

WEATHER REPORT.

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LA GRANDE BANK WRECKED TO OCCUPY A CELL

J. W. Scriber Fails to Give \$25,000 Bail When Arraigned Before U. S. Commissioner Hailey.

Self-Confessed Embezzler and Forger Brought to Pendleton Last Night—Arraigned on Forgery Charge Preferred by Deputy United States Marshal—Gives Up All Hope of Keeping Out of Jail When Amount of Bond Is Announced—Taken to Portland Today—Scared Bondsmen Responsible for His Second and Third Arrests—Pathetic Scene at the Wrecking of His Own Home Emphasizes Heartlessness of the Peculating Financier—Smiles and Sleeps Like an Innocent Child.

J. W. Scriber, the La Grande bank wrecker, this morning gave up the fight to keep himself out of jail, and unable to procure the \$25,000 bail demanded by United States Commissioner Hailey at the hearing this morning when the peculating cashier was arraigned in this city upon a second charge, one of forgery, preferred by Deputy United States Attorney W. H. Evans.

When I got him to the train. But he didn't. He took it coolly. He could even sleep. When we reached Pendleton he paid for a special guard and we went to a room in the hotel where we both slept. And he seemed to be as undisturbed as a child.

Although Scriber's shortages, according to the report of the bank examiners, will amount to more than \$120,000, until last evening the bank wrecker was out on bonds of \$15,000, the amount having been fixed at a time when it seemed quite ample to cover all shortages.

"I have been 15 years in this business. I was on the police force in Baker City, a guard at the penitentiary, on the Portland police force, I was chief of police at the Oaks, I have for years been a detective, but I never before saw a man so nearly without a heart as J. W. Scriber.

When the amount of bail demanded was made known, Scriber this morning declared that he would make no effort to furnish such a sum. He declared that should he do so additional charges would be preferred, and more bail demanded with each recurring success in providing bonds, and that it would simply be impossible for him to keep out of jail by providing bonds.

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MUST AVOID APPEARANCE OF SCREENS

Mayor Murphy sounded the death knell of screens, as a feature of the near-beer parlors of Pendleton this morning when Chief of Police Tom Gurdane received orders to proceed with a strict enforcement of the city's ordinance providing that all such obstructions should be at once removed, and that all near beer saloons be provided with windows through which the entire interior of the rooms so used might be seen from the street on which they are located.

Several persons were injured today in a panic when the motorman of a Bryant and Polk street car collided with another car. The latter car had jumped the track and was being put back on when the accident occurred.

UNKNOWN MAN CHOKES GIRL NEARLY TO DEATH

Tacoma, Oct. 29.—Miss Rachel Hansen, an 18-year-old waitress, while going home Sunday night, was thrown into the street by an unknown man and choked nearly to death before released. The man made no pretense to rob or maltreat her beyond the choking and his conduct is a mystery to the police.

A search of the spot with lantern revealed Miss Hansen's furs, hat, umbrella and purse. The man wore no mask, and the girl is unable to account for his action.

A week ago a strange man entered a house here and chloroformed a girl and then quietly decamped without injuring her or robbing the house.

TAFT MAKING HIS FINAL NEW YORK DASH

New York, Oct. 29.—Taft is on his way today for a final dash through the state, going to Syracuse, where he will speak today. He will cover much the same course as the Bryan special.

Carnegie is for Taft. New York, Oct. 29.—Carnegie declared himself for Taft when he stepped from the gang plank of the steamer Adriatic on his return from Europe. He said there is no doubt of his election.

BIG RECEPTION GIVEN BRYAN

SENATOR HILL APPEARS ON POLITICAL PLATFORM

Former Political Leader in New York Who Has Taken No Part in Campaign for Years Says Time Has Come for Change—Declares Alarming Stories of Depression Following Bryan's Election Are Utter.

Troy, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Bryan was up early today to begin his second day's campaign in upper New York state. He was apparently refreshed, though yesterday was one of the hardest days of the campaign.

The reception at Albany last night was one of the features of the campaign. He is scheduled to speak to-day at Cohoes, Utica, Rome, Oneida, Canastota and Syracuse.

The Commoner was introduced last night by former United States Senator Hill of New York. This was the first time in years Hill has appeared on a political platform.

He said it is time we had a change and that the alarming stories that a period of depression would follow Bryan's election were being circulated by republicans for effect. He said the democratic principles were better for the people.

ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE ARMY OFFICIALS.

