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YESTERDAY WAS
27,800

PRINTING HOUSE GUTTED BY FIRE

LIEUTENANT JOHNSON HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Member of Engine Company No. 1 Overcome by Smoke—Peaslee Bros. & Chausee and Kilham Stationery Company Damaged—Bottle of Varnish Ignites and Causes Expensive Loss

In a fire which started just before 11 o'clock this morning in the three-story brick building at 90 and 91 Front street, the building and the plant of the Peaslee Brothers & Chausee Printing Company was damaged to the extent of \$20,000 and the building in about \$10,000.

Although hampered by the slippery and icy condition of the streets the fire department kept the blaze well in hand and confined it to the third floor of the building. Within 15 minutes of the alarm 26 streams of water were directed at the fire, the men working from the front and through the hallways. The huge air-shaft which runs from the basement to the roof, ending in a glass skylight, served as a feeder for the flames and increased the difficulties of the firemen.

Lieutenant George Johnson of engine No. 1, one of the first to climb the extension ladder and enter the third floor of the burning building, was overcome by the smoke and nearly suffocated before he was rescued by members of his company. He revived quickly, however, when carried down to the street and was able to go back to work in a short time.

The two upper stories of the building, which was built in 1884 and is owned by ex-Senator S. H. Huston, are occupied by the Peaslee Bros. and Chausee company. The Kilham Stationery company had a storeroom in the front of the third floor which they used for the storage of desks and a furniture repair room. It was in this room that the fire started.

A workman had been unpacking desks there for a week or more and it is said that a bottle of varnish with which he was retouching them. He left the room to go down stairs and a few minutes later the flames and smoke issuing from the storeroom. They gave the alarm and hurried down stairs.

The offices of the Peaslee company are on the second floor and the bookkeeper, Miss Harriet Giguere, telephoned the fire department and then securing all the books of the company and the valuable papers in the safe, made her escape.

The fireboat George H. Williams reached the foot of Stark street before the engine companies were able to traverse the distance over the snowy pavements. Hose 1, chemical 1, hose 2 and chemical 2, engines 1 and 7, and trucks 1 and 2 responded to the still alarm. They got a 20 foot extension ladder up to the third story, but it didn't reach the windows and it had to be lowered while another one was run up. The lack of a water tower at this juncture of the game lost considerable time, but by the time the second ladder was raised the fireboat was pumping away at two streams and these were carried up the front stairs to the third floor.

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BANK'S NEW DIRECTORY STRONG ONE

Prominent Business Men to Make up Executive Board Directing Proposed Merger of Oregon Savings With German-American.

Several Wealthy Country Bankers Considering Proposition to Subscribe Additional Stock—Way Clears for Success of Scheme.

The men who are reorganizing and enlarging the capital stock of the German-American bank for the purpose of merging with it the Oregon Trust & Savings bank and carrying out the proposal to pay the latter's depositors dollar for dollar are now negotiating with a number of prominent business men with a view to forming a strong directory of seven or more persons.

There are now four who have accepted positions on the directory and made subscriptions to considerable amounts of stock. These four are S. G. Reed, Thomas C. Devlin, of Portland; J. M. Conklin, cashier of an Ango bank, and Jackson V. Burke, formerly with the London & San Francisco bank.

The work of forming a new directory has been until a few days ago delayed because of the necessity for having an up-to-date statement of the condition of the two banks and the German-American bank's proposal.

Some difficulty has been caused in the past by derogatory articles appearing in a local paper, but it is hoped that the troubles of the Oregon Trust & Savings are now at an end.

One of these articles caused the withdrawal of a subscription for a very large amount of stock from a Willamette valley banker who was prepared to put cash into the reorganization.

This withdrawal was for no reason other than that his name had been given in a local paper, but it is hoped that the business men pretty generally understand, and what can be done under the present stage of the proceedings.

We will have some of the solid business men of Portland.

A number of wealthy country bankers are giving the proposition serious thought, and if the opportunity remains open to them will probably come in with considerable subscriptions to stock.

Expert at Work Again.

MAYS NOT INCLINED TO ANSWER

Harassed by Heney He Becomes Hopelessly Tangled and Cannot Remember Anything—Prosecution Prepares for Rebuttal.

