

## Alleged Cause of Bank Failure Found In Salt Lake City

C. H. Owen, wanted in Jackson county on a charge of aiding W. H. Johnson, cashier and ex-president of the Bank of Jacksonville, to defraud that institution of \$21,000, was arrested in Salt Lake City Sunday, according to telegraphic dispatches from there, and is held for the Jackson county authorities. On receiving word of Owen's arrest, Prosecutor Moore and Sheriff Terrill called up the governor's office at Salem by telephone and made arrangements for the issuing of extradition papers quickly. Sheriff Terrill then later left with the understanding that the papers would be delivered to him as he passed through Salem on his way to Salt Lake City to bring Owen back to Jackson county.

The search for Owen has been kept up since last October, when he was indicted by the grand jury for his alleged part in wrecking the bank, which failed in August. The request for his arrest reached Salt Lake City Saturday. How the Jackson county authorities got his address has not been revealed.

Bail for Owen was fixed at \$25,000 by request of Rawles Moore, district attorney of Jackson county. Owen

has expressed his willingness to return to Oregon without fighting extradition. He declared that the charge against him was a mistake, and that he did not have anything to do with the fraud. Aside from that, he declined to talk about the case.

Owen is reported to be about 50 years of age, and is the man who purchased the Buckeye orchards near Talent several years ago, where he fitted up a handsome home with all the luxuries of a modern bungalow and posed as a man of means.

Word received by the officers at Salt Lake City was to the effect that Owen was accused of defrauding the bank by a direct overdraft. It was alleged that he and Johnson, cashier in the bank, indulged in a joint speculation in land in Nevada. Johnson, it was said, put up most of the money while Owen, according to the officers, promoted the scheme.

It was alleged that the total of the overdraft was in the neighborhood of \$60,000, although only \$21,000 was included in the complaint against Owen. The alleged overdraft was not discovered until after the bank had failed and after Owen had been gone from Oregon for several months.



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The Memorial is the most prominent question before the American Legion just now. It is interesting to note the splendid work of the various committees from all organizations represented. The interest displayed by the committees from the G. A. R., the W. R. C. and the D. A. R. and Chamber of Commerce with their timely suggestions and helpful and mature advice has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to our committee from the American Legion. The job is going over with a boom and it will be a permanent memorial to the kindly thoughts of all who subscribe to the fund needed for its erection. Saturday, April 2 and Monday, April 4 have been designated as donation days for this fund. Even if you cannot give toward it, your voice in its support will be appreciated. Talk it and think it for a week anyway.

Right along this line it will be interesting to note the work of the American Legion nationally. The National organization has started a campaign to raise the necessary funds with which to insure the proper decoration and commemoration of our graves "over there." Each organization has been asked to contribute at the rate of ten cents for each member in good standing on March 1, 1921, but not less than \$5 from each post. This fund will be handled by our national treasurer and will be proportionately distributed between the graves of France, Great Britain and Belgium, Italy and Germany. The American Legion posts in these countries will have especially designated committees to attend to this work in their respective countries. It is a noble work and a noble cause, and we heartily appreciate this opportunity to do our bit.

This work is all done by the Americans, but that does not take into account such beautiful tributes as are paid annually by our friends in France. A beautiful letter was received from France a short time ago, by one of our members who has a brother "over there," telling how they deposit flowers and tears of love and honor on the graves of our boys who are so far from home. Those people over there do not forget. It is to them a sacred duty and an honor for them to pay tribute to our dead for us.

Our monument for permanent Memorial of the Honored Dead, does not mean for the World War dead alone, but is bullded to commemor-

ate the dead of ALL our WARS from the first up to and including the World War. While the American Legion is taking the active part of the preparations, it is only upon the advice and co-operation of all the other organizations that this action is taken. The privilege and honor of taking part in this great undertaking belongs to all alike, no soliciting is contemplated; it will be left to your own desires.

