

U. S. NATIONAL BANK MAKES CHANGES IN OFFICE PERSONNEL

Board of Directors Relected; R. W. Schmeer Succeeds Barnes as Vice President.

The complete board of directors of the United States National bank was re-elected to serve for the coming year at a meeting of the stockholders of the bank Monday afternoon.

Several changes were made, however, in the election of officers for the year which followed. R. Lea Barnes, vice president, retired and was succeeded by R. W. Schmeer, formerly vice president and cashier, who now becomes vice president. F. S. Dick was elected vice president and cashier. J. D. Leonard, first paying teller, who has been connected with the United States National bank for 25 years, was chosen assistant cashier to succeed P. S. Dick. Joe Mulder follows J. D. Leonard as first paying teller.

Mr. Barnes had been 16 years vice president of the bank. The complete board of directors and officers as elected are as follows: Officers—J. C. Ainsworth, president; E. G. Crawford, first vice president; H. B. Ainsworth, vice president; R. W. Schmeer, vice president; A. L. Tucker, vice president; A. M. Wright, vice president; P. S. Dick, vice president and cashier; W. A. Holt, assistant cashier; Graham Duker, assistant cashier; E. C. Sammons, assistant cashier, and J. D. Leonard, assistant cashier.

Board of directors—George G. Bingham, P. S. Brumby, Joseph E. Chastner, Irah E. Ehrman, Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, R. L. Macleay, Robert Platt, Andrew Porter, Charles Russell, D. Wakefield, J. C. Ainsworth, E. G. Crawford, R. Lea Barnes and H. B. Ainsworth.

R. Lea Barnes, although retiring as vice president, continues as a stockholder and director. The stockholders of the Northwestern National bank, meeting in the directors' room yesterday afternoon, elected the following 11 directors: H. L. Pittcock, A. D. Charlton, George H. Kelly, F. W. Leadbetter, Nat McDougal, Lloyd L. Malt, A. S. Nichols, Emory Olmstead, O. L. Frise, John Twoby and Edgar H. Senesich.

Owing to the absence of Emory Olmstead from the city, the board of directors will not meet until next Thursday, at that time they will elect the officers of the bank for the coming year.

J. Mann, formerly vice president of the First National bank of Linton, has been elected president of that institution. Other officers are Edward E. Wilson, vice president, and J. S. Mann, cashier. These officers, together with E. A. Johnson and A. Ridgway, constitute the newly elected board of directors of the First National bank of Linton.

No changes were made in the board of directors and officers of the Peninsula National bank, at J. S. Johns, in the annual election. The officers are Grant Smith, president; Fred C. Knapp and Frank P. Drinker, vice presidents; John N. Edlefen, cashier; and these, with Thomas Auzen, A. R. Jobs and H. E. Pennell, are members of the board of directors. Charles B. Russell, Stanton L. Dohie and Edward R. Morris are assistant cashiers.

Detectives Unable To Secure Clue to Garfinkle Robbers

Detectives assigned to the case have so far been unable to locate any new suspects in the attempted robbery of the Security Loan office and the shooting of Benjamin Garfinkle Monday.

The two men arrested Monday morning by Patrolman H. H. Harms are not thought to be guilty, but they are being held until Garfinkle is able to go to police headquarters and identify them.

The gun with which the shooting was committed was found in a waste barrel in front of a Chinese store on Second street by Mr. Ashley of Ashley & Rummel bank and turned over to the police.

Mr. Garfinkle was not seriously wounded, according to reports from Good Samaritan hospital. He was, weak, however, from loss of blood.

GIRL IS SOLE HEIR TO ESTATE OF PARENTS, WHO DIED RECENTLY

L. D. Mahone Named Administrator of Estate of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gulliford.

Letters of administration in the estate of William C. Gulliford and F. I. Gulliford, husband and wife, who died recently within three days of each other, were granted Tuesday by County Judge Taxwell to L. D. Mahone. The estate consists of stock in the Western Supply company, said to be worth \$21,000; life insurance, \$10,000; and personal property estimated at \$2400. Verona Constance Gulliford, a daughter, was named as sole heir.

A petition filed by Mahone asking to be appointed the guardian of Miss Gulliford, who is a minor, was filed in connection with the administration of the estate.

Letters were asked for by Alice Moulie on the estate of her daughter, Gracia Moulie, who died December 18 in Manchester, N. H., leaving an estate stated to consist of money, bonds and life insurance of the total value of \$5000.

Two Husbands Ask Divorces

That she would not let him wear the clothes he wanted to and made him take off his shoes when he came into the house are among the allegations of cruelty made by Frank P. Baum against Elizabeth Baum in his suit for divorce filed in the circuit court Monday. David B. Sprecker alleges Lena Sprecker deserted him a month after their marriage.

