Surety company have so far refused to honor the demands of the state, but acknowledge service of the papers.

State Ready to Act.

Attorney-General Crawford has the cases all briefed up and is ready to file a suit on 24 hours' notice. W. J. Clemens, representing the Surety company, has asked the state to wait until some one from New York can arrive in Oregon with power to act for the corporation he represents, which has more than $60,000,000 net assets to its credit on the records of the corporation department of this state. The state has had two checks, one for $35,000 and one for $10,000, for losses in the Oregon Trust & Savings, and the expected will happen if the Surety company pays the $100,000 and the claim of the state at the Merchants' National, and investigates the details afterwards. That is its usual method of procedure—to pay all just claims and then do the probing. The Surety company then will be given time to produce the rest of the money due on its bonds as fast as the state school land board can loan it out, and in these days of pressure for funds the money will be placed as fast as applications can be examined and allowed.

LAND DECISION DUE SOME TIME THIS WEEK

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—A decision by the department of justice as to whether the government shall take action to compel the Harriman lines in Oregon to dispose of its 3,000,000 acres of lands is looked for this week. A conference was held between Bourne and Bonaparte today; another tomorrow, after which the department will make up its report. The Townsend report, which is private to the attorney-general, is under discussion.

Farmers' Institute.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Harrisburg, Or., Nov. 26.—Under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college and the citizens of Harrisburg, a farmers' institute was held here Saturday. There were three sessions, morning afternoon and night. Many subjects of interest to farmers were presented, among them being dairying, forage plants, draught horses and the home. The evening lectures were illustrated with stereopticon views of much interest. Local talent helped entertain those attending.

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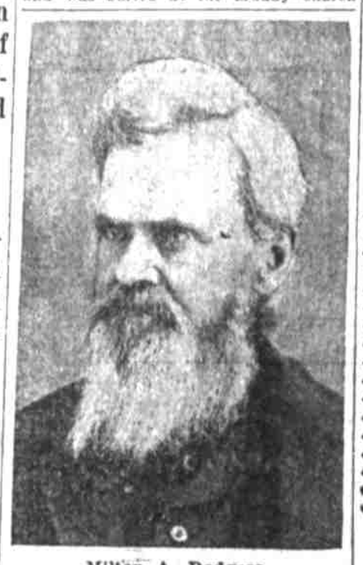
FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS CITIZEN OF OREGON

Milton A. Rodgers Crossed Plains With Ox Team in Early Days.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Harrisburg, Or., Nov. 26.—Milton A. Rodgers, who died at his farm home three miles east of Harrisburg, November 17, at the advanced age of 82 years and was buried at the Muddy church



Milton A. Rodgers.

Tuesday, November 19, was one of Oregon's earliest settlers, having crossed the plains with ox teams in 1850. He settled on his donation land claim seven miles north of Harrisburg the same year and lived there until 1873, when he moved to a farm three miles northeast of this place.

He married Elizabeth Alford, August 5, 1847, and there were born to them six daughters and one son, all of whom survive him.

The funeral services at Muddy church were conducted by Rev. C. A. Rexford, assisted by Rev. W. N. Lyon. Interment was at the Alford cemetery.

MAKES 900 MILE TRIP ON HORSE

Edward Serdell Rides From Chewach, Wash., to Eureka, Cal.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Eureka, Cal., Nov. 26.—Edward Serdell arrived last evening from Chewach, Washington, having traveled the entire distance, over 900 miles, on horseback, through the roughest portion of Washington and Oregon. He crossed the Columbia river at The Dalles and followed down the Willamette river as far as Grants Pass, where he struck the coast range for Crescent City, coming here by way of the coast road from that place. He is bound for Cloverdale, where he will locate.

The horse which he has ridden almost continuously is beginning to show the effects of the long trip, but it will carry its master safely to his destination.

Serdell left Chewach, September 9, and save two weeks at Yakima has been traveling ever since.

JAP IMMIGRANTS CHANGE THE ROUTE

Stop No More at Inhospitable Victoria—Twenty-Six at Tacoma Detained Aboard Ship.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 26.—Twenty-six out of 106 Japanese arriving here yesterday on the orietnal liner Kumeric have been detained on board and may be deported. Eighty were passed. Of the 26 held nine have an eye disease resembling trachoma and will be subjected to a searching investigation by physicians before being allowed to land. The remaining 16 held are women. All of these claim they either have husbands in this country, or have come at the solicitation of some would-be Japanese benedict, but the immigration officials are by no means certain these women are worthy.

