

SLUE FIELDS
OR \$19,000 LOST
BANK FAILURE

County Court Believes Retiring Clerk Can Be Held for the Funds Caught in Collapse of American Bank & Trust Co.

Whether the loss of public funds placed in a bank that fails constitutes a shortage that the official who put them there must make good, or whether it does not, is the knotty problem raised by the approaching retirement from office of County Clerk Frank S. Fields.

Fields says it does. The county court believes it does. The court proposes to test its theory by a suit against Fields to recover approximately \$19,000, which is left unpaid of a total of \$35,837 in county funds that Fields has on deposit in the American Bank & Trust Co. when it failed, December 15, 1911.

The point was raised yesterday when John B. Coffey, county clerk-elect, had a talk with members of the county court relative to his taking office on January 6. Mr. Coffey mentioned that he understood unofficially that the money involved in the bank failure had not been made good.

"I don't know whether the county court or Mr. Fields is responsible for this money," said Mr. Coffey, "but I do know that the money was funds held in trust for the county, and that it must be accounted for on the books when I take them. I propose to have everything businesslike and shipshape when I take office, and I want all the county accounts audited and checked up. Somebody must make this shortage good."

Forty-five per cent of the county's original \$35,837 had been repaid by the bank in a dividend.

Mr. Fields' bond of \$25,000, given by the Oregon Casualty Co., more than covers the balance of \$19,000, and the county court hopes to recover from it.

County Clerk, says Fields.

Mr. Fields said this morning that he was sure he and his bondsmen could not be held responsible for the money lost with the bank, and that his lawyers had advised him to this effect.

"I deposited the money in this bank in good faith and after I had received what I thought was reliable information as to its solvency," he said.

"The law does not say in what banks the county clerk shall keep the funds for which he is custodian."

"As county clerk, I had funds on deposit in both the Title Guaranty & Trust company and the Merchants' National bank when they suspended. It was not considered liable in those failures. The county lost nothing, as both banks were able later to make good every dollar of the money."

In the panic days of 1893, "Pum" Kelly, then sheriff, lost more than \$100,000 of the county's money which he had on deposit in banks that went down. No attempt was ever made to hold him responsible.

Auditor Martin has begun checking up Mr. Fields' books and those of Sheriff Stevens.

GREEKS ANSWER
CALL TO ARMS

More Than 100 Leave Portland Today to Join Army of Their Country.

Fifty Greeks departed this morning at 10 o'clock in a special through car attached to the O. & N. train for New York, where they will on a Majestic steamship company's liner for Peren, Greece, to join the Greek army in the campaign against Turkey.

Those who left this morning are all from the province of Mantinia, and special arrangements were made to keep them together during the entire journey by John Patis, one of the most prominent Greek merchants in the northwest, who is acting as the financial agent in the return of his countrymen to the Hellenic standard.

The intense patriotism of the Greeks is pronounced when it is clear that every one of them is paying his own expenses back home. They do not care whether the government ever reimburses them, knowing that it is not a wealthy kingdom by any means.

Each one of the Greeks paid \$106.15 for his transportation from Portland to the disembarking place taken from Robinson, which is one of the bases of Grecian operations.

Farwell to La Center Family.

La Center, Wash., Dec. 21.—A reception and valedictory was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mather and daughters, who leave shortly for California, where Mrs. Mather and daughters will spend the winter. Mr. Mather returning after a three to four weeks' visit with relatives at that place.

The reception was given in the Court of Honor lodge rooms, by the Court of Honor lodge of this place, of which Mr. and Mrs. Mather are members.

Snow began falling here early yesterday morning and there was about one inch.

SLOVER TOUCHED
BY CHILDISH LEA

"Christmas Tree Won't Look Good With Nothing on It," Writes Boy.

