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BANK FAILURE AT PORTLAND

Oregon Trust & Savings Company Closes Its Doors and Has a Receiver.

COULD NOT REALIZE UPON ITS ASSETS SUFFICIENTLY.

Only Forty Thousand Dollars Cash on Hand, But It Is Claimed by the Institution's Officials That All Depositors Will Be Paid in Full.—T. C. Devlin, Recently Candidate for Mayor, Is Receiver—The Moore Brothers and E. E. Lytle, Capitalists and Promoters, Interested.

This morning the doors of the Oregon Trust & Savings company of Portland, failed to open, and within a short time the startling news was spread that the bank had failed.

In a telephonic message from Portland this afternoon, it was stated that the bank had \$2,000,000 in deposits at the time of closing, and that the failure was due to its inability to realize upon its assets. However, the latter are said to equal the liabilities, and the statement is made that all depositors will be paid in full. At the time of the failure the bank had but \$40,000 in cash on hand.

T. C. Devlin, formerly city auditor of Portland, and recently republican candidate for mayor, has been named as receiver of the bank, and is now in charge of the business.

Was Lytle's Bank.
The Oregon Trust & Savings company was a new financial institution and its principal men were formerly of eastern Oregon. E. E. Lytle, builder and former owner of the Columbia Southern railroad, was a heavy stockholder, while the Moore brothers of Sherman county, were heavily interested. One of the Moores was president of the bank. Since he sold the Columbia Southern, Mr. Lytle has been prominently connected with the Tillamook railroad, has been the head of the Consumer's Gas company in Portland, and of the United Railways.

Was Promoters' Bank.
The news of the Portland bank's failure was received with interest in local banking circles, for of late it has been rarely that such information has been flashed over the wires. However, but little surprise and no apprehension was aroused by the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings company. According to local banking men the leaders in the bank that has failed are promoters and speculators rather than bankers. The bank was started but two years ago, and meeting with some success, the men back of it lost their heads and rushed in where conservative bankers would not tread. It is said that but a few weeks ago the bank was negotiating with the intention of securing a string of country banks in eastern Oregon, and that they proposed entering Pendleton.

The Oregon Savings & Trust company had quarters at the corner of Sixth and Washington streets and was fitted out in an unusual manner. At the street corner a large serpentine electric sign attracted much attention, but gave a vaudeville appearance to the bank.

"No Danger," Says Morris.
That the failure of the Portland bank to open its doors does not mean anything as far as the regular banking business is concerned, is declared by T. J. Morris, vice president of the Pendleton Savings bank. As a banker, Mr. Morris regrets the failure of any financial institution, though knowing the methods of the bank that failed he was not surprised at the news of its misfortune.

"There is no reason for any alarm at all in the northwest," declared Mr. Morris this afternoon. "While money is tight in the east, the conditions here are good, and the people have every reason to feel safe. The crops have been unusually good, high prices are being received, and the farmers are all well situated financially. But few have mortgages now, while 10 or 12 years ago everything was mortgaged to eastern houses, and interest had to be met."

\$200,000 Stolen.
Chicago, Aug. 21.—Arrested before nightfall are expected in Chicago in connection with the robbery of \$250,000 from three mail bags en route from Denver to Chicago on the Burlington. A package directed to a person in Chicago is supposed to contain part of the booty. It was traced through the post-office.

DELEGATES APPOINTED.

Attorney S. D. Peterson to Irrigation Congress in Sacramento.

Milton, Aug. 21.—The Progressive club of Milton met last night at its rooms over the bank. The meeting was attended by a large number of enthusiastic members.

The meeting was called to order by the president of the club, Mr. J. L. Miller. The business first transacted was that of appointing a delegate to the National Irrigation congress which will convene in Sacramento, California, in September. Attorney S. D. Peterson was chosen from this city and a committee composed of Dr. and Mrs. McQuary, S. D. Peterson, Tassy Stewart and W. A. Peterson were elected to prepare an exhibit for the convention.