Poor Witness for Defense Which Announces John H. Hall Rests His Case—End of Land Fraud Trials Near.

John H. Hall has closed his defense in the land fencing case under slow way in the United States court and Mr. Heney has begun on his list of witnesses in rebuttal.

The beginning of the end in the long drawn out trial is now coming close enough to be seen with the naked eye.

Edwin M. Mays, when he was released from his uncomfortable place on the witness stand at 11 o'clock this morning, marked the period of the defendant's case, though Judge Webster reserved the right to put Charles H. Carey on the stand for "just one question" as soon as it was possible to notify Mr. Carey and secure his attendance on the court.

Mr. Heney says he will be able to close his rebuttal before the adjournment this afternoon and then, unless Mr. Hall decides to take the stand again for a short time to straighten out the tangled Mays left by his testimony, the arguments will begin in earnest.

Edwin M. Mays repeated his exhibition of forgetfulness during his first part of the session today, and consistently for everything that might have any bearing on the case at all, either directly or by implication. He was harassed by Mr. Heney until he was hopelessly tangled and then dismissed without any questions being asked him by Judge Webster or redirect examination.

Mays' poor witness, the other defense and already his evidence has been impeached by the testimony of C. E. Hayes and Edward M. Joady, while S. C. Spencer has still further testified many times to come, being to show that Mays' forgetfulness covered some pretty vital points.

Cross Examination.

Continuing with the cross examination of Mays from the point where he left off on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Heney went further into the story of the Thayer land deal and twisted the witness still more in his story. Mays was able to identify but one of the mass of papers which he had brought before the grand jury when he appeared. This, the witness said, was the only paper he knew that C. E. Hayes had filed in contests against 75 entries and he denied that the evidence of these contests had been given to him by Greene.

Heney Put Question.

"Will you swear," asked Mr. Heney, picking up the papers in question and which the witness said he had never seen, "that you did not have each and every one of these in the grand jury room when Spencer asked for them?"

ENGLAND PREPARES TO HEAD OFF REVOLUTION



QUEEN AMELIA OF PORTUGAL.

BOY KING NOW RULES

Strict Censorship Prevents Correct News of Assassination from Franco Who Is Said to Be Attempting to Crush Regicides.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Gibraltar, Feb. 3.—The British cruiser fleet sailed from here early this morning for Lisbon.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 3.—So strict is the censorship in Lisbon that the stories of the assassination of King Carlos and his son, with the events following the tragedy are confusing and contradictory in many particulars. Official information is that Premier Franco has the situation well in hand, but there are rumors indicating that Lisbon is still a seething volcano, and that many other cities are on the verge of revolt and that the position of the new King Manuel is precarious in the extreme.

There seems to be little doubt that the regicides intended to wipe out the entire royal family and kill the premier and his ministerial colleagues and probably proclaim a republic.

Dispatches confirm the report that the leader of the regicides was Sergeant Manuel Bulca of the Seventh cavalry. He was killed. The others were clerks. Though some uncertainty about the hour at which Franco's assassination was attempted, there is no doubt but that such an attempt was made. The reports are that the band surrounded his house and fired on his guards, but were repulsed. The Republicans deny they were concerned in the assassination or the plot. Franco is trying to arrest the leaders of the party, evidently believing that the prominent men in the organization are responsible. Today's reports seem to make it certain that Admiral Amiral will become premier of the coalition government. There was a slight depression in the foreign market today as result of the assassinations. Portuguese securities have fallen two points. Physicians fear for the sanity of Queen Amelia, her majesty has wept intermittently ever since the tragedy and refuses to leave the bodies of her dead, saying that she wants to follow them to the grave. The new king is giving satisfaction.

PORTUGAL'S DILEMMA.

Complicated Situation Caused by Murder of King and Prince.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lisbon, Feb. 3.—Portugal, robbed at one blow of a king and a crown prince by the bullets from carbines of a group of assassins, is quiet today, a monarch still under the rule of the boy king, Don Manuel II, and the premier, Francisco de Sá, who let fly the fatal shot, believed that their act would set fire the flames of rebellion, expunge the government and establish a republic. They have been grievously mistaken. The house of Braganza has paid its toll for the folly of its head and apparently the dynasty has saved its throne. Lisbon is quiet today as it was last night. The shops are reopening. Passengers are seen on the streets. Flags are at half-mast. Decorators are beginning to shroud the public buildings in black. At the royal palace the attendants state Queen Amelia is ill.