Pinned in a childish hand, with a childish plea for Santa Claus, Chief of Police Slover received the following letter today in his mail:

Chief Slover, Dear Sir: Will you please send me a tree? Tell him there are four of us. One baby sister and two brothers. My papa has been hurt and mamma has been sick. We will have a poor Christmas unless someone sends Santa to see us. I know he will disappear if I can get a tree, but the tree will not look good with nothing on it. Don't you think so, Mr. Slover? Now, if you see Santa tell him not to forget us.

After reading the letter the big hearted chief leaned back in his office chair and said: "That lad must have something to put on the tree. He's right; it would not look good with nothing on it."

He will give the name and address to anyone who may wish to help the family.

Patrolman Larfield made a report of 10 families, in which there are 58 children. In each case he reports Christmas offerings will be well received. In three of these cases, each is a widow with several children. There are two families with six children, two with five children, one with eight, one with four, another with three, and one family without children. All the families live in the Lents district.

Patrolman West reported a case of a woman trying to keep a little family of five children together. The husband drinks and has served terms on the rockpile for drunkenness.

Patrolman J. J. Murphy reports a case of a widow with five children, two of the boys carrying papers to help keep the wolf from the door. The widow owns an assessment on street improvements, but has no money with which to pay it. "There are times when they don't have enough to eat," reports the officer.

SOCIETY TO FIND
NEW QUARTERS

Oregon Historical Society Is Meeting Today to Consider the Question.

At the annual meeting this afternoon the Oregon Historical society will consider ways and means of acquiring a convenient site for a new home and of erecting a memorial building in which to house the relics of the early days. The historical collection is now scattered through several rooms at the city hall, but the society has been given notice to vacate the hall and some plan must be evolved at once to provide new quarters.

It is the aim of the organization to draft a bill to be submitted to the state legislature early next month. It is probable that the legislature will be asked to make an initial appropriation of \$75,000 as a preliminary step and the people of Portland will be urged to subscribe additional money that may be necessary to carry out the further plans that may be adopted by the board of directors of the society today.

"With all due respect to the chamber of commerce, the Commercial club and other organizations that have done great work in advertising Oregon," said George H. Himes, secretary of the society, today, "the historical collection that has been gathered together in the past three decades by our society would, if placed in a suitable building, prove the greatest attraction that Oregon has to offer to visitors from every part of the world."

"The people of Portland and of the state at large should awaken to this fact and hasten to our aid. We need a block of ground and we would like to have the city market block or the old Lincoln high school block."

C. B. Bagley of Seattle will deliver the annual address to the society this afternoon in the council chamber at the city hall. Following this the society will elect officers for the coming year. The fact of the matter is that it did not know what was going on until I did get away from home. Finding out kept me so busy; however, that I had to sleep as I traveled. I didn't stay long in one place.

DEFECTIVES' SCHOOLS
REQUEST \$322,000

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 21.—Appropriations amounting to \$322,295 have been asked by Superintendent Clarke of the state school for the deaf, and Superintendent Mullin of the state school for the blind. Of this amount \$187,260 has been asked for maintenance and equipment of the schools for the deaf and the balance, \$135,035, for the school for the blind.

The appropriations are to cover a period of two years, and the money appropriated for the deaf school will be applied to funds as follows: For maintenance of 140 pupils at 80 cents a day, \$112,000; manual training, supplies, etc., \$20,000; library, \$200; Gallaudet students, \$800; general repairs, \$2500; school building, \$40,000; administration building, \$45,000; remodeling and fire-proofing chapel, dining room and kitchen, \$15,000.

Mr. Clarke, in his request, calls particular attention to the necessity of a new school building to be used for school purposes only. At present the school rooms are on the fourth floor of the main building, and in two of the rooms, it is necessary to use artificial light nearly every day. The ventilation is very bad, and the general arrangement very inconvenient. The present main building, he says, has been condemned by several architects, and at best is a perfect fire-trap. The portion now used as a dining room, kitchen, and storage rooms, can be saved and with \$15,000 can be made fireproof and will provide a good chapel and kitchen.