This is the first time in several years that so large a number of Japanese have entered the country through this port. Heretofore it has been the custom of Japanese having passports to the United States to get off the steamships at Victoria, but the Victoria authorities, it is stated, will hereafter refuse to allow orientals with passports to this country to disembark at that place. The majority of the Japanese are students, the remaining ones being merchants, laborers and gardeners.

ROW OF ARMY AND COMMISSION RENEWED

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—Private expressions prove that the controversy pending between the army engineer officers now in control of river and harbor improvement work and the inland waterways commission is waxing warm. The commission is disposed to criticise the army officers for alleged antiquated methods and to advocate the segregation of all engineering projects, waterways, irrigation, forestry and drainage into one department, and this the army resists. The army claims the commission is not qualified to pass judgment on the stupendous works involved and alleges the real objection is to gain for Director Newell, chief of the reclamation bureau, authority over all the engineers' work the government commission is now preparing.

The army has been preparing for months to "unlimber guns" to oppose the proposals strenuously. If the commission is successful it would mean that the Columbia, Snake and Willamette rivers and Pacific coast harbors would come under the new department.

TACOMA DRY KILNS DESTROYED BY FIRE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 26.—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed one of the large dry kilns filled with lumber and shingles belonging to the St. Paul & Tacoma Mill company shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, causing a loss of $50,000. Good work on the part of the fire department kept the flames from spreading to adjacent property. The loss is covered by insurance and the kilns will be rebuilt as soon as the ground can be cleared.

WILKINS CONFESSES

Oakland Machinist Admits Burying Wife in Stable but Swears She Killed Herself—Mystery Exposed by Woman's Dream.

Review of the Crime.

M. A. Wilkins, an engineer of Elmhurst district, Oakland, California, kills his wife, and digging a trench places the body in it and covers the corpse with quicklime. A woman friend of the dead woman suspects murder when Wilkins reports his wife having left for the east. In a dream she sees Mrs. Wilkins stretched upon the ground with her arms folded. The dream haunts her and she reports the matter to the police. The discovery of the body follows. Today's developments in the case are subjoined.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 26. — While the gruesome task of exhuming the body of Mrs. A. M. Wilkins from a primitive grave in a stable on Grand avenue, Elmhurst, was in progress last night, the scene dimly lighted with lanterns, the husband of the woman was under arrest in the county jail and being sweated by officers on suspicion of having murdered her.

A. M. Wilkins, a machinist, was arrested at 7 o'clock last evening at his home on Grand avenue, on suspicion of having foully murdered a woman who was known as his wife, and within three hours Sheriff Barnet had dug up the body of the woman from a five foot grave in a small stable at the rear of the house.

When questioned today at the county jail by District Attorney Brown, Wilkins at first said his wife was supposed to be in the east, then said that he had had no wife for 20 years, and suddenly refused to answer any of the questions put to him.

He was taken in an automobile by Sheriff Barnet, District Attorney Brown and Captain of Detectives Peterson to the house on Grand avenue, led to the grave in the stable and suddenly confronted with the horrible sight of the half decomposed form of the woman. He exhibited no sign of breaking down and again refused to talk.

He was taken into the house and sweated by the officers, and at last admitted that he had buried the woman some time in October, but persistently declared that she had taken her own life with strychnine.

ROSEBURG ELOPERS' PLANS FRUSTRATED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., Nov. 26.—What is supposed to be an attempt to elope has been frustrated by the parents of the young woman in the case, Miss Minnie Aldrich, aged 16 years. The Aldrich family live in Edenbower, a suburb of this city.

The name of the man in the case is not given out, and indeed seems not to be known.

The first known of the affair was last Saturday morning, when the girl was missing from her room. The state of her room showed something in the nature of an elopement, as she had taken several of her dresses and other belongings that were not necessary for a short visit.

After arriving at the elopement conclusion Mr. Aldrich made some inquiries and finally notified the authorities, who after some little inquiry located the girl at Portland. Mr. Aldrich immediately departed for Portland to bring her back.

Minnie had planned to go to Canada and had told some of her schoolmates a few days before that she was going to run away and be married, and without making it any secret she wanted this friend to go and meet the young man she was going to marry, telling her that he was waiting on the bridge for her.

It seems the arrangement was that he was to meet her somewhere along the line. Minnie was accompanied to the train by one of the neighbors. She departed on No. 16, which leaves here about 11 p. m., and met an old acquaintance who was going as far as Oakland, Oregon, but neither the neighbor nor the old acquaintance suspected there was anything wrong.