Delegates were appointed to the District Development league, which convenes at Freewater, August 28. They were S. A. Miller, A. E. Troyer, L. Berry, H. M. Cockburn, Tassy Stewart, Mrs. M. Cockburn and Mrs. Lee Berry.

The Walla Walla street carnival offered Milton a booth for the carnival, and this was accepted and a committee appointed consisting of Mr. and Mrs. McQuary, Mr. and Mrs. L. Berry and Mrs. F. A. Sykes to arrange for advertising and other matters pertaining to the booth. A special meeting has been called of the Progressive club to be held Monday night to complete the unfinished business.

LAND THIEVES FOUND GUILTY

JOHN A. BENSON AND DR. PERRIN "GET THEIRS"

Judge Overtakes the Men Who by Perjury and Other False Pretenses Swindled the Government Out of Twelve Thousand Acres of Timber in Northern California.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—John A. Benson and Dr. Edward B. Perrin were today convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in securing 12,000 acres of land in Tehama county.

The verdict, which means a fine and imprisonment, was returned by a jury in the United States district court after being out about one hour. Only two ballots were required before the jury arrived at the decision to find the aged defendant guilty. Benson and Dr. Perrin were allowed to retain their liberty on bail. Judge De Haven set Thursday as a day of passing sentence.

J. C. Campbell made the closing argument for the defense at the morning session and in the afternoon United States District Attorney Devlin closed for the prosecution, summing up the case in a forceful manner.

In his charge Judge De Haven instructed the jurors that if they found from the evidence that Dr. Perrin had at any time subsequent to October 31, 1903, taken advantage of the contract with Benson he should be found guilty as charged. After the jury had been out half an hour they filed back into court and asked for the reading of letters Perrin wrote from Washington. Shell's reply and that part of the charge relating to Dr. Perrin's liability in connection with the Benson contract.

The verdict was returned in 10 minutes after the request of the jury had been granted. Dr. Perrin took the verdict very hard and was comforted by his two sons. Benson appeared to be dumfounded at the result.

The punishment provided by the statute is a fine of not less than \$1000 or more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not less than two years.

DISCOVERED PLOT.

To Assassinate King Carlos and the Premier of France.

Lisbon, Aug. 21.—An extensive plot to assassinate King Carlos and the premier of France was discovered through the explosion of a bomb in the tenement district of the city.

Thirty rebellious plotters were arrested and taken secretly aboard a ship and held in irons. They will be given a secret trial and probably exiled in confinement.

JUDGE BEAN RETURNS.

With Circuit Judge Back Criminal Business Will Revive.

Circuit Judge H. J. Bean has returned to the city from Lehman Springs, where he and his family have been staying during the past month. He arrived from the mountains this morning and this afternoon has been engaged in gathering up the legal threads where they were left when he went upon his vacation.

Several criminal cases have been waiting the return of Judge Bean and these will now be taken up shortly. However, criminals who wish to stand trial must wait for the regular jury session in September.

TRUST STOCKS DEPRESSED BY FEAR OF THE STATUTES

American Tobacco (Under Indictment) Dropped 29 Points Following Roosevelt's Speech.

Promise That the Laws Shall Be Enforced Until March 4, 1909, Makes the Trouble—Wall Street Is Filled With Maledictions and Depressed Trust Stocks—Roosevelt Recognizes that the Trust Managers Are Trying to Bring on a Panic and Defies Them in the Name of the Statutes Made and Provided—Law Abiding Corporations Are Safe.

New York, Aug. 21.—Following the publication of the president's speech, American tobacco dropped 29 points. This trust is on the list for prosecution. Wall street bulls and bears are sullenly anathematizing the president.

"Must Obey the Laws."
Provincetown, Mass., Aug. 21.—That portion of the president's speech which created real consternation is as follows:

"During the present trouble on the stock markets I have of course received countless references and suggestions that I should say or do something to ease the situation.