Seattle, Oct. 29.—Lieutenant Jacob Schick of the 10th infantry, is here today on his way to Fort Gibbon, Alaska, to appear as the principal witness in the trial of A. G. Vashon, accused of attempting to bribe army officers to award him a contract to supply wood for the fort and also to be a witness in the \$50,000 suit instituted against Vashon.

CORONER DISCHARGED FOR SUPPRESSING SUICIDE NEWS.

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 29.—Because he suppressed news of the suicide of Miss Ethel Butner, the Roosevelt hospital nurse, who hanged herself in a bathroom at that institution, two weeks ago, Deputy Coroner Charles Jameson was discharged today.

Itain Don't Stop Bryan.

Schenectady, Oct. 29.—Bryan addressed employees of the locomotive works and the general electric company today in a drenching rain.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR INTERURBAN

Way Now Clear for Electric Line, Work on Power Plant Under Way.

"MONEY ALREADY SECURED."

SAYS E. S. ISAACS TODAY.

Granting of Franchise by Walla Walla Council Removes Big Obstacles in Path of Project—Company Now Busy With Preliminary Plans—No Statement as to When Construction Work Will Commence Upon Electric Line—The Franchise Changes.

"We are now in a position to go ahead with our preliminary arrangements for building the Walla Walla-Pendleton interurban line," declared E. S. Isaacs in a "phone message to the East Oregonian this afternoon.

Continuing Mr. Isaacs declared that the money for the company's project was secured many weeks ago so that there is no difficulty upon that score. Apparently everything is now clear for the carrying out of the company's plans.

Now Developing Power. "We have had men at work for the past two weeks developing the company's power site," said Mr. Isaacs.

The franchise that was finally granted to the traction company was changed in several particulars from the one originally introduced several weeks ago.

The second paragraph of section 2, number 1, which reads as follows: "And the city of Walla Walla reserves the right to require said grantee to hereafter place in underground conduits, all overhead wires and conductors in such parts of streets which may be hereafter designated by the city council as business districts, by order requiring all such wires and conductors in such districts to be placed underground, except that iron anchor posts for the support of street lamps at street intersections, with the necessary wires, shall be permitted."

There is also a slight change in section 2, number 2, which contains the following: "The said grantee, its successors and assigns shall, within two years after the passage of this ordinance have the said city of Walla Walla adequately covered with a system of wires for the transmission and distribution of light, heat and power, to fill any reasonable and legitimate demand and within a reasonable time."

Whereas, in the previous ordinance the passage read as follows: "The said grantee, its successors and assigns shall, within two years after the passage of this ordinance, have the said city of Walla Walla adequately covered with a system of wires for the transmission and distribution of light, heat and power, to fill a legitimate demand."

Change of Charge Made. One of the most notable changes in the amended document from the ordinance introduced in the council formerly is the clause in section 4 regarding the amount to be charged for electricity. In the original ordinance a maximum price of 12 cents per kilowatt for electricity was prescribed while in the amended ordinance the regulation is that the price shall at all times be reasonable, but no maximum is quoted.

Another difference is the absence of section 6 of the former ordinance, which read as follows: "Any officer or employe of the grantee, its successors and assigns, who shall, in the operation of the electric system herein provided for, violate any of the terms of this franchise, or any other person who willfully or unlawfully obstructs or interferes with either the construction, maintenance or operation of the electric system herein provided for shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, before the city justice of the peace, shall be punished

by a fine of not less than \$5 and not more than \$100, or imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 29 days, or both fine and imprisonment."

NEW YORK BETTING IS FAVORABLE TO TAFT.

New York, Oct. 29.—Bets that Taft will be elected were placed today in the financial district at odds of three to one on the republican candidate. The cotton exchange people who are wagering are also laying odds that Hughes will be elected, but there is more Chanler than Bryan money in sight.

There are no wagers that either Hughes or Chanler will carry the state by any stated vote. Chanler men are getting odds of 9 to 10 and 8 to 10. There was one bet of \$500 that Bryan would carry the United States by a plurality of 10,000.

ALBANY FINALLY TO HAVE ELECTRIC CARS

Albany, Ore., Oct. 29.—After a delay of many months and much wrangling, A. Welch this morning began preparations for the construction of the first street electric line. Ties were distributed along the streets and grade stakes are being made. He has evidently given up the second street franchise.

NOTED INDIAN FIGHTER DIES IN SALEM.

Salem, Ore., Oct. 29.—Benjamin Hayden, aged 86, one of the pathfinders to California, in 1849, and a pioneer who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852, died this morning. He was a noted Indian fighter.

