

BANK MERGER IS COMPLETED; TWO INSTITUTIONS JOIN

With the unanimous vote of the stockholders of the State Bank of Portland at a special meeting last night, following a similar vote of the stockholders of the Peoples Bank Tuesday night, the two banks will, October 1, merge as one institution. The consolidated institution will operate under the name of the State Bank of Portland and will remain in the present quarters of the State Bank, Lumbermen building, Fifth and Stark streets.

The consolidated capitalization of the bank will be \$300,000. State bank \$200,000 and the Peoples \$100,000. The resources of the bank as of September 6, the call of the last statement, total \$3,828,519.89. Total deposits on the same date exceeded the \$3,000,000 mark.

RATIO OF SHARES

The transaction was consummated on a ratio of five shares of the Peoples bank stock at a value of \$120 per share, to four shares of State bank stock valued at \$150 per share. Negotiations leading up to and the closing of the transaction were carried on by Conrad P. Olson, vice president of the State bank and a director of the Peoples.

The officers of the State bank will continue as at present. E. T. Gruwell, president of the Peoples bank, will be a vice president in the consolidated institution, and Hugh C. Gruwell, cashier of the Peoples; will be first assistant cashier. The officers will be as follows:

Leroy D. Walker, president; Conrad P. Olson, Anthony Eckern and E. T. Gruwell, vice presidents; Maynard Redmond, cashier; Hugh C. Gruwell and H. Voget, assistant cashiers; A. H. Herndobler, auditor; W. Splid, manager foreign department; and S. H. Slocum, manager new business department.

DIRECTORS ARE NAMED

The board of directors of the two banks will act as a consolidated board. The board will consist of the following: State bank, W. H. Blair, L. A. Brandes, A. E. Clark, C. E. Cochran, H. G. Colton, Anthony Eckern, S. J. Graham, Henry Harkson, A. F. Poley, Maynard Redmond, W. B. Wiggins, Leroy D. Walker and Conrad P. Olson; Peoples bank, Conrad P. Olson, George A. Lovejoy, F. W. Vogler, A. E. Peake, R. L. Bodey, W. Q. Burdette, W. E. Kimsey, W. M. McConnell, Clifford F. Reid, E. T. Gruwell and Hugh C. Gruwell.

"Both banks have been successful in their chosen fields," stated President Walker this morning. "and it is expected that with the elimination of overhead and rental expenses, by combining the banks, increased profits will result to the stockholders. With the enlarged facilities the bank will be able to serve its customers more satisfactorily."

FORMED IN 1917

The State bank was organized in the early part of 1917, absorbing the Scandinavian-American bank. The Peoples bank was organized April 20, 1920. It was capitalized at \$100,000. About three months ago permission was granted to increase the capitalization to \$200,000. None of the new stock, however, has been issued.

The new State bank will have about 1500 depositors. An active campaign for new business will be inaugurated shortly after the first of October.

ARBUCKLE IN COURT BEFORE GREAT CROWD

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passed through the audience. Arbuckle seemed oblivious. He seated himself at counsel table beside Frank Dominguez, his chief counsel. His wife sat directly back of him and conversed in low tones. She was holding his hand part of the time. Her mother sat at their right and beamed on "her children."

At the same long counsel table was seated District Attorney Matthew Brady and his two chief assistants, leaders Golden and Milton U'Ren.

A big chart showing the St. Francis hotel rooms in detail where the fatal party was given, was in evidence on counsel table.

LEGAL CLASH BEGINS

Before calling the first witness Judge Lazarus warned the audience that any show of sentiment through handclapping or other demonstration would result in the courtroom being cleared.

The bitter legal fight that is to be waged for Arbuckle was evidenced from the moment Dr. Strange, autopsy surgeon, took the stand.

Arbuckle's chief of counsel, Frank Dominguez, overlooked no point. An issue was made of the fact that Dr. Strange had typewritten his original autopsy notes. He proceeded to read them in detailing his examination of the body of Miss Rappé on the night of September 9.

Assistant District Attorney Milton U'Ren conducted the direct examination, and repeatedly clashed with Dominguez. The prevalence of medical terms in the doctor's testimony caused Judge

LAZARUS TO REQUEST THAT HE EXPLAIN HIS MEANING "IN WORDS ALL CAN UNDERSTAND."

Dr. Strange described minutely a number of bruises found on the body. He showed their location by using his own body as an illustration. The bruises, he declared, were all made before death. This brought a fresh clash, defense counsel contending that this could not be accurately determined. The autopsy surgeon held that it could.

District Attorney Brady placed strong hope in the new evidence of Al Semmacher, manager of Virginia Rappé, the movie actress Arbuckle is accused of fatally injuring during a "wild party" at his hotel suite on Labor day.