The appropriation for the blind school is to be divided as follows: For maintenance of 70 pupils at 85 cents a day, \$59,500; new school and administration building, \$85,000; general repairs, \$3500; manual training, \$2700; expense to superintendents' convention, \$200; library, \$200.

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First Snow at Woodland.

Woodland, Wash., Dec. 21.—Snow fell for the first time this winter, yesterday, but melted as rapidly as it fell. Reports from sections in the hill districts indicate quite a heavy deposit. If the weather does not turn cold the fall may add to the already started rise in the Lewis river.

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TWO WOMEN AND
FOUR MEN HELD
IN MURDER CASE

Chicago Jeweler, Tortured and Killed in Theatre Building; Sextet Arrested on Circumstantial Evidence.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Suspected of the sensational murder of J. P. Logue, the diamond merchant who was found dead in his office in the McVickers theatre building, four men and two women are in custody.

Clyde Stratton, ex-convict; Margaret Johnson, his alleged companion; Edward Hampden and his wife, Frank Williams, alleged ex-convict, and Charles Duffy, a chauffeur, are the sextette accused of Logue's death. The police say the diamond merchant was tortured, burned, by acid, stabbed, slashed, chloroformed and shot before a blow with a bludgeon crushed his skull and blotted out his life.

Stratton's capture came first by the merest chance. F. A. Carnal, former prosecuting attorney of Hill county, Montana, entered the theatre building, shortly before the crime. In the lobby he saw two men standing, one of whom pulled down his cap so as to hide his features when he saw he was observed.

Montanan Gives Description.

Immediately the news of the murder spread, Carnal hurried to police headquarters, and gave Police Captain Halpin a good description of his suspect. Then other persons told the police that two blonde women had been seen near the office of the dead jeweler, and within a few hours Stratton, Hampden and the two women, both blondes, were pulled in by the dragnet. The arrests of Williams and Duffy came later.

The first capture was made in the rooms which the Hampdens, Stratton and the Johnson woman occupied jointly in a fashionable apartment house. There the police found two suitcases, one filled with nitro glycerine and dynamite, steel saws and a burglar's outfit, and the other containing a black petticoat from which a long strip had been torn. The petticoat was of the same material as the black silk gag found in the mouth of the murdered jeweler.

Find Many Loose Diamonds.

Besides the burglars' outfit, the police discovered more than \$2000 worth of loose diamonds in the flat. These with a number of bloodstained business cards, an expected and convincing evidence against the sextette captured once to trial.

In the apartment the police also found a magazine revolver identical in caliber with that from which was fired the bullet which pierced Logue's shoulder. It had been recently discharged and reloaded.

The police now suspect the prisoners of being the automobile bandits who recently have robbed scores of stores and houses in the city. They are still at a loss, however, to account for the floundering manner in which Logue was killed. At first it was believed that the acid-scarred cheeks and eyes of the dead jeweler, with the fact that 17 knife wounds were found on his body, indicated a terrible revenge taken by some enemy.

Safe Was Empty.

When the police searched today in opening the safe in Logue's office it was found empty and ransacked. This, it is believed, indicates surely that Logue, tortured, finally broke down and opened the safe for the robbers, who, terrified the cruelties they had practiced, decided to kill him.

GOT STOCK FOR MODEL
FARM ON EASTERN TRIP

Martin Winch, well-known Portland capitalist, returned from a month's tour of the East. He visited the land and livestock shows. He obtained several excellent specimens of horses and cows for his model farm, which is to be instituted just east of Mount Tabor.

"It does a man a world of good to take a trip," said Mr. Winch. "It lifts him out of the rut. It gives him a better idea of what the world is doing. The fact of the matter is, that I didn't know what was going on until I did get away from home. Finding out kept me so busy; however, that I had to sleep as I traveled. I didn't stay long in one place."

The Chicago livestock show was a revelation to me. I hardly supposed there were in existence such splendid specimens."