"There is a worldwide financial disturbance, and most of it I believe to be due to matters wholly unconnected with any governmental action. But it may well be that the determination of the government, in which it will not waver, to punish certain malefactors of great wealth, has been responsible for something of the trouble. I believe to the extent of having caused these men to contrive to bring on as much financial strife as possible in order to discredit the policy of the government and thereby secure a reversal of that policy so they may enjoy unolested the fruits of their own evil doings. They have misled many good people into believ-

REDUCED RATES TO PORTLAND.

During the Week Secretary Taft Is in That City.

Portland, Aug. 21.—(Special correspondence.)—Hon. William H. Taft, secretary of war, will spend all day in Portland Friday, September 6. He will speak at the Armory in the evening at 8 o'clock and seats will be reserved for every editor, for the officers of every commercial and industrial body, for the members of the last legislature, the state officers, the mayor of every city, and a limited number of delegates from all of the commercial bodies throughout Oregon, but these names must be reported and reservations made by Monday, September 2, by addressing Tom Richardson, secretary of the Oregon Development league, Portland.

Everybody in the state will be welcome at this meeting, in addition to the reservations mentioned, and it is desired that the larger portion of the audience be from outside of Portland. A rate of a fare and a third for the round trip has been made for the occasion from Pendleton and all points west on the O. R. & N., and from Roseburg and all points north on the Southern Pacific.

The meat and bread of Oregon advertising is the colonist rates. The people of Oregon are not neglecting this opportunity and there will be thousands of people come to this state to find homes between September 1 and October 31. However, do your portion and write another letter just as soon as you lay down this paper, to some friend in the older states, who should get the advantage of the low one-way rates to Oregon.

The different organizations composing the Oregon Development league have now had printed 112,000 of the official letter heads. That looks like going some.

Albert Phenix, staff correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore, and one of the country's best posted correspondents on industrial subjects, is making a study of Oregon and the Pacific northwest, in connection with a trip, including all of the Pacific coast. The report of Mr. Phenix will be decidedly complimentary to Oregon.

One hundred prominent business men of Brooklyn, N. Y., composing the Brooklyn league, will spend all of August in Portland. These men are visiting the different cities of the country studying municipal conditions everywhere.

W. E. Shaffer visited Portland last week in the interest of the Tillamook county fair and street carnival, to be held in Tillamook August 22, 23 and 24, and wants delegates from all over the state.

DEBATE REFERENDUM.

Feature of Washington Public School Work This Winter.

Olympia, Aug. 21.—State School Superintendent R. B. Bryan has addressed a circular letter to the principals of all the accredited schools in the state of Washington, advising them that a second series of joint debates would be held during the com-

ing there should be such a reversal of policy. If so, I'm sorry.

"Once for all, let me say that as far as I'm concerned, and for the 18 months of my presidency remaining, there will be no change in the policy we have steadily pursued, or any let-up in the efforts to secure an honest observance of the laws, for I regard this contest as one to determine who shall rule this free country.

"Shall the rulers of this country be the people, through their governmental agents, or a few ruthless, domineering men whose wealth makes them peculiarly formidable because they hide behind corporate organizations?"

"I wish there should be no mistakes on this point: It is idle to ask me not to prosecute criminals, rich or poor, but I desire to have it understood that we have not and will not sanction any action of a vindictive type, and above all sanction no action which will inflict great and unmerited suffering upon innocent stockholders, and upon the public as a whole.

"It is our purpose to act with the minimum of harshness compatible with attaining our ends. Business can only be done through corporations, and we propose to favor those corporations which observe the laws."

TWO WOMEN MURDERED.

Crime Supposed to Be to Accomplish a Hobby.

Camden, N. J., Aug. 21.—A negro today murdered the wife of Edward Horner, a farmer, on their farm near Merchantsville. He also killed a servant, Mrs. Victoria Napoli, for the purpose of murder and robbery. The assassin fired the barn to distract the attention of the household first.

Charles Gibson, a negro, was arrested in Philadelphia on suspicion this afternoon. The negro had two pawn tickets, one of which was for a watch whereon Horner's name was inscribed.

