

TEST OF SENTIMENT ALL METCALFE WILL REORGANIZATION PLAN ANSWER CRITICS BARNETT'S BAKER FLEE AWAY HENRY'S PLUFF

Prospect of New Dredger Furnishing Great Supply of Material—Takes 32 Cents' Worth of Grit Out of Monopoly.

The local "trust busting" campaign has reached one of the greatest, and what is said to have been one—the sand and gravel trust. Today the price of sand and gravel in Portland is reduced from \$1.25 per yard to 50 cents per yard, placing Portland on a par with other cities of the country as to the base of building materials.

Depositors of Oregon Trust & Savings Bank Invited to Gather in Mass Meeting Tomorrow—Expression of Meeting Will Have Some Influence With Court.

The business side of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank reorganization movement will now have an inning, and it is said the whole body of depositors, irrespective of organization, will take a hand, eliminating personalities and other extraneous considerations that have occupied the center of the stage in the last few days.

Secretary Will Also Name Officers Who Gave Information to Writer.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Metcalf today admitted that a reply to the critics of the navy is being prepared under his direction. This is done in anticipation of the call that will be made upon the department by the senate in a resolution to be introduced by Senator Hale next Monday.

Those Unabsorbed at Directors' Meeting Will Be Dissolved in Legal Fight.

The troubles of the East Side bank, which broke out Wednesday, when the directors declared a dividend that President Newhall declares is illegal, and ended in the flight of Attorney Maloney with the records of the institution, reached the circuit court today, when separate suits were begun by Cashier W. J. Lyons and Assistant Cashier J. Lyons to compel the bank to pay over the dividends which they, as a majority of the board of directors, had decreed should be paid.

CRUSHED ROCK GETS FURTHER CRUSHING

At a meeting of the North East Side Improvement association last night it was decided hereafter to petition for no more bituminous or bituminous macadam improvements as long as the contractors continued to control the supply of crushed rock. Asphalt or some other hard surface pavement will be substituted in the petitions and the council will be asked to cooperate toward that end with the residents north of Sullivan's gulch.

WHITMORE LOVED ANOTHER WOMAN

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 4.—Love for another woman on the part of Theodore Whitmore is said to have been at the bottom of the trouble between him and his wife, whose body was found in a muddy pool near Passaic, New Jersey, several days ago.

FRANK BREW, LEADER OF CALIFORNIA LODGEMEN, INJURED AT MARE ISLAND YARD.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vallejo, Cal., Jan. 4.—Frank Brew, state president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, was terribly flushed while working on the warship St. Louis at Mare Island navy yard this morning.

DEAR JOHN; HANDSOME OF YOU TO ASK ME, BUT I CAN' COE. G. LOWIT

Gus Lowit, former manager of the Golden Eagle department store, who is wanted in Portland to answer to a charge of larceny, does not want to come back to Portland to be tried. Some time ago it was intended by the district attorney to prosecute Lowit for having taken \$1,000 worth of goods sent to the Golden Eagle store to another store, where they were disposed of.

HILL FILES HIS FINAL REPORT AS RECEIVER

The final report of George H. Hill, the first receiver of the suspended Title Guarantee & Trust company, was filed with the clerk of the United States court today and shows that at the time E. C. Mears took charge of the affairs of the bank the net cash on hand amounted to \$133,040.75.

STANDARD FACES WHEAT GROWERS PLAN SESSION

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Decisions today in the case of the demurrer of the Standard Oil and Vacuum Oil companies to indictments charging them with practicing rate discriminations were all against the companies.

NEW PASTOR COMING TO UNITED LUTHERANS

Rev. Dittman Larson Comes From Norwegian Church at Elgin, Illinois. A dispatch from Congo announces that Rev. Dittman Larson, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Elgin, Illinois, has resigned to accept the pastorate in Portland.

HE STARTED OUT, BUT TURNED AROUND AND BACK HE CAME AGAIN

Albert Piqueron is in contempt of court because he failed to make good his promise to go to Boston and leave his wife alone. Incidentally, his wife is out the price of a ticket from Portland to the eastern seat of culture, together with some 20 odd dollars in cash to be used to defray expenses en route.