Two Suicides Identical.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—Two suicides, almost identical in the manner of their accomplishment, were reported to the coroner. William Ebken, a 26-year-old electrician, left the dinner table yesterday where his family were assembled, went to his room and killed himself with a shotgun. Desraj Chozreir, a laborer, earlier in the day left the table after a meal and killed himself by shooting.

JUROR BRIBER HAS CONFESSED

IMPLICATES RUEF AND HIS ATTORNEYS

San Francisco Contractor Says Attorneys Gave Him Thousand Dollars to Offer Juror That Ruef Offered Him \$10,000 to Keep Quiet After He Was Arrested—Confession Creates Sensation.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—E. A. Blake, a local contractor, confessed at noon today to the crime of attempting to bribe John M. Kelly, a venireman allied to sit as a juror to try charge of bribery. The confession has created a sensation.

It implicates Attorneys Frank Murphy and A. S. Newburgh, representing Ruef. Blake said Murphy gave him a thousand dollars to offer Kelly and says Ruef offered him \$10,000 to keep silent after he was arrested. Blake was tried and convicted of attempting to bribe. He has not been sentenced.

MAN ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT INSANE

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—James C. Tomalty, for 10 years head bookkeeper in the office of the city treasurer, and now under arrest, charged with an alleged conspiracy by which \$60,000 were stolen from the funds of the city, is believed by attendants to be a raving maniac. Last night he began to act strangely and his condition is so serious that an examination will probably be ordered.

Modesty is the beauty of women.—Irish.

STREET COMMITTEE GETS INTO TROUBLE

When the city council of Pendleton several months ago ordered the improvement of one block on Jackson street, the grade of which was arbitrarily lowered, it laid the foundation for trouble and the trouble resulted when, undertaking to run some of the intersecting streets into Jackson, it was found that many other grades would have to be reestablished. At last night's council meeting an ordinance providing for the improvement of Lincoln, Perkins avenue, Jackson, Riley and Mark streets, among others, was introduced and tabled until next week in order to provide time for more thorough investigation of the needs of that district. It was referred to the street committee and the acting city engineer, J. P. Kimbrell. The council tabled an ordinance

REPUBLICANS IN GREAT FRIGHT

Walter Wellman Thinks Fear May Save Taft on a Small Plurality.

OHIO AND INDIANA CONCEDED TO DEMOCRATS

High Authority on Political Situation Declares That Struggle Is Now One Between Republicans With Wealth and Democracy With Organized Labor as Chief Auxiliaries—Taft Leaders Said to No Longer Fear the Result Since Money Is Assured.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—"Another Bryan scare running through the country has aroused the republicans and apparently insured Taft's election by a small plurality," declared Walter Wellman, who is regarded as high authority on the political situation in the Record-Herald today.

"The most noteworthy feature of the closing days of the campaign is the fright over the possibility of Bryan's success which has suddenly seized the country. The first effect has been to provide the republican campaign managers with more than they dreamed of getting. The second effect has been to get a considerable part of the business interests actively against Bryan.

"Apathy among the business men has disappeared. The struggle is now one between the republicans with wealth and business as a coadjutor against democracy, with organized labor and the unemployed as chief auxiliary.

"With plenty of money and the business men discarding their previous attitude of indifference, Taft leaders no longer fear the outcome, despite the probable loss of Ohio and Indiana."

SHIP WRECKED—CAPTAIN AND CREW ARE LOST.

London, Oct. 29.—Captain Avis and his crew of 22 men of the steamer Yarmouth, are believed to be lost in the wreck of the vessel in the North Sea. The cause of the wreck is unknown. Several bodies have been recovered. The Yarmouth was bound from Rotterdam to Harwick with a cargo of freight.

ARRESTED FOR SELLING BOGUS CLEVELAND LETTER

New York, Oct. 29.—Broughton Brandenburg, the magazine writer, arrested in connection with the sale to the New York Times of a letter purporting to be an endorsement of Taft by the late President Cleveland, was arraigned in court at the general sessions today. The indictment charges larceny in the second degree. A bond of \$1500 was furnished.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT.

Boston, Oct. 29.—The Woman's Suffrage association in session here today, sent Roosevelt an appeal, asking that he include in his forthcoming message to congress a recommendation for an appropriation of a suitable sum to be used for "promoting friendly international relations and courtesies."

RIOTOUS WOMEN ARE COMMITTED TO JAIL.

London, Oct. 29.—Twelve women who participated in the suffragette disturbance in the visitors' gallery in the house of commons yesterday, and one man were sent to prison today for terms ranging from a week to a month. Many bruised women appeared in court.