\$5000 Reward Offered

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—The Studebaker corporation today offered \$5000 reward for the return of the \$250,000 in Liberty bonds it believes lost rather than stolen. No questions will be asked, it was said.

Postoffice and banks carry 1919 War Stamps.

SEES DIVER BLOWN UP BY DEPTH BOMB FROM DESTROYER

Reese C. Bates Returns After Many Experiences Aboard Mt. Vernon, Former Hun Liner.



Reese C. Bates of Courtney station has returned to his home with an honorable discharge from active duty covering 22 months on cruise and transport service. Mr. Bates was a member of the crew of the Mount Vernon, formerly the German-Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, which was requisitioned by the government at the opening of the war with Germany.

On September 5, 1918, the Mount Vernon was torpedoed with the loss of 88 men, in addition to 11 injured. He gives the first detailed story of the torpedoing brought to this city.

When Mr. Bates was first assigned to duty on the sea he was placed on cruiser service and saw eight months' service in South America. He was then assigned to duty on the Mount Vernon, and at the time the boat was torpedoed she was being conveyed back to America. The convoy of ships, consisting of the Mount Vernon, the Agamemnon and six destroyers, was several days out of Brest, France, when the ship was hit.

Battle With Divers

At 7:51 o'clock on the morning of the fifth of September Sailor Bates was at mess when an explosion gave first intimation that the ship had been hit. She was one of the largest of the former German liners, being 220 feet in length and carrying a complement of 800 men. She was also bringing home 75 soldiers from France, most of them wounded, and when the boat was hit all were tossed about, but fatalities were mostly among the engine-room men.

The steamer first heeled over to her port rail and then to the starboard, and gradually righted herself after the explosion, then shipped water enough to cause her to settle 10 feet. All of the crew immediately took their stations, and Mr. Bates went to his gun station, where they kept up a constant gunfire for two hours.

Immediately after the torpedoing the Agamemnon and four destroyers put on full speed ahead and headed for the States, while two destroyers remained on the scene to hunt the sub. At 10 o'clock the Mount Vernon ceased firing her guns to allow the passage of one of the destroyers on the port side, which was laying a smoke screen.

U-Boat Blown Up

Just as the destroyer hove alongside the Mount Vernon the submarine came close to the surface not 100 yards astern of her, and a depth bomb was dropped. Mr. Bates saw the action, and said that when the depth bomb exploded, the hull of the submarine was lifted almost out of the water, and she was seen to break up and sink after that.

The Mount Vernon then put back to Brest and was repaired, starting for home November 1. An attempt was again made on the second homeward journey to torpedo the steamer, but the torpedo fired at her passed more than 100 yards astern of the ship.

The Mount Vernon is now at Boston undergoing further repairs, and Mr. Bates was released from that place, returning home last week.

LAND GRAB INQUIRY IS REQUESTED BY BOARD

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been deprived of a large portion of its school and other lands through fraudulent and unlawful methods and conspiracies, and,

Whereas the recovery of such lands or the value thereof would increase the irreducible school fund of the state of Oregon in the amount of the value of such lands recovered.

"Now therefore, he ordered, that the attorney general of the state of Oregon be and he is hereby requested to investigate the manner in which the lands belonging to the state of Oregon were obtained from it and to institute, without delay, such actions or proceedings as he may deem proper or necessary in the premises to recover any and all such school or other state lands which his investigation may disclose to have been obtained from the state of Oregon through fraudulent or unlawful means or conspiracies, and to prosecute any such actions or proceedings brought by him to a successful conclusion.

Lands Worth \$1,500,000

"And be it further ordered, that the legislature be and it is hereby petitioned to provide by appropriation from the state treasury the necessary funds for such examination and the commencement to a grand jury report made in Marion county, Oregon, a large portion of school land was procured from the state of Oregon through fraudulent and unlawful methods and conspiracies. The land was secured by what might be styled 'dummy' applications, and in many instances upon forged signatures and for a very small percentage of the value of the land. The present value of the land so taken is estimated at about \$1,500,000, and my reason for offering the resolution is to

Following the meeting Mr. Hoff issued the following statement outlining his position in regard to the subject: "According to a grand jury report made in Marion county, Oregon, a large portion of school land was procured from the state of Oregon through fraudulent and unlawful methods and conspiracies. The land was secured by what might be styled 'dummy' applications, and in many instances upon forged signatures and for a very small percentage of the value of the land. The present value of the land so taken is estimated at about \$1,500,000, and my reason for offering the resolution is to

take such action as may be necessary to restore the lands or their value to the school fund. The value of the lands amounts to about one fourth of the present school fund, a little more than \$6,000,000.

All 5014 Successful

"In some instances the school land, where the same was within government reserves, was used to secure lands in lieu thereof, upon scrip issued by the United States, in lieu of lands within the reserve. This scrip, after being secured by the person who had fraudulently secured the land from the state of Oregon within a reserve, would be located or placed upon other lands belonging to the United States of immense value.