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BEAVERS MUDDLE WEATHER SHARPS

Midwinter Foraging Means Things, But What?—Beavers on Increase.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Rock Creek, Or., Feb. 3.—The appearance of beaver so near the Columbia river as the mouth of Rock creek, on the John Day river, not only proves that this valuable fur-bearing animal is not entirely extinct in this section of eastern Oregon, but that it is on the increase.

A family of these industrious little animals made their appearance last fall on the farm of J. L. Huff on the John Day river, about 15 miles from the Columbia. They built their house and cut enough willow chunks, it was supposed, to supply them with bark for food during the winter. But during the past few weeks it has been noticed that they are out again, presumably after more bark, at least they were engaged in cutting more willows.

The weather conditions differ as to the reasons for their appearance at this time. Some contend that the most severe weather of the winter has passed and that there will be an early spring. Others claim that the worst of the winter is yet to come, and the beavers are preparing for it.

The weather developments of the past few days seem to give the more pessimistic theory the best of it.

BEAVERS A GREAT PEST.

In Klamath Basin They Flood Lands and Are Immune.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Silver Lake, Or., Feb. 3.—Beaver, which but a few years ago were thought to have been exterminated in this region, are abundant and troublesome in the Siam marsh, which drains into the Klamath. Their dams have flooded the reclaimed marsh lands of the X. Z. company and have rendered haying and pasturing difficult over thousands of acres. Trappers do not molest them, owing to legal protection and the low price paid for their pelts, hence the rapid increase.

Cougars are quite numerous in the rough country, and frequent hunts are organized against them. The stockmen's association has a bounty of \$10 on each scalp taken within their range limits.

Deer are annually scarce and few are known to have been killed in this section this season.

Dog and Poultry Show.

BROTHER GIVEN BOOK OF SERMONS

Ellen Norcross Wills the Bulk of Her Property to a Niece in Chicago.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Willing her book of evangelical sermons and such other books as she may wish to her brother, and giving \$500 to a niece in Spokane, Ellen Norcross bestowed the remainder of her property upon another niece, Ina L. Robertson of Chicago, expressing the desire that one-tenth of the share received by the latter be devoted to foreign missions.

The will, containing these bequests, was admitted to probate in the county court this morning. It was executed December 22, four days before the testator's death. She is survived by two sisters, but neither is mentioned in the will. The brother who receives the bulk of her estate is William McMeekin of Prineville, and the niece who gets the \$500 bequest is Lillie M. Robertson of Spokane.

The estate consists of personal property in this county valued at \$1,825.15 and a tract of timber land in Douglas county. The large sum expressed in the will that the Chicago niece will not sell the land but will confer with F. M. Cook of Portland in regard to it. Letters on the estate have been issued to H. W. Hogue and Orpha King.

CASHIER NEAL PUT UNDER BOND

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boise, Idaho, Feb. 3.—Horace E. Neal, former cashier of the suspended Capital State bank, was arraigned today on a charge of forgery which was preferred last Friday by County Attorney Kooch. He waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court under bond of \$10,000, which was furnished. The proceedings took place at Neal's home, owing to the illness of the accused man.

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BANK HEARING SET FOR FEB. 17

Attorneys for Indicted Bank Officials Will Argue Demurrers to Informations.

Hearing of the demurrers in the cases of J. Thorburn Ross, T. T. Burkhardt, John E. Aitken and George H. Hill, who are accused of mismanaging the affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust company, was set for February 17 before Presiding Judge Cleland in the circuit court this morning.

This date was fixed by the court at the request of District Attorney Manning, who made two ineffectual attempts to hurry the proceedings last week, while Judge Cleland was ill and Judge Gantenbein was presiding temporarily in his place. Judge Gantenbein refused to take up the cases because Judge Cleland had had personal charge of all previous proceedings in relation to these cases in the circuit court.

Postponement until the middle of the month was made necessary because of the absence from the city of Wallace McCamant, attorney for J. Thorburn Ross, he being engaged in the trial of cases in another county. It is expected that the argument on the demurrers will occupy nearly a day's time, as the attorneys for the defendants have indicated a purpose to make extended argument.