Mr. Winch's plan for a model farm, which will be run on a basis to demonstrate that science and common sense may go hand in hand in agriculture at a profit to the owner, was announced just before he left for the East. Now that he has returned, he says he expects to give a large portion of his time to forwarding the organization and securing the equipment.

ARTIST PEASE CAPTURES
ANOTHER POSTER PRIZE

Lute Pease, Portland artist and writer, was awarded today the \$100 prize for the best poster advertising the Rose Festival. The award was made by the festival management from 25 or more submitted by well known artists.

Pease won the award last year, and his continued success makes him the subject of many congratulations. The poster will be lithographed and used throughout the world to advertise the Rose Festival. The design depicts delightfully from the trite and conventional festival poster. Subject is Titanic, taken from Puck. The execution of the work, in the minds of the judges, was both unique and artistic.

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MOTHER ADAMS
AS 30 YEARS
IN MURDER CASE

"Mother Adams" Always Had Friendship of Oregon Coast Whites.

Bay City, Or., Dec. 21.—In the passing away of "Mother Adams," the pioneers of Tillamook county are regretting the breaking of one of the few remaining links that binds the living present with the death past of over a century.

"Mother Adams" who had her residence at Hobsonville, two miles north of Bay City for over 50 years, was a full blooded Clatsop Indian who came from the Clatsop Indian settlement on the Columbia river to the shores of Tillamook Bay about 1860 as the bride of Chief Carmine, a great descendant of old Chief Clilchit. The reputed age of "Mother Adams" at the time of her death was 109 years, so her marriage on this basis must have transpired when she was about 57 years of age. Legend has it that Chief Carmine took her as the spoils of war and that she was already living with a Chief of the Clatsops.

Both she and her husband early earned, and throughout their entire life possessed the friendship of the white inhabitants of the county. Both Indians were full blooded and exhibited to the fullest degree the best points of the redskins. Most stories of the tribal festivities and of early pioneer life bear some mention of these two interesting persons, who were noted for their hospitality. Their home was always open to the white men, who always availed themselves of the privilege of paying a friendly call to this couple and partaking of their smoked salmon, a dish that the old settlers say none can compare like the Indian's.

Mrs. Adams was buried at the famous old Indian burial ground, "Memento Point," the resting place of all faithful Indians who lived on the shores of Tillamook Bay, and it is here that Mother Adams is being given her final resting place.

FOUND THEM HUNGRY
FOR THE HOG GOSPEL

"I believe the demonstration train that has just finished its trip on the O.-W. R. & N. did more than any other train in the kind ever operated," declared Phil S. Bates, secretary of the State Threshers' association, when he returned this morning from a week spent on the train.

"I never saw such a hungry lot of people as I saw on the demonstration train in my life before," he continued. "Up there between Kenewick and Yakima, they have been pooh poohing the idea of raising hogs and operating dairies. Their land, you would hear them say, is too rocky for anything but wheat. They say that their land is fruit, and their product the best in the world, and their market also the world."

"As a result land prices have been boosted out of all relation to what the land is worth for what it produced. Why, I found where three rather ordinary acres had sold for \$10,000."

"But they've got a hog and butter appetite in the country visited by the demonstration train now. They flocked down to the train at what it produced. They got all the information they could. They're going to begin raising hogs and dairy cows as well as apples. They're going to be happier and more prosperous. The demonstration train is a great home missionary."

HOW TO OBTAIN NEW PARCELS POST GUIDES

Word was received this morning by Acting Postmaster C. M. Williamson, that the official parcels post maps and guides will not be on sale at any of the postoffices, and those who want them can send to the chief clerk of the postoffice department at Washington, D. C. The maps and guides sell for 73 cents, the cost of the government in making them. The local postoffice has received 15 of the maps, but they are to be distributed around at the various stations of the city.

Christmas trees, best trees, free delivery, open Sunday, 128 10th st.

