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THE E. W. HAINES BANK IS CLOSED

Liabilities, \$80,000 and Resources are \$100,000.

MEETING CALLED SATURDAY

Deposits Are About \$50,000. Unable to Realize on Securities—May Reopen.

"On account of inability to realize on securities this bank is temporarily closed." This is the startling notice on the door that met the gaze of pedestrians about the hour of opening of the E. W. Haines bank last Saturday morning.

Everybody had supposed that the condition of this money institution since it opened after the money stringency, was in first class condition, and so far as the money matters were concerned, it was. The inability to realize on the securities at a time when money was needed is what drove Mr. Haines to close his bank and save all he could for his depositors.

The deposits of the bank is close around \$50,000, the liabilities are about \$80,000 while it is estimated that the resources are near \$100,000, which if it can be realized on, even under this estimate, the bank will pay out dollar for dollar and leave Mr. Haines a small balance. He proposes to call a meeting of the depositors and has fixed a date for Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at Verts hall where a statement of the conditions will be made and a way will be provided for adjusting of the affairs. Mr. Haines wishes it known that all the depositors as well as the public is invited to be present. It has been suggested that a committee of business men to be assisted by Mr. Haines be appointed to settle up the matter. It is believed that this mode of procedure is the best for all concerned. If the course of assignment were taken it would be six months before any settlement could be made and this would mean that the matters of the bank would be more quickly adjusted and it is thought that more can be realized on the securities.

In speaking of the matter to The News concerning the bank and its affairs Mr. Haines said: "This is the hardest thing I ever did in my life or ever expect to do, but it was for the benefit of the depositors and my friends that I take this step for I believe it is the best course to pursue for all concerned. It has been intimated to me lately that I had used funds of this bank in private investments, not connected with the bank, but let me state through your paper that I have not used one penny in any private enterprise. The troubles of this bank are not altogether of recent origin due to the supposed panic, as the great majority of people believe, but it dates back several years. I hope all the depositors and as many friends as can will be present at the meeting which will be held in Verts Hall, as I will explain the entire history of the bank. I have been one of the largest depositors of the bank and at no time, as will be shown by the books, have I ever overdrawn my personal account; and at this time all the money I have is in the bank to be done with as the depositors wish."

He attributes the withdrawal to an undercurrent that he was unable to understand or had no means of checking until the present course was taken.

It is understood that eastern capital sought to purchase the electric plant and that the matter was so near a sale that the parties were due here only yesterday to make, possibly, the final arrangements to take over the plant. This plant is one of the largest assets Mr. Haines holds and it will be turned over to the depositors. It will not necessarily have any effect upon the street car line which gets its power from this plant, if the matter is left to

the committee proposed, it will be kept running.

Mr. Haines has been in the banking business here for the past ten years and has been one of the most progressive men of the city. He has served in the senate and stands high in the state and his hundreds of friends are extending him their heartfelt sympathies.

It is understood that capital from both here and Portland has made it known to Mr. Haines that it was willing to aid in the reorganization of the bank, but he is not at this time entertaining the proposition.

It is said on good authority that the bank will be reorganized, but whether or not Mr. Haines will be connected with the new institution cannot be learned at this time, however, it is stated that capital is ready to start in new.

Depositors Take Notice.

All depositors and the general public is invited to be present at a Depositors meeting of my bank, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p. m. sharp, at which time I will make a full statement of the affairs and condition of my bank. I will also make a clear statement covering the entire history of this institution, setting forth the facts and causes which led up to the closing last Saturday.

E. W. HAINES.

List of Candidates.

The following persons have filed petitions with County Clerk Godman for the offices indicated, for the primaries which occur April 17:

Miles S. Haynes, Constable, Sherwood; M. E. Buck, Justice of Peace, West Cedar, Republican; Geo. M. Hunter, Justice of Peace, Hillsboro, Republican; W. D. Smith, County Clerk, Republican; M. C. Case, County School Supt., Republican; Willis Ireland, County Recorder, Republican; C. E. Deichman, County Assessor, Republican; Geo. H. Wilcox, County Assessor, Republican; Max Crandall, County Assessor, Republican; John McClaren, County Commissioner, Republican; W. M. Jackson, County Treasurer, Republican; E. J. Godman, County Clerk, Republican.

