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(Special to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 6.—If matters can be arranged in time the question of the bankruptcy of the Columbia River Orchard company will be heard before Receiver John P. Hoyt later this afternoon.

The insolvent of the company was admitted by R. H. MacWhorter, secretary and treasurer, when a petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court yesterday.

This action has greatly complicated matters according to Receiver Wilson, who this morning held a conference behind closed doors with MacWhorter and a number of creditors.

According to information unearthed by Harry E. Wilson, receiver for the Columbia River Orchard company and allied organizations, which became defunct last week, many of the bond holders are men who were employed on the company's property in eastern Washington.

Old Man Hard Hit by Loss. "I am an old man and this blow has hit me hard," he told Receiver Wilson. "I worked for the DeLarm company on the property at Wahluke, and I was no easy employment. We did not receive our wages in full but they paid us just about sufficient money for our immediate needs and the balance was paid in bonds."

Peniless Victim Seeks Work. Among other former employes of the DeLarm-Bleth companies now in Seattle are Alex Myers and J. G. Brown. The latter was the automobile driver operating the machine from the railroad station to the land which was being improved.

Trades \$9000 in Lots for Bonds. Emory L. McCoy, a resident of Seattle, was a peniless victim in the case of the companies. McCoy was led to believe that the bonds were an excellent investment.

DeLarm-Bleth schemes but, they all knew of anything crooked in these transactions.

Woman Seeks Advice; Invests. O. E. Sauter, a local attorney, former superior judge, states that one of his clients asked him about the responsibility of the irrigation companies. He says he had no opportunity to make a searching investigation, but advised against purchasing these bonds, on the general ground that it was poor business to dispose of equities in real estate.

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Realty Men Duped and Are Duped. Rumors current in real estate circles are that several well-to-do realty dealers and firms have been left high and dry, holding thousands in bonds in the defunct companies.

HANS STRUVE ESTATE IS WORTH \$115,000



Hans Struve, Umatilla county farmer, who died recently at San Diego, Cal.

(Special to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 6.—Hans Struve, the pioneer farmer of this county who died in San Diego, Cal., recently and whose bond was brought here for settlement, was the first of the German settlers who came to this country in the early days, took up homesteads and by their thrift accumulated fortunes.

With the filing of the suits, the legal phases of the question will be determined. Sheriff Stevens is going under the direction of Attorney L. R. Webster, who was appointed by the county court to represent the county.

GENERAL WEAVER DEAD; WAS NOTED POPULIST

(United Press Lead Wire.) Des Moines, Feb. 6.—General James B. Weaver, soldier, orator and statesman, who at one time carried six states as the presidential nominee of the Populist party, died here this afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Evans.

General Weaver served during the Civil war as colonel of an Iowa regiment, later being promoted to the rank of general. After the war he was sent to congress by the Republicans in the seventh Iowa district.

WILL FILE ACTIONS IN FEDERAL COURT

Complaints are being prepared today by the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, Western Union company and Postal Telegraph company against the county in regard to the deLarm-Bleth cases.

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FIFTEEN SENATORS TO BE SELECTED IN NOVEMBER NEXT

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Fifteen state senators, half the membership of the upper branch of the state legislature, are to be chosen at the election next November. It now appears that not more than five of the members whose terms expire will be candidates at the primaries, and probably not that many, having places at least 10 members should all of those who want to return realize their desires.

The five credited with a desire to return are Albert Abraham of Douglas, who is an active candidate; Dr. W. D. Wood of Washington, who declares he has not decided upon his candidacy; Turner Oliver of the Union-Wallowa district, who is understood to be a candidate; Dan Kellaher of Multnomah, who has practically decided to run, and C. W. Nottingham of Multnomah, whose candidacy is a matter of considerable doubt.

Thirteen of the 15 members whose terms expire are Republicans. The two Democrats are Turner Oliver of Union-Wallowa, and H. D. Norton of Josephine. Ten of the retiring members were elected on Statement No. 1 platform, and five did not subscribe to the statement.

W. C. Chase of Coquille, representing Coos and Curry counties, probably will not be a candidate again. He is one of the five not elected on Statement No. 1. No candidates in that district are yet announced.

In the Douglass district Albert Abraham, Statement No. 1, will G. Oppenheimer for the Republican nomination by J. A. Buchanan and George Neuner, both representatives at the last session, and both of whom, it is understood, will subscribe to Statement No. 1. F. B. Waite is a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

H. D. Norton, Independent Democrat, will retire in the district comprising Josephine county. Dr. J. C. Smith, a Republican representative at the two last sessions, is expected to ask the voters for promotion to the senate.