Nature generates facts, but fiction is manufactured by man.

EDITOR PAYS \$50 FOR
BREAKING HUNTLEY ACT

Hillsboro, Wash., Dec. 21.—N. Hoffman, until recently publisher of the Forest Grove Press, pleaded guilty yesterday in the circuit court to an indictment charging violation of the corrupt practices act and was fined \$50. A circuit attorney attacking the county court was widely circulated the week before the November election. It bore neither the name of the author nor the printer, and as the printing was done by the Press, the indictment followed. Hoffman, in extenuation, claimed ignorance that he was violating a law. He is an attorney.

SOME HARNEY TRAFFIC
SWINGS TO OLD ROUTE

Prairie City, Or., Dec. 21.—The freight traffic from this place to Burns and the Harney country, which was about 18 months ago diverted by the auto truck freight line from Bend to Burns, is returning to its old channel by way of the Sumpter Valley railway, from Baker to Prairie City, and by freight teams from this point to Burns. The reason is found in the fact that the auto freight service from Bend to Burns, while it succeeds so far as time and carrying capacity are concerned, is not as profitable to the auto truck company as was hoped; in fact, it is said to have been practically demonstrated that some commodities can be delivered into the Harney country cheaper by the freighter team traffic from Prairie City than by auto truck line from Bend.

The distance from Bend to Burns is about 140 miles, as against about 85 miles from Prairie City. The road from the latter point is for the most part a fairly good one, and lies through a well settled country, well supplied with hay and grain, and abundantly watered. The facilities for forwarding and handling freight through the commodious forwarding station at Prairie City, together with the convenience provided for the freighters and their teams here, makes this route in many respects a favorite one. At the present time freight teams are engaged in hauling from this point the equipment and furnishings for the new school building now being erected at Burns.

It is reported here that the Sumpter Valley railroad is actively interested in regaining the Harney country transportation business.

M'ALLISTER NOW
IN JAIL ONCE MORE

Lawyer Was Arrested on Third Vice Indictment at Noon Today.

With two indictments already outstanding, E. S. J. McAllister was arrested on still another at noon today and placed in the county jail. This is the second time McAllister has been incarcerated since his connection with the vice scandal became known, as he was under arrest for several hours at Medford when he was first apprehended. He was arrested at his office in the Fenton building by Juvenile Officers Fisher and Mackintosh.

McAllister was out on \$1000 bonds on the two former indictments and \$2000 more will be required on the present one. He is bending every effort to gain his freedom by securing new bondsmen. Though this third indictment was at first said to have been returned only for the purpose of raising his bonds to prevent his leaving the city, District Attorney Cameron stated after he had been arrested that it is an indictment on a new charge of the same nature as the other two and that there may be further charges yet.

BIG BAGLEY HOPYARD
SOLD, OWNER RETIRES

Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 21.—The William Bagley hop yard, three miles north of Hillsboro, and one of the best known yards in the state, was this week leased to Harry Hart, the hop buyer, and George Erwin. The lease is for five years. At present there are 95 acres planted to hops, and 30 acres more will be added next year. Mr. Bagley is widely known as a successful hop grower, and is understood to have made a large fortune in the business. Last week he paid \$4000 for a residence in Hillsboro, and will retire from active business.

WOMAN, WANTING TO
DIE, FIGHTS PHYSICIAN

Driven to suicide by her husband's drinking, Mrs. Louis Ross, 142 Arthur street, swallowed a quantity of sugar of lead yesterday afternoon that she might die. The family physician was called, but the woman fought his efforts until he called the police to aid in taking her to the hospital. Patrolmen Casson and Johnson were sent to the physician's assistance, but Mrs. Ross continued to resist, saying she would rather die than be taken to the hospital.

Ross has been drinking heavily the last week, it is said. Mrs. W. M. Cox, sister of Ross, has been living with the family. She was alone with Mrs. Ross when the poison was swallowed.

