

RURAL CREDITS IDEA BACKED BY LOCAL COMMERCE CHAMBER

Strong Appeal for One of Farmers' Banks for Oregon District Planned.

JONES BILL IS INDORSED

Complimentary Dinner to Be Given J. C. Dyer; C. C. Colt Also to Be Made Guest at a Dinner.

Directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, believing that the rural credits principle should be encouraged, last night decided to make a strong appeal to have located in Oregon one of the new farmers' banks authorized in the bill that has just passed congress.

A committee is being selected today to work for the establishment of this rural credits bank. The committee is to include 21 members, including country bankers and members of the state senate.

The directors indorsed the Jones bill which provides for government guarantee of bonds issued by reclamation districts; the Shields bill covering use of water powers in navigable streams; the Myers-Ferris bill, for farm powers in non-navigable streams, the new movement for establishing a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river, for which an appropriation of \$500,000 is included in the harbor bill, and the proposal to hold the 1917 reunion of the G. A. R. in Portland.

The directors decided to give a complimentary luncheon for J. C. Dyer, newly appointed assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific company, which will be held either next Tuesday or next Thursday.

A dinner will be given in honor of C. C. Colt, retiring president of the chamber, and O. M. Clark, incoming president, next Wednesday evening.

ANTI-CATHOLIC PLANK IS INCLUDED IN DRY'S NATIONAL PLATFORM

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presidential candidate, the anti-Catholic plank declared that the religious issue is greater than the prohibition issue. The American Patriotic Societies, which is composed of the A. P. A. and

Knights of Luther and similar organizations, were well represented.

Plank Not in Draft

L. L. Pitcock, Kentucky, one of the anti-Catholic leaders, insisted upon the plank's adoption. Conservatives opposed him on the ground that this plank would antagonize the Catholic vote.

Composing the subcommittee were W. G. Calderwood, Minnesota; Eugene W. Chaffin, Arizona; Daniel C. Poling, Massachusetts; J. S. Wortendyke, California; and Oliver Stewart, Chicago.

The platform draft is said to include a demand for withdrawal of troops from Mexico.

Florida Man to Rescues

The convention is going to nominate someone—likely J. Frank Hanley of Indiana—for president today, but a little old man from Johnston, Fla., is its hero.

This little old man sat pretty far back in the convention hall today and talked to his gray haired motherly looking little wife, who shared the honors.

They were Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin, who own 12,000 acres of land down in Florida, but act and look just like the rest of the "home folks" who are attending the convention.

This is all they did:

Gives \$50,000 to Fund

The prohibitionists need money to run a campaign. The chairman had called for contributions and they were coming in slowly.

A voice back in the hall said something about \$50,000.

"What's that?" the crowd shouted.

Coffin's gray head popped up from the Florida delegation.

"Yes, that's what I said," he replied.

"Put me down for \$50,000."

The convention cheered and delegates toppled over their chairs to get to Coffin. They picked him up and carried him to the platform. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin looked embarrassed.

Is Largest Ever Made

Coffin's contribution is believed the largest ever made for a prohibition convention. His pledge started the ball rolling and funds rolled in after that. The collection was just like one of those donation parties they have for country ministers. Those who didn't have money gave other things. One man tossed into the pot a mortgage for \$15,000 on some Illinois law books and told the collectors to get after the money.

The old-fashioned camp meeting style of a convention was to see some "steamerolling" today. The faction backing Hanley for president had control and planned to nominate him, adopt a platform and adjourn tonight, one day in advance of schedule time.

Sulzer Is Expected

To check the steamroller William Sulzer, former governor of New York, the other candidate for president, was expected here today to attempt a stampede for himself.

Out of a mass of suggestions placed before them by enthusiasts on almost every subject under the sun the convention platform committee early to

CHICAGO RAILROAD WOULD STRETCH RAILS FROM CRANE TO BURNS

W. C. Ross Visits Central Oregon and Offers to Submit Proposition.

Crane, Or., July 20.—W. C. Ross,

the Chicago railroad builder, was here again last week and made the people of Burns a proposition to build a railroad from Crane to Burns.

Ross interviewed several of the business men of Burns, they said they were in no position to accept his proposition at the present time.

After the situation had been explained, Mr. Ross said he would return to Chicago and submit his proposition in writing in a concrete and definite manner, stating just what he would do, and submit it to the people of Burns before the first of next month.

What the people of Burns want is a railroad from Crane to Bend to Portland.

Robert E. Strahorn, who is promoting this railroad, is expected at Burns any day, and it is hoped that while he is here he will tell the people of Burns what his plans are.

President Farrell at Crane

Crane, Or., July 20.—J. D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N. company, was a visitor in Crane Sunday, coming across the country from Bend.

Mr. Farrell's special car came up to Crane Saturday and the train Sunday was held that Mr. Farrell could look over Harney county.

day had fairly well worked out its principal planks.

The Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment, an eight hour day for workmen, several other "social justice" planks, a program of preparedness for peace only, government ownership of armor plate plants and support of various farmers' measures were the principal clauses decided on and, of course, national prohibition.

Beer Shippers Face Possible Large Fine

Revenue Officers Instruct Holding of Carload Seized at Seattle as Federal Evidence; Shipper Asks Return.

Seattle, Wash., July 20.—While a carload of beer seized by the police was being thrown into the bay this afternoon, internal revenue officers appeared and instructed that the shipment be held as evidence for the government.

Federal officials said the shippers of the beer, supposed to be from the Moore Hunt company of San Francisco, are liable under the law to a fine of \$500,000 if found guilty.

The contention of the revenue officers is that the beer was shipped in violation of section 240 of the United States criminal code, which provides that all packages must be labeled and that the contents must be true.

The penalty for violation in each case is \$5000 and as there are more than 120 cases held for evidence, it is estimated that if a conviction is gained the fine will aggregate \$600,000.

After the seizure a telegram was received here by J. W. Allen, freight agent for the Northern Pacific, asking that the liquor be returned to the Jesse Moore Hunt Company of San Francisco.

Possession of Land Still Occupies Court

R. W. Derby, Manager of Dredging Company, Files New Suit Against Thomas and Claire Bessler.

Baker, Or., July 20.—R. W. Derby, manager of the Bowler River Gold Dredging company, a Sumpter, yesterday filed a complaint in an injunction suit against Thomas and Claire Bessler, father and son, who he alleges are trespassing on the lands of the plaintiff, destroying property and tools, and, by threats of violence, keeping his men from the land to get same in shape for dredging operations.

The two defendants were recently unsuccessful in a suit against Derby, they claiming the land, which he retains by virtue of the jury's verdict.

He asks for a decree declaring title vested with him, and a restraining order against the defendants from further trespass on the land.

The property in question is near Sumpter, and is a very rich dredging grounds. The Besslers have said that they would fight the issue to the finish, that the land is theirs and that they do not propose to yield possession.

Will Organize Auto Club

Baker, Or., July 20.—A meeting will be called at an early date to reorganize the Baker Automobile club, which has been inactive for some time. The reorganization is to be made largely for fostering the good roads movement in Baker county and eastern Oregon.

Well Known Miner Dead

Baker, Or., July 20.—George W. Crawford, 63, miner in the Virtue district for the past 20 years, died at the home of his brother, Robert Crawford, at the Virtue mine last evening. He was a native of Roanoke, Va., where several relatives still live.

Skilled Workmen Wanted

Baker, Or., July 20.—Skilled miners and experienced woodmen as well as sawyers are needed in Baker right now, although there is abundance of common labor. Local mills are now running day and night and can use many more skilled men while the mines are flooding local employment agencies with orders for skilled underground and mill men.

H. T. Hendryx Faces Bad Draft Charge

Real Estate Dealer Arrested on Complaint of John F. Hendren, Who Assests \$10 Draft Was Worthless.

H. T. Hendryx, a real estate agent with offices in the Beck building, was arrested this morning by Deputy Constable Druhot on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The complaint is John F. Hendren, who alleges that on June 30 he cashed a draft for \$10 drawn by Hendryx on H. E. Hendryx of Sumpter. He cashed the paper for \$7.50, and he has since learned that the draft was worthless.

Bank Resources in Portland Increase

State Bank Superintendent Sargent Makes Public Abstract Showing Financial Conditions in Metropolitan.

Salem, Or., July 20.—Portland banks had resources of \$90,359,380.40 June 30, 1916, as compared with \$86,133,620.32 a year previous, according to an abstract made public Thursday morning by State Bank Superintendent Sargent.

Deposits showed a healthy increase over a year ago. The following items classed as deposits showed increases as follows: Due to banks and bankers, \$2,244,474.49; demand certificates, \$15,021.10; time certificates, \$94,424.94; savings deposits, \$2,275,612.48; U. S. postal deposits, \$80,728.63.

Decreases were shown as follows: Deposits due state treasurer, \$80,000; deposits subject to check, \$483,565.10.

U. S. Deposits, \$6,902.49; deposits U. S. disbursing officer, \$22,168.66. There was a decrease in deposits over the May reports of approximately \$2,500,000, this being due to money being sent out over the state to move various crops.

Bragg Seeks Divorce

Baker, Or., July 20.—Seven months of married life was sufficient for M. V. Bragg, who yesterday filed action against his wife, Sadie Bragg, for divorce. They were married in San Francisco, December 15, 1915. Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged.

Captain Fiske Promoted

Dallas, Or., July 20.—Postmaster V. P. Fiske, of this city, has received word that his brother, Captain H. B. Fiske, has just been promoted to be a major, and has been transferred from the Eighteenth Infantry to the Thirty-sixth Infantry, now stationed at Brownsville, Texas. Fiske's mother and sister also reside in this city.

What Do You Know About a Piano?

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