Lively Contest Expected. A lively contest is likely to be fought in the counties of Washington, Tillamook, Lincoln and Yamhill, in the district now represented by W. N. Barrett, Senator Barrett will retire, and the list of aspirants includes W. H. Hollis, representative from Washington at the last session; Roy Graves, representative from Yamhill, in the senate, representative from Tillamook. This is a "shoeing" district, and the smaller counties are likely to demand that their big brother, Washington county, stand aside this year in favor of one of the smaller counties. Barrett lives in Washington and the other counties claim the honor should pass to one of the others this time.

Washington county has a senator of its own to elect, as well as participating in the choice of a joint senator. Dr. W. D. Wood, who holds the seat, is likely to be a candidate for another term, respondent, arising from Multnomah without taking Statement No. 1, but has let it be known that he will sign it this year if he is a candidate.

Bowerman's Old District. If N. J. Sinner runs for congress, the Wasco-Hood River district may witness an interesting struggle. S. J. Cooper W. Brooks of Malheur, representative of another possible candidate is A. L. Mason of Hood River, an apple grower and granger.

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Leader of the old guard in the lower house at the session of 1911, he has taken Statement No. 1 this year. He is elected he will succeed to the seat occupied by Dr. G. H. Merryman, who is not a candidate. Friends of Senator Merrick are said to look to let Thompson get away with it without opposition, but so far no one has been selected to run against him.

In Multnomah county the terms of five senators expire, and of these Dan Kellaher is the only one an avowed candidate. It is possible C. W. Nottingham will run, while Ben Selling, H. R. Albee and Dr. James K. Locke are out of it.

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THUG BEATS MAN WHO HAD GIVEN HIM MEAL

(United Press Lead Wire.) Seattle, Feb. 6.—E. V. Boyle was assaulted and beaten by a man to whom he had just given 50 cents to satisfy his hunger early this morning. The thug escaped and the "good samaritan" was taken to a hospital.

Savage Starts on World Tour. (Special to The Journal.) San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Henry W. Savage, the theatrical manager, accompanied by his general stage director, T. Daniel Frawley, sailed on the steamship Cleveland today on a six months' tour of the world.



International News Service. The upper photograph shows J. J. Etter, of New York, general organizer of the Textile Workers' Union (on the left), and A. M. Giovannitti, his assistant (on the right), leaving the headquarters of the striking textile workers, at Lawrence, Mass.



The smaller picture shows Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, one of the leaders in the textile workers' strike, who is cautioning the strikers to eschew violence in having their demands met with, by their employers.

SCENES AND ACTORS IN TEXTILE STRIKE AT LAWRENCE



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PROPOSED CUT IN FOREST FIRE FIGHTING MEETS OBJECTION

\$1,000,000 May Be Taken Away, \$800,000 of Which Applies to Fire Fighting Fund; Pinchot Warns.

The proposal to cut down the appropriation for the protection of the national forests meets with strenuous objection among the citizens of Portland who realize that forests mean protection.

According to a telegram from Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot to Mayor Rushlight yesterday, the proposed cut will amount to more than \$1,000,000.

Of this amount approximately \$800,000 is to be cut from the reserve fund for fire fighting. Should the next year be as free from fires as the past summer, this would not be such a serious affair, but should it be as disastrous as 1910, those who watch forest affairs closely declare that lack of ready money would prove a serious handicap.

The appropriation for building up and maintaining the service last year amounted to \$500,000, of which Oregon and Washington received \$110,000. This money was spent in hiring men to build trails and erect telephone systems which are proving of inestimable value in making fire fighting possible.

According to the program now the total appropriation this year for this purpose will amount to but \$275,000, and the amount for Oregon and Washington will amount to about \$50,000. In addition to the \$110,000 spent for new work considerable was accomplished along the same line by the forest rangers, who were not paid any extra for it.

"I am not familiar with the amount asked for this purpose," said T. B. Wilcox in discussing it, "and I do not know the amount needed, but if \$1,000,000 is necessary to afford adequate protection we should by all means have it. Our congressional delegation should be impressed with the necessity of getting appropriations large enough to secure adequate protection and patrol of our forests."

Ben Selling's View. "Of course the appropriation should not be cut out," said Ben Selling. "Our forests are too valuable an asset to take any chances with, and I believe that the appropriation should be increased rather than decreased."

"I am heartily in favor of a plan to stop congress from cutting into the forest bill," said Game Warden William Finley, "for the destruction of our forests also destroys game and birds in large numbers and takes away their refuges. We are working in cooperation with the forest service."

"The deforestation of our mountains affects even our fisheries," said State Fish Warden R. E. Clanton, "and I think every protection should be afforded this resource. Every fire in the watersheds of the state tends to allow the snow in the section where it occurs to melt earlier in the year, and when the salmon and other fish travel up the streams they find the water many of them dry or too shallow and dirty to follow."