Installation of Officers.

A very delightful time was had by the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors at their joint installation last Friday evening. Music was furnished by the R. N. A. quartette consisting of Mesdames Lennette, Hazel Aldrich, and Miss Hazel Aldrich, and stories were told to lend spice to the occasion, after which supper was served.

Officers installed are: Modern Woodmen: Consul, J. H. Lennette; W. Advisor, Jas. Nichols; Clerk, L. J. Cori; Banker, J. Wilhelmson; Escort, G. K. Abraham; Watchman, S. Marshall; Sentry, W. C. Tucker; Manager, C. R. Callaway; Past Consul and installing officer, H. J. Goff.

Royal Neighbors: Oracle, Mrs. Aldrich; Vice Oracle, Mrs. Sexton, Chancellor, Mrs. Wilhelmson; Recorder, Mrs. Lenna; Receiver, Mrs. Norton; Marshal, Mrs. Allen; Inside Sentry, Mrs. Stockman; Outside Sentry, Mrs. Nichols; Past Oracle, and installing officer, Mrs. Cori.

Sunday was a dandy day—sunshine that called forth many jokes and put poetry into their mouths. Almost everybody in town took a stroll, if not to the train at least somewhere. But there was one individual that didn't like the sun at all. He emerged from his abode and the sun was so bright that it fairly dazzled his eyes. He ran hither and yon blinking, blinking all ways blinking; every time his eyes went open he saw a black, clear cut image of his very self chasing him wherever he went. Weary and disgusted the ground hog sought his hole and has determined to remain there for six more weeks because he saw his own shadow. From which we reason that winter will last a month and a half longer.

CO. HORTICULTURISTS TO MEET HERE

Joint Convention With Local Board of Trade.

FEBRUARY TWENTY-SECOND

Prominent Speakers Will be Present Including Prof. Cordley of Corvallis O. A. C.

On Washington's birthday, Saturday, Feb. 22, there will be held in this city, one of the most interesting meetings ever held here. The Fruit Growers of Washington county will convene in conjunction with the local Board of Trade for the purpose of furthering the Fruit industry of this county.

While it is true that Washington county is not, by outsiders, considered as a fruit section of this state, the impression is false in every particular. It has been proven by numerous exhibits and by the products shipped abroad that there is no better county in the state that is more adapted to the raising of good fruit. Almost every variety is raised here abundantly.

A good program is being prepared and it will include many prominent speakers from over the state. Millard O. Lowndale, the well known singer of Yamhill county, and Prof. Cordley, of Corvallis, Hon. W. K. Newell, president of the state horticultural association, and W. K. Curtis, the local president, will be present. It is expected a large attendance will be had as this will be one of the best meetings of this kind ever held here.

Prof. Kori Translates Arabic.



Professor Abdullah Ben Kori, head of the modern language department of Pacific University, has just received a consignment of "The Messianic Hope of the Samaritans," which he translated from the Arabic for Dr. William Eleazar Barton of Chicago. Before translating this work, Prof. Kori translated a history of the Samaritan people and their religion—a once famous and prominent sect, but who now comprise a little band of men and women numbering scarcely one hundred.

This was the first time that the Samaritan sect has ever compiled a history and was done by the High Priest at the instigation of an eminent Oxford professor who died before the work was completed. The manuscript was bought from the High Priest by Mr. Barton who collaborated with Prof. Kori to get the work out.

Jacob, son of Aaron, High Priest of the Samaritans and author of "The Messianic Hope," lives at Nablous, the Modern Shechem, at the foot of the sacred mountain, Gerizim. The sect refuse to marry with other peoples and do not believe in the Christ of the New Testament, but are looking forward to a Messiah who shall prove his divinity by symbols. The book is illustrated with scenes pertaining to this peculiar Biblical sect which are very interesting. It is on sale at The Book Store, price 25 cents.

B. L. Barry, of Dayton, Oregon, Secretary of the Oregon Merchants Mutual Fire Assurance Association, was in town Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Barry is an old newspaper man and together with the editor of this paper, is on the committee on resolutions of the State Editorial Association.