GIRL AT PRAYERS IS FATALLY BURNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, Pa., Jan. 4.—While kneeling in prayer early this morning, Miss Emily O'Connor, of Monongahela, was killed by a gas stove.

CREWS MOVE SOON TO STEEL BRIDGE

Within the next 10 days the crews will be shifted from the Burnside bridge to the steel bridge for the purpose of replacing and decking the latter structure. This promise was made to a committee from the North East Side Improvement association that reported the meeting on Russell street last night.

SIX CHILDREN SHARE IN C. G. MAYGER'S WILL

The will of Charles Mayger, late of Mayer, Columbia county, has been filed for probate. It disposes of property valued at \$13,300, the most of which consists of money and accounts. The will divides the estate equally among six children.

STARVING HORSE SHOT IN MERCY; CRUEL OWNER IS TAKEN TO JAIL

Marco Polo paid \$10 in the municipal court this morning for insisting that an officer had no right to arrest his friend, M. Goldberg, for whom a warrant had been issued charging him with cruelty to animals.

HOLLOWAY BELIEVES HE IS IN MOSCOW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Jan. 4.—Henry Holloway, an old man, is believed to be in Moscow, where he is being held for insanity. He was laboring under the delusion that he was being held in a place where he was made to learn something concerning the Russian revolution.

Burglars' Loot at Clatskanie Depot Is Jewelry and Silverware.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Clatskanie, Or., Jan. 4.—The A. & C. railroad depot was broken into last evening by thieves, and trunks belonging to several Clatskanie people were looted. One trunk belonged to Mrs. George Maxwell, wife of the owner of the Clatskanie Lumber company.

MISSING WITNESS FOUND IN HOSPITAL

Bernadette Melke, the Italian laborer, whose non-appearance at the municipal court to give testimony against the three men who are accused of assaulting and robbing him, created an impression in the minds of the police that he had been spirited away by his enemies, has been found. That is to say, his present whereabouts are known, though he vehemently asserts that he has never been lost.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HAVE SOME NOTABLE SPEAKERS TO ENTERTAIN GUESTS.

Invitations were sent out today by the Portland chamber of commerce for the annual banquet to be held at the Portland hotel Wednesday evening, January 8, at 6:30 o'clock. It is said the banquet will be the largest dinner gathering of business men ever held in Portland.

EVEN FREIGHT TRAINS ARRIVED UPON TIME

All trains—even the freights—were on time today for the first time this year. Northern Pacific, No. 1, due at 7 o'clock, arrived on the dot. Southern Pacific, No. 18, due at 7:30, got here at the appointed hour.

Runs When Peanuts Burst Into Flame

When Toms Lachi's peanut wagon caught fire this morning at the corner of Third and Washington streets, Toms thought the end of the world was near at hand. Throwing the blazing gasoline tank to the pavement, he took to his heels and would have been running had not a stony-hearted policeman, seeing him by the coat collar, snatched him back to the scene of disaster.

Biggest Dinner Ever Given in Rose City

The membership of the chamber is now at the highest point in its history and numbers about 260 in good standing. There were 20 new applications for membership received and 10 were accepted. The old board of trustees will meet for the last time next Tuesday to elect applicants for membership and wind up business of the old year.

Engineers Guests on Trip to Cazadero

General Manager F. I. Fuller of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company today took the Portland circle of the American Society of Civil Engineers on an excursion to Cazadero. The party numbered about 30 men. They will view the improvements along the line of the O. W. Co. and inspect the new water-power development and electric power plant at Cazadero, on the Clackamas river.

Butcher Knife Slipped

Harry Mulholland, a butcher, employed by the Saxon market on Third street, stabbed himself on the hand with a large butcherknife this morning while cutting meat. The man was cutting toward his body when the knife slipped and entered his abdomen. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where the wound was dressed. The injury was not serious.

Roller Skating

Go to Oaks rink tonight. Grand march 7:30 p. m. Rink open tomorrow morning at 9:30 with continuous skating all day at the big Oaks rink. Roller skating was never so enjoyable as it is now. Learn to skate now. We teach you to skate free of charge during the winter season. Take Oregon City or Oaks cars.