Ashland Post No. 14 has received a communication from Weed Post No. 71, of Weed, Calif., inviting our attention to the fact that they are going to stage a real celebration for July Fourth this year. They state that their celebration will be different from the old drift of such celebrations. It is to be sane, attractive and instructive in every detail, with special attractions of interest to members of the American Legion. More detailed information will be given out at a later date. They are very much in earnest in their endeavor for an extra good one this year and have an extra good cause for which the hope to raise some funds with which to develop it. All monies gained from the celebration will be spent in the erection of a children's recreation park, in attendance at this celebration, which is most worthy indeed. A healthy change from our time ridden celebrations would be greatly appreciated by all. Weed Post has our very best wishes.

The ex-service men and the Civil Service positions are pretty thoroughly dovetailed together. There is a law in effect at this time that protects the ex-service man where his work is good. We quote as follows: "That in the event of reductions being made in the force in any of the executive departments, no honorably discharged soldier or sailor whose record in said department is rated good, shall be discharged or dropped, or reduced in rank or salary."

There is a pretty stiff little penalty attached to the law for violators of its provisions, which make it scarcely worth while to attempt it.

There is to be a special election held on the seventh of next June (June 7, 1921), at which time it will be decided by the people of Oregon whether the wish to have the ex-service persons of this state paid a

## "Baby Croesus Is Now a Man Crown

NEW YORK, April 5.—No longer is he "Baby Brown, the infant Croesus," although he is still a croesus, for \$20,000,000 is a golden nest egg to last a lifetime, and John Nicholas Brown, who celebrated his twenty-first birthday in Boston recently, has grown up to be a man. For two decades he has been known as the richest boy in the world. As a child he had a town house in Fifth avenue, New York city, and a villa in Newport. He had a bodyguard of detectives and a swarm of tutors, nursemaids and governesses smothered him with attentions until his life became the classic of the "poor little rich boy."

Now a sophomore at Harvard, he walked out of the classroom the other day at the close of his class in economics and went to his mother's home to celebrate formally the event of his birthday. He did not even pause at his luxurious apartment on the "Gold Coast," for he was too intent on officially leaving behind him the odious name of "Baby" Brown that has clung to him for so many years.

It was in 1900, when he was only a few weeks old, that he came into the first of the many inheritances that were to swell his present-day fortune. His father, a multi-millionaire, died, leaving his infant son \$6,000,000 in his own right. Within a few weeks of his father's demise "Baby" Brown's uncle, Harold Brown, also died, leaving to the infant millionaire a fortune said to have been \$1,000,000. Other bequests from wealthy relatives added to his estate until at the present time he is rated at more than \$20,000,000.

Virtually all of his life has been spent at Newport, where he grew up under the watchful eye of his mother, Mrs. John Nicholas Brown, whose life bugaboo has been the fear that her wealthy son would be kidnapped and held for ransom. The boy was never permitted to go out alone, and as he grew up he was never without a "companion" of particular build who accompanied him no matter where he went.

During the war young Brown had his only taste of real life as other boys live it. He enlisted in the Harvard naval unit, and as a common "rob" came into contact with scrub buckets and such things and learned how to "holystone" a deck. He even did "kitchen police" and found the sensation so novel after a lifetime as the richest boy in the world that he preferred to remain behind, peeling potatoes, to going skylarking with the other "jabs." But the war came to an end, and he had to return to his job of being the richest boy in the world. He is studying to fit himself to become a banker.

## FUNNY THINGS NOT SEEN UNDER MOVIE CAMERA

What the camera does not see often has a decidedly humorous phase.

In a "close-up" in "Wealth," an Ethel Clayton picture now being filmed by William D. Taylor for Paramount Herbert Rawlinson and a gay cabaret party are supposed to be enjoying the antics of a chorus of bathing girls.

When it came time for the "shot" repairs to one of the chorus costumes made necessary a substitution.

