

# INCREASE IN CLEARINGS

### Five Million Mark Passed by Clearing House for Week Ending Yesterday—Record Nearly Equals That of Last Year.

Whatever the value of the bank clearing record as a business indicator, it is a fact that Portland bank clearings are steadily growing in volume week by week, since the financial stringency passed its acute stage. For the week ending January 30 the clearings were \$4,465,000. The week ending February 6 showed clearings of \$4,936,344. For the week ending yesterday the clearings passed the five million mark, and a total of \$5,324,934 was recorded. This is close to the record made for the same week a year ago, which was \$5,815,076, in the most prosperous February ever known in Portland.

The record of progress made thus far this year has been made with three formerly important banks absent from the list. These were the Merchants National, the Oregon Trust and Savings bank and the Title Guarantee & Trust company. With the new German-American now in the field, and the Merchants National open next Monday the figures that represent Portland's weekly bank clearings will thereafter change more rapidly for the better, and before the end of February they will, it is expected, overtake and pass ahead of the clearing house record of last year.

### O'BRIEN FUNERAL HELD THIS MORNING

Funeral of Dennis Alfred O'Brien, who died yesterday at St. Vincent's hospital at the age of 80 years, was held this morning at Woodburn, interment being in the Woodburn Catholic cemetery. Mr. O'Brien had been retired from active life for a number of years, but prior to that time had been connected with the construction department of the Southern Pacific railroad. He had made his home in recent years at Woodburn, but on account of failing health had spent the last five years at St. Vincent's, where two of his daughters are. They are Sister Alfred and

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## HOME COMPANY WAS GOOD LOSER

### Foresight at Right Time Saved Accounts for All Savings Depositors.

The German-American bank's absorption of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, and the assurance that the latter's creditors will be paid in full within the next two years is a matter of special congratulation among Home Telephone men. Officials, construction contractors and workmen of these companies were cash depositors and creditors of this bank, and the aggregate amount of more than \$400,000. In addition a number of banks and concerns of southern California, were large depositors.

The Dollar Savings bank of Los Angeles had a deposit of \$17,500 which it will recover by the merger. The Central National of Los Angeles is likewise fortunate to the tune of \$27,967. The National Securities company had a checking account of \$3,500, and certificates of deposit amounting to \$90,000.

### Tried to Save Disaster.

More than 150 Home Telephone men in Portland were depositors in the old bank, their accounts ranging from \$200 to \$5,000. By the terms of the merger all will ultimately get out whole. Had the merger not taken place, the inside knowledge of the bank's condition the day before it suspended last August, all these men would have been enabled to get their money out of the bank.

Mr. Wilde arrived in Portland from Los Angeles at 7:30 o'clock the morning of the day preceding the suspension, and was immediately advised by the bank management as to the threatened disaster. He spent the day trying to avert it, but made no effort to get his personal deposit of \$5,000 or to advise others to check out their money.

The merger now guarantees that all telephone construction companies, which have been in sore straits because of the tying up of their cash and securities, will soon receive the necessary funds for vigorously pushing extensions of the various Home Telephone systems involved.

### Left Deposits in Bank.

The Union Telephone Construction company, which was building the Omaha plant, had a cash checking account of \$25,740 in the bank, and also certificates of deposit representing bonds for \$300,000, with which it was expecting to complete the plant and build extensions.

The Empire Construction company, which built the Portland plant, had a checking account of \$11,000. On the day before the suspension Superintendent Colemaier was entering the day books of the bank to make a large withdrawal for taking care of payrolls, when he was met by Mr. Wilde and turned back by continuingly worked excuse for delay, so deeply concerned was the latter to guard the Home Telephone companies from the charge of getting money out of the bank upon the eve of its suspension. Up to the close of business that day nobody outside of the bank suspected that it would not open as usual the following day.

The Portland Home Telephone company had a checking account of \$2,500, and Manager Tetu of the western Long Distance had a personal account of \$900. Manager Tetu of the Portland exchange, had a \$500 checking account. Holy Tuckey, attorney for the company, and other men connected with it, had upwards of \$50,000 of deposits in their personal accounts.

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## CITY DETECTIVE GETS UNEXPECTED VACATION

### Goes to Boise After Maule but Latter Objects to Being Moved.

Detective Tom Kay will perhaps have an extended stay in Boise, where he went to take charge of George C. Maule, wanted in Portland for having passed bogus checks on various people here. When arrested in Boise, Maule said he would waive extradition and return to Portland, where he said he could explain away the charges against him. He was formerly a resident of Boise and was not locked up, but was allowed to go on his own recognizance until the arrival of Detective Kay.

## TEST CASE OVER DEPORTING WOMAN

The sufficiency of the law under which deportation proceedings are brought when an alien is arrested by the United States immigration authorities for being in the country unlawfully, is to be tested in the federal court in Portland.

## DRAW PLANS FOR EAST SIDE WATER OFFICE

Members of the water board have instructed Superintendent Dodge to confer with Architect Jacobberger to draw up preliminary plans for the new buildings for the branch office of the East Portland water district on the property at East Seventh and Alder streets.

## PROF. CLARKE TO SPEAK AT Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. of this city has invited Professor Clarke, the noted electrical specialist, to address its Sunday afternoon men's meeting, February 16, at 8 o'clock and he will speak on the subject, "Is Religion a Delusion?" Mr. Clarke is a man who speaks with facts and figures and bases his opinions on actual fact. He will have something to say of interest to every thinking man, whether it is strongly orthodox or not. The meeting will be for men only.

## COUNCIL FIXES FRANCHISE VALUE

Members of the city executive board have fixed the value of the United Railways franchise at \$27,000 for the 25 years of the company's life. Following are the annual assessments which the company will have to pay: First five years, \$500; next five years, \$700; next five years, \$1,000; next five years, \$2,000; last five years, \$3,000.

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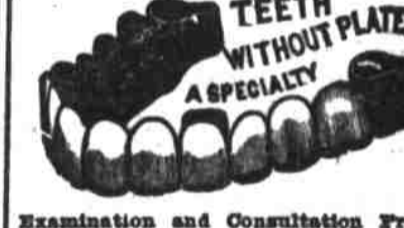
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