"Some persons secured thousands of acres of school land in this manner at the small price of \$1.25 per acre, and in lieu thereof were able to secure scrip and thereby secure government land valued at possibly \$50 to \$150 per acre, and thus the school fund was deprived of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Many cases have been tried in the courts to secure the return of lands or the value thereof which were procured under circumstances the same as the school lands, and in every case which has come to my attention the state or the government has been successful in its recovery.

"The manner in which these lands were procured from the state has been a state scandal for more than 20 years and the rights of the state and the parties who secured the lands should be adjudicated and settled."

Alternate for West Point Is Designated

Washington, Jan. 15.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Ward A. McSweeney, 424 Clay street, Portland, Or., has been named by Senator McNary as first alternate for the West Point military academy entrance examination to be held next March.

EX-BANKER BACK FROM WAR ZONE

Lieutenant Colonel George H. Kelly Describes Scenes From the Great World War.

George H. Kelly, prominent citizen, former lumberman, banker, ex-port commissioner, and soldier is in Portland. As Major Kelly, U. S. A., he left in September, 1917. As Lieutenant Colonel Kelly he returned last night.

Colonel Kelly, former member of the firm of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company and director of the United States National bank, has been in France. He has been with the Poilu and Anzac, Tommy and Yank, he has witnessed tragedy and heroism, humor and trial. He has seen a part of a world war, he has seen the lines of allies and democracy waver and fall back, almost upon the gates of Paris, only to hesitate, quicken, and charge forward, always forward to the Meuse, past, and final victory. And he has lost—a son.

Lieutenant Meets Death

The son was Lieutenant John G. Kelly, of the Fifth engineers, former O. A. C. and U. O. student, and prominent member of the Multnomah club, who steps in a French graveyard. In March, just after passing the examination for captain, Lieutenant Kelly was on a motorcycle near Bordeaux, en route from mill to mill. He was found later, near a railroad track, the victim of an accident.

"I was in Paris on March 20," Colonel Kelly related this morning, "and was boarding a train the next day for the front. We had experienced a tame air raid the previous night. We could see

nothing but searchlights and hear the roar of anti-aircraft guns. But the next morning we received two of the first intimations of the Hun offensive in the shape of a pair of huge shells. They landed in the station, not a great way from my train.

"A feeling of uneasiness was apparent everywhere during the German drive. We all felt that if the British Fifth army had given away—the British were great fighters—our lines might be pierced at any point. The feeling was almost tense.

Hun Loses Offensive

"But July 14, the French holiday, saw the passing of the old and the coming of the new. The Boche had shot his bolt. We were secure in the thought that our offensive would begin, and our turn come. They did!

"Little excitement accompanied the armistice. France doesn't get excited now. The war has left its imprint. I was in Nancy that evening, and witnessed the lighting of the city at night, the first time in four long years.

Captured With Peary

"One of the most amusing incidents of my experience occurred in this regard. Emil Frise, a Klamath boy, was working with the engineers in the wood. An airplane, we thought friendly, had alighted not far away. Frise was the only one to take particular note, and he walked over for a closer inspection. Upon his arrival, out whirled a Boche officer, Luger in hand. I don't know just how long Frise captured the plane and pilot, but he brought them both in with a peary.

"In our movements after the retreat, we found many interesting things. No Man's Land in the Argonne was a desolate waste. It had been literally swept clean. Further back, we found Boche cemeteries, fenced with cement, and spotted with tombstones, from small stones to large columns.

Tuesday night, Colonel Kelly registered at the Imperial. Soon, Mr. Kelly, fisherman in civil life, will be "at home" on the banks of the McKensie.

CONSOLIDATION AIM DRAWS LEGISLATIVE FORCES CLOSE

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course, that there is continued animity on the committee, that the house and senate follow the recommendations of the committee and that the payroll boys about the state house do not get in their usual deadly work and throw a monkey wrench into the machinery some place along the line.

Scheme Is Endangered

Incidentally, the appointment of Richardson as head of the joint committee, seems to bode ill for the scheme that has been incubating for some days to take all of State Treasurer Hoff's duties and prerogatives away from him except the merely clerical duties of the state treasurer.

Continue The Gargle

Now that the "flu" is spreading again, it is advisable to gargle with FURORA Chloroxin, which tends to prevent influenza, by destroying the germs which infect the throat and mouth. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles at all drug stores.—Adv.



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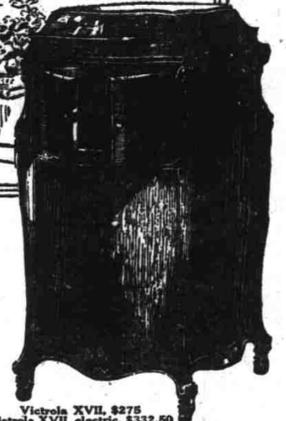
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