TRIP TO LOS ANGELES.

At Expense of Glass According to Report of Heney.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The Glass trial dragged on this morning. A great portion of the time was taken up in reading the minutes. The Pacific Telephone company, Heney announced, would introduce evidence showing that the Oakland board of supervisors took a trip to Los Angeles a year ago at the expense of Glass.

TIEUP WELL NIGH COMPLETE.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—The government is unable to reach but two points in the northwest for board of trade weather reports, and none from the Canadian northwest. Officials of the union are indignant at reports of weakening, and declare the strike is stronger than ever. Officials of the companies claim they are doing business all right.

Discontinue Proceedings.

Concord, N. H., Aug. 21.—The suit against the Eddy estate was formally withdrawn today, and the proceedings to determine Mrs. Eddy's mental condition was discontinued.

Safe Forced and Robbed at Elgin.

A bold and clever robbery was perpetrated here last Saturday, when the combination to the vault in the Elgin forwarding company's warehouse was turned by means of tools. Sunday morning found the warehouse side door open and the manager, E. W. Rumble investigated the unusual fact only to find that the safe had been opened and \$140 in cash and \$700 in checks of no value to anybody but the company itself, had been taken and the robber escaped in safety. One of the checks was drawn by S. R. Harworth of La Grande, in favor of the company.—La Grande Observer (Elgin correspondent.)

TO START SEPTEMBER 5.

Palmer Mill People Predict That Date Will See Logs in Pond.

La Grande, Aug. 21.—The 5th of September, it is predicted by the George Palmer Lumber company officials, will see logs in the mill pond from the company's timber holdings.

The O. R. & N. is already accumulating the extra classes of flat cars, and when a sufficient number have been set aside for log hauling purposes, they will be supplied with unloading arrangements, which is a simple yet effective piece of mechanism. The side post can be detached by a simple turn and allow practically all the logs on the car to fall off. Sixty men are building the tracks to the company siding which taps the timber belt. In the meantime the mill will be kept in order to start at almost a moment's notice.

Texas Confederate Union.

Bowie, Texas, Aug. 21.—This town is alive with confederate veterans, sons of confederate veterans, daughters of the confederacy and other visitors, come to attend the annual state reunion of the veterans. Appearances indicate that the reunion, which will last until the end of the week, will be the most enthusiastic gathering of the veterans of the lost cause ever held in Texas. Major General K. M. Van Zandt, of Fort Worth, commander of the Texas division, is one of the central figures among the visitors. Governor Campbell and Senator Bailey are among the scheduled speakers.

HOW FAR SHOULD GOVERNMENT GO?

HOT TIMES AHEAD IN THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Management Invites Discussion of Every Phase of the Irrigation Problem—Senators Heyburn, Clark of Wyoming, Fulton and Patterson Will Oppose the Policy of Government Reclamation.

Sacramento, Aug. 21.—The national irrigation congress, which will be held in this city September 2-7 next, promises to be the scene of some of the liveliest debates in recent history. The management has practically calld both the supporters and the opponents of what is known as the administration policy with reference to the public land to defend their respective positions on the rostrum here.

The question of how far the national government should go in the control of the public lands is recognized as one of the leading questions before the American people, and the irrigation management wants these discussed because it proposes that this shall be a congress of real, live, up-to-date issues. During the last two or three weeks letters and telegrams have been sent from the headquarters in this city to men who are especially prominent and whose participation would make this a debate of national importance.

List of Heavy Debaters.
Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, has responded with the assertion that he will come prepared to debate with any man the government's forest policy. Among others who have been invited to interest themselves, either by participating in person or by seeing to it that the issue is properly presented here, are United States Senator Burkett of Nebraska, Governor Francis of Oklahoma, Senator Warren of Wyoming, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, Senator Nelson of Minnesota and Murdo MacKenzie, president of the American Livestock association of Colorado.