It is not known just where she was to meet her companion fugitive, but their destination was supposed to be near Montreal.

PORTLAND-TACOMA LINE BEING GRADED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 26.—Grading on the Union Pacific main line extension from Portland to Tacoma was begun in the southern suburbs of this city this morning by Contractors Dibble & Hawthorne. Work was begun at the south entrance to the prospective tunnel which the road will bore beneath the city in securing a low-grade entrance to its ocean terminals on the harbor front. The contractors announce that they will have 40 miles of the road completed, so far as grading, bridge building and making ready for the ties and steel is concerned, within one year. This 40 miles of grading will reach from Tacoma to within a mile and a quarter of Centralia.

The contractors, within a few days, will have over 400 men at work.

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"Since that time my bowels have been as regular as a clock. I had also noticed before I began to eat Grape-Nuts that I was becoming forgetful of where I put little things about the house, which was very annoying.

"But since the digestive organs have become strong from eating Grape-Nuts, my memory is good and my mind as clear as when I was young, and I am thankful." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little booklet, "The Road to Wellville," in packages. "There's a Reason."

POSSES CAPTURE TWO SUSPECTED ROBBERS

Believed Men Who Robbed Clinton Bank in Hands of the Authorities.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26.—Posses early this morning arrested two men giving their names as Ward Miller and Edward Davis, of Chicago, accused of holding up a bank here yesterday and stealing $2,200 in currency. In a room from which the bandits escaped $1,500 were found.

The State bank at Clinton was held up and robbed of $2,200 in coin shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by two men who made their escape.

It was just a few minutes after closing time when the men appeared in the bank and with drawn revolvers forced Assistant Cashier William Argo, Cashier Murphy and Bookkeeper John Young to enter the big vault, which they locked.

The bulk of the money had already been placed in the safe and the time lock set but $2,200 in gold and silver remained on the counter. This the robbers shoveled into a bag and took it with them to the Hotel Henion, where they had previously engaged a room. They had arranged the money in rolls so that it could be easily carried, and were just about to leave the hotel when officers learned of their presence and attempted to break in the door. Before they succeeded, however, the robbers jumped from the window onto an adjoining roof, taking only the $700 in gold and leaving $1,500 in silver in the room. It was dark when the men escaped from the hotel and all trace of them was lost. Posses were at once organized and went in pursuit.

INSIST ON "IN GOD WE TRUST"

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Reading, Pa., Nov. 26. — The first of the new $10 gold pieces, and the only one that has been received in Reading, is a white elephant on the hands of Jack Queste. It was refused at five different places. Berks county Dutch people say the old coins, with the words "In God We Trust," were good enough for them, and they are suspicious of a coin without the motto.

Jamestown Exposition Nears End.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 26.—The final week of the Jamestown exposition began today and a special effort is being made to make it the banner week of the big fair, in both interest and attendance. A big parade and review was held today in celebration of Army and Navy day. Wednesday will be Raleigh day, with addresses by Mayor Johnson of Raleigh and Governor Glenn of North Carolina. Friday will be Chrysanthemum day and the closing day will be Tucker-Martin day, dedicated to the president and director-general of the exposition. An elaborate exhibition of chrysanthemums and other flowers will be held throughout the week.

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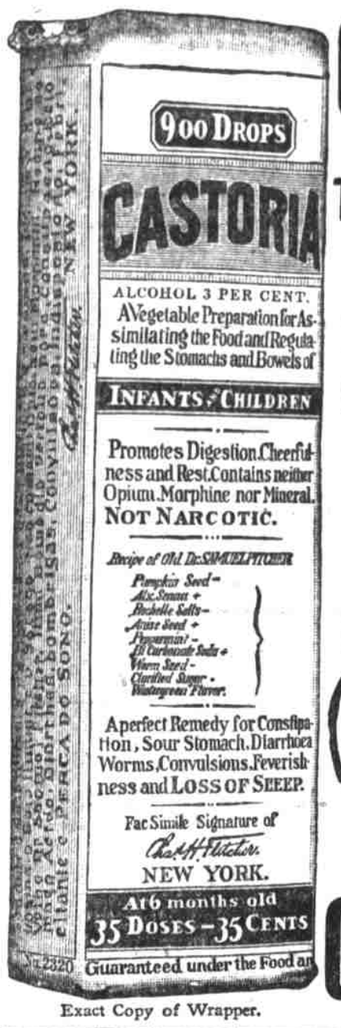

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