Semmacher is said to have made a statement to Los Angeles authorities yesterday which he admitted Arbuckle told him he might have been responsible for the injuries which resulted in Virginia Rappé's death.

Semmacher said Lowell Sherman, a movie actor, Fred Fischback and Arbuckle's chauffeur all heard the statement made. Brady said he would make all these men testify against Arbuckle. Sherman is at present in New York.

The hearing was expected to give the first real inkling of the defense of Arbuckle against the charge of the state. Until today the defense has maintained an impenetrable silence, but with the cross-examination of the witnesses to be placed on the stand by the state in an effort to secure commitment of Arbuckle to trial before the superior court for murder, the determined battle to free the former film star was to be under way.

WITNESSES SUBPENAED

The state has subpoenaed the following witnesses for the opening day: Maud Delmont; Miss Grace Halston, a nurse; Zey Pyvron-Prevost, who has been under surveillance; Dr. M. E. Ruedel; Dr. William Ophul and Dr. Shelby Strange. The last mentioned is an autopsy physician for the city. It was he who examined Miss Rappé's body and reported the finding of several large bruises on the limbs. He has been directed to make a report of a microscopic examination and have it in readiness for tomorrow.

The defense, it is indicated, will rely largely on cross-examination of the medical witnesses to clear Arbuckle of responsibility.

The morning was spent in feverish preparation for the opening of the hearing. Frank Dominguez, chief counsel for the defense, arrived from Los Angeles and plunged into conferences with his associates, Milton Cohen and Charles H. Brennan.

MARKED BILL USED

When Murdock found Douglas dead he called the police, and while the coroner started an investigation Murdock assisted the police in purchasing additional whiskey from 48 North Third street, where he said the previous supply had been bought.

With a marked \$5 bill Murdock is said to have purchased a pint of whiskey from Kusman. Lozo is proprietor of the store and Yazes is said to be the clerk who sold the whiskey to Murdock. Murdock said the drinks were purchased from Yazes for 25 cents each, according to police reports.

Douglas is out on \$250 bail. Yazes and Lozo are in jail in default of \$2500 and \$500 bail respectively. This is the fourth time within a year Lozo has been in the city jail on a liquor charge.

ANOTHER MAY BE CHARGED WITH MURDER OF PRIEST

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Announcement was made this afternoon by William F. Herron, one of the attorneys for William A. Hightower, now charged with the murder of Father Patrick E. Heslin of Colma, that a warrant would be sought for the arrest of David Bender, alleged slayer of a Baltimore policeman, recently arrested here and returned to Baltimore. He will be charged with the murder, Herron said.

Herron declared in a statement that evidence had been secured by the defense which appeared to connect Bender with the crime and that through this development it was expected that Hightower would be completely cleared.

POLICE REQUESTED TO HUNT MISSING BOY

Police were asked today by the parents of Charles Brown, 16, to assist them in the search for their son who has been missing from home since Monday night. When last seen Charles was in company with Jacob Kargman, a companion. Charles is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, has brown hair and wears a green sweater with rainbow stripe around chest, dark trousers and brown shoes.

LIQUOR INQUIRY BEGINS FOLLOWING DEATH OF SAILOR

Following the death Wednesday morning of Walter W. Douglas, a sailor, in a North End lodging house, the police today were grilling Mike Lozo, proprietor of a card room and soft drink establishment at 48 North Third street. He is charged tentatively with maintaining a nuisance, but the inquiry was to determine whether or not he had sold poison moonshine to Douglas. Samples of whiskey of the same character are being analyzed by a chemist and the coroner will determine by an inquest whether or not Lozo and his associates should be held.

Professional florists who have visited the floral display declare that the amateur displays this year are the best ever seen at Gresham. A majority of the prizes were also captured by Gresham women.

The first prize awards for amateurs are:

Best collection, Mrs. Emma Ross; Gus, best exhibit house plants, Mrs. Frank Hiney, Gresham; fuchsias, Mrs. Hiney; fern, Mrs. Ross; geraniums, Miss Cora Giese, Gresham; begonia, Miss Giese; palm, colons and umbrella plant, Mrs. Hiney.

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ROSE PRIZE WINNERS

Best collection, roses, hardy phlox, Miss Giese; carnations, Mrs. L. B. Coe, Gresham; asters, sweet peas, cosmos, salvia, zinnias, dolichnum, marigold, everlasting and forget-me-nots, Mrs. Hiney; anemone, Mrs. Ross; pansies, Mertor, S. Ellis, Portland; best centerpiece, Mrs. Hiney.