And so it is that the laughter convulsed faces of the close-ups are reacting to, not luscious bathing girls, but semi-portly Frank O'Connor, ex-minstrel star, now assistant director, who combined a waist of false hair and a tiptilted derby with a clever art fresco presentation of the hula hula.

Then, for a second "shot" of the close-up, O'Connor put on the "cake walk," a dance at which he was a special adept in the days of black-face.

"It all goes to show," said producer Taylor in commenting on the resourcefulness of his assistant, "That you can never tell when former knowledge will prove valuable."

## Will Give Talk About Near East

Dr. Lincoln Wirt will give an address on the "Near East" in the Presbyterian church Thursday evening, April 7, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Wirt is a native of Michigan. Most of his early life was spent on the Pacific coast. He was appointed territorial superintendent of education by the United States government, founding the public schools which today are farthest north.

After three years in the Arctic, Dr. Wirt spent seven succeeding years in world-wide travel, journeying extensively throughout China, Japan, the Philippines, Australia, the South Sea Islands, Africa, Europe and Central America.

In 1915 Dr. Wirt was sent to Italy, France, Belgium and England as special war correspondent for the Boston Herald.

In 1918 he was appointed a member of the Red Cross publicity commission, given the rank of captain, and again visited the trenches on three fronts during the great German drive. Upon his return he became the special representative of the Red Cross of New England.

In 1919 he was asked by the "American Committee for the Relief of the Near East" to join the relief expedition which sailed in January for Constantinople. There he was given charge of a chain of relief stations stretching from the Syrian ports eastward into Mesopotamia.

In recognition of his original contributions to the study of comparative ethnology, he was made a "member" and later a "fellow" of the Royal Geographical Society. His lectures before the Armour Institute of Technology brought him the degree of doctor of science.

This address will be free.

## Freight On Wool Reduced

The Southern Pacific Company announces a reduction in the freight rates on imported wool from California coast ports to New York Pier 54 Southern Pacific, Galveston and Morgan Lines, to become effective April 4. The rate is as follows:

Wool in grease, in bales, machine-compressed to not less than 23 pounds per cubic foot, minimum carload weight 20,000 lbs. \$1.25. Old rate \$1.65 1/2.

Wool, scoured, in bales, machine-compressed to not less than 17 lbs. per cubic foot, minimum carload weight 20,000 pounds, \$1.50. The old rate was \$2.15 1/2.

A large amount of wool has been coming into San Francisco recently from Australia, with New York and Boston as its final destination.

## RAIN DRIVES MANY MEN TO MATRIMONY

CHICAGO, April 5.—Night's the time for wooing, oh! said a well-known Scotch authority.

But L. C. Legner, in charge of the Cook county marriage license bureau, has another version.

"When it's rainy and the fog settles down over the old town, why people just naturally get lonely," said Legner, "and they dream of cozy flats and fireplaces, slippers and homemade biscuits—they want to love and hold hands."

"So on rainy days we issue many more marriage licenses than when the sun is shining brightly."

Dan Cupid is still as active as ever this year, but marriage licenses are falling off, according to Legner. High rents, the employment situation, or "something else" is the cause, Legner doesn't quite know.

Last year 42,503 couples were married in Cook county. The A. E. F. got married in 1920. But now most of the war romances have gone on the rocks or the participants are married. But 1921 is going to be a bad year for weddings.

"This marriage license window is an excellent barometer for the country's economic condition," added Legner.

Cupid's agent, however, denied that romance is waning and that people aren't lovin' no more.

"One can be in love and not get married," he explained.

Dispatches here from other cities of the United States reflect a similar condition. People are putting off their weddings until the jobs look safer.

## ASHLAND HEADS R. R. VALLEY WITH PARK LOCATION

An adequate tourist camp ground for Medford is simply a business proposition. Without it, Medford will lose the share of the growing tourist crop, to which it is entitled.