If the demurrers are overruled the cases are likely to be presided at trial during the March term of court. Six points of demurrer have been alleged, the most prominent being the claim that the informations do not state facts constituting a crime and that the district attorney has failed to state the circumstances with sufficient particularity.

Killed by Exploding Boilers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Monaca, Pa., Feb. 3.—Three foreigners were killed and six others injured today when the boilers in the Welch Brick plant exploded.

Two Brothers Killed by Train.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Bradford, Pa., Feb. 3.—Louis and Michael Blake, brothers, were killed by a train today while walking on the railroad track.

BELASCO'S COMPANY IN TRAIN WRECK ON WABASH RAILROAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3.—The east-bound Wabash passenger train No. 4, the Chicago & St. Louis train, was wrecked 47 miles from Detroit this morning, probably by a broken rail. Two women passengers were killed and 34 persons injured.

THAW TO STAY IN ASYLUM A WHILE

Littleton Does Not Deem it Advisable to Move at Once for Release.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Feb. 3.—Action for the release of Harry Thaw from the Matteawan asylum is not likely for at least a month. It is said that W. L. Littleton, Thaw's chief counsel, will go on vacation and will probably be absent two or three weeks. It is said he is opposed to an immediate attempt to secure Thaw's release and so move will be made only some time after he returns from his vacation.

HANDFUL OF SNOW USED TO PUT OUT FIRE

At 1:30 this afternoon the fire department responded to an alarm at Second and Taylor streets to find a little smoke issuing from the roof of the three-story brick block which stands on the corner. Two firemen mounted the extension ladder which was lusty raised, and extinguished the blaze with a few handfuls of snow amid the cheers and jests of the admiring crowd in the street below, while one of the many Chinamen who occupy the building could be seen peacefully smoking his pipe in the window directly below where the fire had its origin in a defective chimney.

Hong Yick & Co., who have a small general Chinese merchandise store on the ground floor of the building, are the owners, and were quite unconcerned at the threatened destruction of this property.

GAS KILLS TWO AND WRECKS HOME

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chicago, Feb. 3.—John Munson was killed and his daughter Catherine was fatally injured and their home partly wrecked this morning by an explosion of gas.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Among the injured were a number of theatrical people who were registered as being from Belasco's theatre, New York.

CAPITALIST DIES AT AGE OF NINETY-FIVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 3.—Judge Thomas D. McRae, retired, one of Pittsburgh's foremost citizens and well known throughout the country as a banker and capitalist, died today, the ninety-fifth anniversary of his birthday.

GAS ENGINE STARTS VERY COSTLY BLAZE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3.—The explosion of a gas engine in the Merchants' & Shipper's warehouse today started a fire which caused about \$200,000 damage and injured two firemen.

SEVEN MEN KILLED IN A ROLLING MILL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 3.—Seven men were killed and six injured today by the explosion of a boiler in the rolling mill of Van Allen & Co. at Northumberland.

Mrs. Harris Dies of Cancer.

NICHOLAS MILO ARRESTED BY CHICAGO POLICE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Feb. 3.—Nicholas Milo, a cook, who is believed to be wanted for murder in Portland, was arrested here today by Detective Longobardi while searching for black band murderers in a saloon. He is held awaiting information.

Nicholas Milo is wanted in this city for the murder of Giacobino Alaria. The murder was committed on the evening of December 24, in front of the saloon at the corner of First and Clay streets.

Chief Gritzmaacher has been advised of the arrest made by the Chicago police and a request was made them for a photograph of the murderer in order to fix his identity. As no photograph of the man is available in this city Chief Gritzmaacher has wired the Chicago authorities to have a photograph taken of the man under arrest and forward the same here for identification. If the subject proves to be the man wanted an officer will be sent to Chicago to bring him back for trial.

Dog and Poultry Show.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 3.—The best dogs and poultry stock of several states are displayed at the annual show of the Fanciers' association in Indiana, which opened today in Tomlinson hall. Two thousand dollars in cash premiums and a score of silver trophies have attracted a record-breaking list of entries and competition among exhibitors is of the keenest. Judging of exhibits began today and will continue until the show closes next Friday.