CAMAS IS PROMISED
WATER SYSTEM SOON

Camas, Wash., Dec. 21.—Camas is soon to have a water system. Pitcock and Leadbetter, owners of the present system, will begin work, as soon as weather permits, on construction of a cement lined reservoir 100x100 feet, and with a depth of 15 feet. Pumps of adequate power will be installed and such other additions and improvements made as may be necessary to provide a water supply adequate for all the needs of a much larger town than Camas.

Monday afternoon, December 23, E. F. Ayers, professor of highway engineering at Oregon Agricultural college, will give an illustrated lecture on good roads, at the Grand theatre. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Southwestern Washington Development league, and is for the purpose of stimulating interest in the good roads question, particularly in the state aid or Klokittat Pass road from Spokane to the coast. Sections of this road will pass through Camas.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Co-operative Creamery company, held this week, officers were appointed as follows: President, Felix Van Vleet; vice president, C. K. Cochran; secretary, treasurer, C. L. Hoover; trustees, A. W. Scott, J. E. Laws, J. MacIntosh, John Ostenson, James Riley and H. Nelson.

ORCHARD LAD
HEARING MONDAY

Columbia Orchard Co. Case Involves Misuse of the Mails.

Trial of the three members of the Columbia Orchard company who are now held by the government on a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, will be taken up in the United States district court next Thursday morning with United States District Attorney John McCourt personally in charge of the case. The three who will answer the charges are A. J. Bush, H. H. Humphrey and E. H. MacIntosh. W. E. DeLarm and George C. Hodges are also mentioned in the indictment, but DeLarm is believed to be dead and Hodges is in Edmonton, Alberta, and the government has not yet been able to secure his extradition.

When the original exposures in this case were being made by the government, it was given the widest publicity, and the interest in it was general. Hundreds of people residing in all parts of the country were believed to have been defrauded by the concern.

The Columbia Orchards company was organized for the purpose of developing and exploiting a tract of arid land in eastern Washington, along the Columbia river. The indictment charges that \$3,500,000 worth of bonds of the company were floated, and in order to further their sale, two fake companies, the Oregon & Washington Trust company, and the Washington Orchard Irrigation & Fruit company, that existed only in the minds of the promoters of the original concern, were mentioned in correspondence sent out to prospective purchasers of the bonds as companies that had been recommended by the government, and that the company ever succeeded in getting away with anything through their use of the mails, stating only that an attempt at fraudulent practice was made through this medium.

Over 100 witnesses have been summoned by the government, and it is expected that the defense will provide that many more. The case is expected to last several weeks.

Because of the publicity given the affair, the government was afraid that the present trial jury panel would not be sufficient, and accordingly this morning an additional panel of 15 was selected. All are from counties of the Willamette valley.

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PROVISIONING OF
BESIEGED CITIES
REFUSED TURKS

Envoys Split on Allies' Declining to Entertain Sultan's Demands; Possibility of Intervention Suggested.

London, Dec. 21.—The Balkan and Turkish plenipotentiaries are farther apart than ever tonight. At today's session Osman Nizami Pasha, the leader of the sultan's delegation, demanded the re-provisioning of Adrianople, asserting this to be the only ground upon which negotiations could continue. The allies refused to comply with the demand, and the Turkish envoys replied that they must consult further with the Porte before proceeding with peace negotiations.

The delegates remained in session for one hour, and then adjourned until Monday. The envoys came direct to the council room from Buckingham Palace, where they were received by King George.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Hoping that a general European war might result in case of a rupture during the London peace negotiations, Premier Poincaré discussed the Balkan situation in the chamber of deputies today. Poincaré said that in the event of negotiations being interrupted the powers could not afford to remain indifferent before a possible resumption of hostilities, which more than ever might provoke a conflagration involving all of Europe.

France has been assured by Austria, the premier declared, that that country does not desire the acquisition of more territory or the destruction of the political or economic independence of Serbia.

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