And with the tourist season close at hand, immediate action is imperative. Tourists are already beginning to arrive. In two months the 1921 pilgrimage will be in full swing.

Medford as a tourist center can not compete with Ashland, for Nature in her wisdom, has decreed otherwise. Ashland will always remain the tourist center of Jackson county, just as Medford will always remain the commercial center.

But this does not mean Medford should renounce the tourist crop entirely. A certain proportion of the travellers will prefer a stop in the commercial center of the valley, if a decent stopping place is provided. This has not been done in the past. It should be done now, for the future.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

## GERMANY DUMPING GOODS IN BELGIUM

(By R. H. Sheffield, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

BRUSSELS (By Mail).—In a formal note addressed to the Belgian government, the Belgian Federation of Contractors charges Germany with perfecting a gigantic system of dumping. This is declared to be so formidable that no industry outside of Germany can fight against it unless determined and rapid action is taken at once.

It is further charged that the whole financial power of the German state has been placed at the disposal of German industry, enabling German firms to grant the most liberal kind of terms in the way of long-time credits. This is protection the Belgian contractors declare.

This incident arose between the Belgian government and the Belgian Federation of Contractors, when the government recently accepted a German proposal to supply rolling stock for the Belgian State Railways.

Incorporated in the protest is a denunciation of governmental policy in ordering German goods at an apparent saving of 18,000,000 franc when it is declared, Belgium will in the long run stand to lose 21,000,000 francs by reason of unemployment and so forth.

The protest declares it is a false policy to consider solely and wholly the mere question of lowness of price and quickness of delivery and makes a plea for governmental assistance for strictly national industries, now suffering from scarcity of foreign orders, thereby making local business all the more valuable.

By awarding governmental orders to a foreign country, the protest points out, Belgium is deprived of a valuable source of revenue at a time when it is badly needed.

Mrs. Will Myer has gone to Portland as delegate to the Degree of Honor lodge, which meets in convention there this week.

## ALL BUT TWO COUNTIES EXEMPT FROM DIPPING

The State livestock sanitary board has just issued a proclamation in compliance with Section 11 of Chapter 223 of the Laws of 1907, which permits them on or before April 1 of each year to declare certain territory within the State of Oregon as being apparently free from sheep scabies, and declaring the annual dipping of all sheep within such territory that are not actually affected or exposed to sheep scab as unnecessary. This year's proclamation exempts all territory within the State of Oregon, excepting Deschutes and Lake counties.

Inspection is now being carried on in these two counties and if it is found the infected territory is only limited and there is but little exposure certain portions of these two counties may be exempted from the annual dipping requirements by the unanimous consent of the members of the State livestock sanitary board. The federal government will largely supervise the scab eradication control work carried out in Oregon this year.

## Clark Resigns to Enter Business

A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries, and a well-known frequent visitor to Ashland, has tendered his resignation to the board of directors of the organization to go into the automobile and garage business in Bend with J. L. Van Hatter, his brother-in-law. The latter already owns half interest in the Central Oregon Motor Co. of Bend, and Mr. Clark has purchased the other half of the business. He will sever his connection with the Associated Industries as soon as the board of directors can obtain a man to succeed him. Mr. Clark has been the principal factor in the upbuilding of the Associated Industries since organization in 1917. The work will be carried on after his departure along the same lines which he has followed.

## PLANT SAMPLES FOR EXCAVATORS IN REMOTE 5921

LONDON (By Mail to the United Press).—Four thousand years hence—perhaps more—some enterprising excavator may dig up a wonderful "find," showing the customs of the people of this country.

Whether the excavator digs it up or no, the evidence will be there, because at present quite a number of people are buying "planting" if. Should the excavator happen on it, however, he will discover from documents that in the year 1921 a building had been erected in Aldwych by the Bush Terminal Company, and with the thoughtful idea of perpetuating the memory of the civilization of the 20th century they had hidden in reinforced concrete beneath the foundations samples of the contemporary merchandise.