Among the opponents of administration policies who have been addressed in the matter are United States Senator Heyburn of Idaho, Governor Brooks of Wyoming, Governor Butcher of Colorado, Congressman Mondell of Wyoming, Congressman Clark of Washington, Senator Clark of Wyoming, Senator Fulton of Oregon, Senator Patterson of Colorado, Senator Carter of Montana, and Dr. J. M. Wilson, president of the American Wool Growers' association of Wyoming.

AN ENORMOUS CRAB APPLE.

And Other Fruits Will Be Exhibited By Tassie Stewart.

Tassie Stewart, the well-known resident of Milton and member of the Progressive club there, was in the city today. While here he consulted with Secretary Fitz Gerald regarding the Milton exhibit at the coming district fair. Mr. Stewart is planning to have some fruit on exhibit here in September, and he was seeking a preservative formula yesterday.

Among the fruit which Mr. Stewart will bring to the fair is a mammoth crab apple. It is so large that the owner cannot find a glass jar large enough to display it in. Nevertheless, it will be on exhibit at the fair and will be a close rival to Irrigator's jumbo watermelon, should the latter be at the fair again.

MANY SOLDIERS KILLED.

Sultan's Troops Defeated a Great Force of Natives.

Tangier, Aug. 21.—Six hundred soldiers were killed, and the Jews are barricading themselves in their shops against an attack.

Villages Burned.

London, Aug. 21.—The sultan's troops defeated the great forces of natives, according to a Tangier dispatch. The villages were burned and looted.

In 75 years no man has been elected governor of Iowa who was born in the state. And of the six judges of the supreme court at the present time, not one is Iowa-born.

PREPARING FOR DISTRICT FAIR

Will Open One Month From Today for Second Annual Show in Pendleton.

PEOPLE READY AND WILLING TO BRING EXHIBITS

An Addition of Fifty Feet Will be Made on the South Side of Pavilion—All Commissioners Will be Here September First to Begin Active Work for the Success of the Fair—Morrow County Is Also Taking an Active Interest—Secretary's Office Established at Pavilion.

One month from Friday the doors of the fair pavilion will swing open for the second annual show of the Third District Agricultural society, and during the intervening time the commissioners and other officials of the society will lead busy lives. To properly arrange for the holding of the fair upon the broad scale planned for this fall means much arduous work for many. However, this year the commission is more fortunate than last year in that the pavilion is already constructed and more general interest is being taken in the matter.

"Last year," said Commissioner Roosevelt this morning, "the fair was a new thing for eastern Oregon, and but few knew really what was coming. So naturally farmers and stockmen were slow to bring in their exhibits. But this summer the feeling is different. Those who participated last fall went home with honors that were sources of much satisfaction, and in addition the exhibitors had received favorable advertising that meant dollars and cents to them in their business. The fact that the fair was enjoyed by all who attended it and that the total admissions for the week exceeded those at the state fair in Salem proved that the fair was appreciated by the people of the two counties.

"This year the commissioners have found people more ready to exhibit their farm products and livestock, and the fair will be a better one in consequence. With the addition of 50 feet on the south side of the pavilion, plenty of room will be provided for the extra displays, and every effort will be made to handle the exhibits in a satisfactory manner."

At present Commissioner Roosevelt is the only commissioner in the city, and he, with Secretary Fitz Gerald, has been carrying on the preparatory work thus far. However, Lee Teusch is expected home from the east about Saturday, while Leon Cohen will reach home about September 1. Upon their arrival the wheels will be started in earnest, and the detailed program for the week will soon be decided upon.

This morning Secretary Fitz Gerald received the printed premium lists from the state printer, and copies of the same will be forwarded to intending exhibitors upon application.

An office for the secretary has been established at the northwest corner of the pavilion, and all exhibitors are requested to see that their displays are registered at the office.

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The Grand Ronde lumber company at Perry has closed down one-half of its sawing equipment and will clean up the season's run with one-half the capacity.

Harriman Importing Laborers.

Omaha, Aug. 21.—The scarcity of labor in the west is acute. The Harriman lines are opening coal mines and ordering laborers from Australia. Japanese are getting as high as \$175 a month.