Danger Pointed Out. J. N. Teal points out the danger of reducing the government appropriation for forest fire protection, and says every pressure should be brought to bear upon the committee and congress not to reduce the efficient forest fire fighting services that have been organized.

It means more than a weakening of the protection of the government's own forests, for there is no fire wall between such privately owned forests and the state's forests as well as in other states, are spending large sums annually to protect their forests, but such protection will, I might say, be wasted if the government is not going to continue efficient protection of its forests. Fires in the timber are as natural as fires in cities, and if the government allows them to spread, then the people are adjoining such forests will be practically helpless.

Money May Be Wasted. "So, too, the state maintains a forester and deputies who in cooperation with the timber owners, maintain a very efficient fire fighting organization and the money will be in large measure wasted unless the federal government aids by the protection of its forests."

One of the newest vacuum cleaners for use in houses where electric power is not available has a bellows which straps upon a person's back and is operated by a handle at one side to provide the suction.

VETERAN COURT BALIFF J. L. STUART IS DEAD

James L. Stuart, baliff of the circuit court during the terms of Judge Frazer and Judge Bronaugh, died of old age at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Stuart was born in Locksville, Tenn., March 8, 1827, and was 85 years old.

For a number of years past he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hollister D. McGuire, 487 East Pine street.

Mr. Stuart resided in Arkansas as a young man and came to Oregon 23 years ago. For a number of years he raised cattle in eastern Oregon in the Prineville region. Portland was his home during the past 25 years and he was very well known in the city. While in Arkansas in 1850 he was married and his wife, Mrs. Mary Stuart, died six years ago.

A son, Silvey Stuart of Coburg; a daughter, Mrs. H. D. McGuire of Portland; a stepson, A. R. Norwood of Harrisburg; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive. A sister, Mrs. O. W. Thomas, 83 years old, is also living in Lexington, Texas.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from Dunning's undertaking parlors under the auspices of the Masons of which he was a member. Interment will be in Lone Fir cemetery.

CAR CLEANER DIES FROM HIS INJURIES

Christ Secura, the car cleaner who was mysteriously attacked last Thursday night or Friday morning, died last night at the Good Samaritan hospital, after being unconscious for four days with a fractured skull. Mike Lewis and George Vajli, the two men who were caught in the act of murdering Secura, are being charged with murder.

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W. H. WEHRUNG SALARY DECISION IS AFFIRMED

(Special to The Journal.) Salem, Ore., Feb. 6.—The supreme court today affirmed the decision of the lower court of Multnomah county in the case of W. H. Wehrung, appellant, vs. the Portland Country Club & Livery Stable association for \$3000 alleged to be due him for services.

Moore Realty company et al. appellants, vs. Olive Wilberg Carr, respondent, case appealed from Multnomah county, C. J. Eakin, justice.

L. O. Hillyard and E. D. Rorforth, appellants, vs. J. A. Hewitt, Marion county, Justice McBride.

Moulton, appellant, vs. St. Johns Lumber company, respondents, Multnomah county, Justice Moore.

The case of Friendly, appellant, vs. Ruffy, respondent, arising from Multnomah county, was reversed.

Petitions for rehearing were denied in the following cases: American Securities company vs. Cole; Donnelly vs. Chase; Hanley vs. Combs; Hart vs. Prater; Johnson vs. White; McNiff vs. Southern Pacific company; Micell vs. Andrews; Moss vs. Cyrus.

S. P. PAYS POSTMASTER \$3500 FOR STAMPS

One hundred and fifty thousand two-cent stamps, 20,000 one-cent stamps and 2000 10-cent stamps were sold by the postoffice to the Southern Pacific today. It was the largest order of stamps ever sold by the Portland postoffice. It is business that the postoffice a short time ago did not have, and that was secured through a little news-statement in The Journal that the Southern Pacific company was buying its stamps in San Francisco.

W. Merriman, local freight agent of the Southern Pacific, made today's purchase of stamps for the stamps in greenbacks and gold to Stamp Agent Greenberg. Doubting whether the office had so large a supply on hand Mr. Merriman first asked if the order could be filled. He was surprised when Postmaster Merrick told him that the amount would scarcely be missed from the more than \$500,000 stock of stamps and postal cards in the postoffice vaults.

MORO FARMERS PLAN HOME PRODUCTS DINNER

(Special to The Journal.) More than 100 home product banquet, given by the farmers of the Moro district, will be given at the Rudolf opera house Friday evening, February 9. Covers will be laid for 350. The dinner is in return for the banquet given December 29 by the businessmen of the town. The committee in charge of the home products dinner consists of L. E. Peeter, A. M. Wright, Martin Hansen and E. R. Moen.

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