A safety razor will prove to the bearded soldier of four thousand years hence that there was a time when men carefully removed all hair from their faces. A bottle of pickles 4,000 years old may puzzle him some, and there's no telling what he'll make out of a pre-war Continental Railway Guide.

H. G. Wells has been asked to compile a list of things to be buried for the benefit of this far-anticipated excavator, and if the chest contains all the articles suggested by Wells, the amazed finder will believe himself in a new Aladdin's cave.

An official of the Bush Terminal Company, outlining the scheme, explained that in an excavation which is made airtight and watertight by concrete several feet thick, articles might be preserved for hundreds of thousands of years.

## Fig Growers Divorce Trees

FRESNO, Cal., April 5.—Edicts have gone forth barring the gallant men of the fig family in California from associating with their mates in the clan.

Orders banishing the male trees to the foothills and leaving the fertile valleys for the female of the species were issued by the California Peach and Fig Growers' association recently, when Prof. J. J. Condit, fig expert, announced he had discovered that male trees committed various crimes, among them excessive drinking and over-pollination.

California's fig crop last season was of unusual excellence, but many growers lost by the figs attaining such immense size that they split their sides.

Professor Condit was engaged to investigate and discovered that the males demand water at a time when the females are not thirsty, and that an excessive amount of pollen for the female trees resulted.

In line with the professor's recommendations, the association has set out a 50-acre Tulare foothill tract devoted entirely to male trees.

G. P. Rixford, San Francisco physiologist of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture, has inspected the site and has reported his findings to Washington. If they approve the change, the government will assist in maintaining the reservation.

The fig, it was said, is one of the few trees in the world which produces the distinct male and female flowers on separate trees. The male tree bears only a shell containing flowers, the edible fruit being found exclusively on the female tree.

## Clergymen of Rogue River Met At Grants Pass

The Rogue River Valley Ministerial Association held its bi-monthly meeting at Grant's Pass yesterday. The Baptist church was the scene of the meeting, and was attended by a representative of practically all the churches in the valley. The forenoon session began at 10 o'clock, at which Rev. Walter L. Evans of the Ashland Baptist church read a paper on "Pastoral Evangelism." The leading afternoon topic was "Reading of Theological Books" by Rev. C. M. Cline of the Grant's Pass Baptist church. Each paper was followed by informal discussion. Rev. C. F. Koehler, pastor of the Ashland Presbyterian church, is president of the association. The association will hold its next meeting in Ashland.

## Birthday Party

Last Thursday a number of Mrs. Geo. Brookmiller's friends and neighbors appeared at her house to help her celebrate her birthday and to wish her many happy returns of the day. The afternoon was delightfully spent in visiting, fancy work, and in enjoying some real "jazzy" music by Miss Helen Walker, after which appetizing refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, coffee, ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: Mesdames Watkins, Rudd, Hurst, Wilson, Walker, Burns, F. M. Brookmiller, Greenwood, Raudies, Jensen, Caley and Jones, and Misses Helen Walker, Rachel Hurst, Vinita Burns, Olive Caley, Janie Walker, Janet Wilson, Lorraine, Edith and Little Bettie Brookmiller and Ada Hurst.

## U. OF O. STUDENTS UPSKET IN RIVER

A news item in last night's Portland Telegram states that John Anderson and two other University of Oregon students clung to a log two hours Monday afternoon in the middle of the Willamette river after their canoe had upset. The three boys were riding in a canoe when it struck a snag and capsized. The log, floating in the river, probably saved their lives, as the water was swift near the rapids where the accident occurred. Friends on shore threw them ropes and were successful in rescuing them. Mr. Anderson is a well known Ashland young man and his many friends here will be glad to learn of his escape from drowning. He is expected to be in Ashland this week as a member of the university orchestra, which will give a concert in the Armory, Friday night.

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