Dahlia, cactus, Mrs. K. A. Miller, Gresham; decorative, Mrs. Lyle Dreyfus, 219 Forty-eighth street southeast, Portland; peonia, Mrs. Dreyfus; show, Miss Giese; pompon, Miss Giese; single, W. R. Johnson.

Professional class, best indoor display, Lovet & Ponds, Portland; best outdoor display, Gill Bros. Seed company, Portland; best hanging basket, Mount Scott Greenhouse, Portland; best exhibit house plants, F. M. Young, Portland.

LIGHTS AGAIN FAIL

For the second night in succession the lights went out on the grounds Wednesday, due to the heavy overload. Linemen have been busy for two days and it is believed have overcome the difficulty. It is anticipated that tonight's program will proceed uninterrupted.

RACING FEATURES ARE DELIGHT AT GRESHAM

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the fair grounds with their parents and teachers. Under the direction of Miss Ethel Calkins, county club leader, a picnic lunch was given in the Chautauque building after which a program was rendered. At 2 p. m. the children had their first parade, all the club members present falling into line. Several hundred children marched around the grounds carrying banners and displaying their "wares." The parade was led by Verle Howell of Gresham, who was dressed as Uncle Sam. The children were addressed by A. M. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction in Oregon.

Saturday one of the liveliest contests of the fair will be staged when the judges will decide which mother has the "best" baby in various classes. Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest baby, fattest baby, prettiest baby with dark hair, prettiest baby with light hair, prettiest blue eyes, prettiest brown eyes, prettiest curly hair, prettiest twins and prettiest triplets. Judges for this event have not been announced.

Professor C. H. Cook of Portland and his band are furnishing music each

WITNESSES BEGIN GIVING TESTIMONY IN MAHONEY CASE

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 22.—With his attorneys fighting at each step of the way, James E. Mahoney, accused of the murder of his 65-year-old bride, went on trial here for his life today.

The case was delayed one day because of difficulty in securing jurors willing to impose the death penalty, and finally started without the thirteenth alternate juror being chosen. Defense counsel repeatedly protested against efforts to secure a "bird-of-paradise" jury. Four of the jury are women.

Prosecutor Douglas said that the state would prove: That Mrs. Mahoney was a woman of considerable means, who owned real estate and other valuable property in Seattle; that she was about 65 and Mahoney 27 when they married.

He detailed the "honeymoon trip" east to St. Paul and other points about two months after their marriage, describing the state's version of her visit to a safe deposit box and her withdrawal from a bank of \$450.

The state, he said, would show that "going back to Wednesday, April 13, I will explain that near the university bridge and the canal connecting Lake Union with Lake Washington is a houseboat district. There is a double houseboat at Nos. 1415 and 1417 East North Lake avenue. At 1415 there was a family named Renton. The other half of the house was vacant.

INQUIRIES ABOUT DEPTH
"The defendant came and spoke to Mr.

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He then described how the state would prove that Mahoney hired a boat for the purpose of taking a trunk out into the lake. This trunk, he said, was to contain the body of Mrs. Mahoney. He then described the actual deed which the state alleges Mahoney committed, taking the body in the trunk to the lake and there depositing it into the lake.

Confessions for Episcopal clergymen will be held today and Friday in room A of the Central library by the Rev. Benjamin T. Kemmer, who is visiting Portland at the request of the presiding bishop and council of the Episcopal church. Sessions are held at 3 and 8 p. m. daily and are open to the public. Sunday the visiting clergymen will preach at St. Stephens Pro-Cathedral and at St. David's Episcopal church.

WOMAN IS ARRESTED

Upon instructions from Municipal Judge George Roseman, Patrolmen Russell and Burkhardt arrested Mrs. Marie Ferring Wednesday afternoon on a warrant charging her with violation of the prohibition law. The woman's arrest followed that of her 18-year-old daughter, Miss Louise Ferring, on the previous day, when the police found 32 pints of whiskey in the Ferring house at 674 Raleigh street.

WOMAN 82 PASSES

Medford, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Margaret Ann Klingie, 82 years old, born in Ireland, and who came to Oregon 69 years ago, and to Lake Creek 60 years ago, died here Wednesday night at Sacred Heart hospital. He had been married 50 years. One son, Charles Klingie, and a daughter, Mrs. Ella Myers, survive.

ROCKY BUTTE FAIR SET

The Columbia Highway Butte Site association will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock Friday night in the Mount Tabor school, East Sixtieth and Ash streets. The meeting is to push the claim of Rocky Butte as the site for the 1925 exposition. Dr. J. W. Morrow, president of the association, will have charge of the meeting. Judge W. N. Gates, J. T. Wilson and W. W. Amburn will be the principal speakers.

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