STEP TOWARDS SINGLE TAXATION

Petition Is Filed With Secretary of State

UP AT JUNE ELECTION

New Measure Will Exempt Manufacturings, Farm Buildings, Fences, Tools Etc.

The petition for the submission of the constitutional amendment drafted by the Oregon Tax Reform Association has just been filed with the Secretary of State. The signers came from all parts of the State in such numbers that it is the strongest petition ever submitted. That these signatures, numbering several thousand more than the number required by law, were obtained more easily than other petitions, indicates widespread interest in this amendment.

It proposes a decided step toward the single tax; as far in that direction as conditions in Oregon are thought to permit,—taxing land values, (not acres) and exempting (the text of the amendment reads)—"all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, outhouses and other appurtenances thereto, all fences, all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes, and the appurtenances thereto, all fences, farm machinery and appliances used as such, all fruit trees, vines, shrubs and all other improvements on farms, all live stock, all household furniture in use, and all tools owned by workmen and in use, shall be exempt from taxation."

Many of the greatest Americans of all political faiths, have endorsed the principles embodied in this amendment. Among them, Senator LaFollette, Gov. Folk, Tom Johnson, Henry George, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Lyman Abbott, and Ex-Governors Douglas and Garvin. They sympathize with the idea of raising the needed revenues for carrying on our government, and at the same time discharge land monopoly, by taxing land and franchise values more, and exempting improvements and personal property.

Some object to the proposition because it exempts buildings and machinery of manufacturers from taxation. It does so. In this connection, say well informed men, Oregon is asked to follow well trodden paths. It is pointed out that Oregon has most favorable natural opportunities and conditions for the establishment of manufacturing enterprises. Other states have exempted manufacturing buildings from taxation because it was found to aid development, enhance land values, attract other forms of capital, as well as population, and worked to the general good WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCEPTION.

Some think the farmer would have to pay as much taxes as ever because to exempt improvements, live stock, machinery, etc., would simply double the taxes on his land and thereby leave the producing agriculturist where he is now. That would be so if the farmer owned the land values in Oregon. But to begin with, two-thirds of the land values of Oregon are in cities. Land for purposes of taxation is measured by a dollar. A section of land in some parts of Oregon would be dear at \$640 but a few square feet of land in Portland are worth more than many sections of such lands. Recently real estate transactions in that city showed that there are 80 acres, worth on the average \$1,600,000 each. An acre of this land is worth as much as 32,000 acres of the best farming land in the state, estimating it, devoid of improvements, at \$50 per acre.

Farmers now pay more than 50 percent of state taxes while numbering less than 25 percent of the population. But as long as the farmer's improvements are taxable, they cannot escape, as they are not of the nature to be hid.

If the farmer has anything exempt, IT MUST BE EXEMPTED OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD BY LAW. The land held in cities, for water power, for timber and minerals, for speculative purposes and rights of way in various forms, far exceeds the value of the land owned by the working farmers of Oregon.

The main tax burden will be shifted to valuable locations in cities and railroad franchises, which values are mainly made up by tribute paid by the industry and improvements of the rest of the state, and should justly bear the burden.

The proposed amendment is practical, up to date, its provisions have been tested and worked. The people of Oregon will have this question before them for four months. They will hear much of it. The headquarters of the Oregon Tax Reform Association are at room 705 Marquam Building, for the present, and they are glad to give out information to all who may ask for it.

The old red front across from our sanctuary is being remodeled and the doors that have swung to and fro in imitation of a booze bazaar these many months will swing thusly no more. It was built for a wet emporium, but has been used for a pool room and harness shop since its erection. Many of the anti-drink element have been seen to walk down to the red lighted be-shingled front, push the swinging doors open, and enter. They had gone there to get their soles repaired, a new set of harness, or something in leather goods, but strangers seeing them did not know but what the verus-drink folks had entered to get a portion of load-on goods. But that impression, however false, will be no more. The semblance of a joint has passed away, but for a few wet fingerprints and the deeds done in the building may now be seen.

Jim Cronin, who has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. Cronin at Scoggin valley since December was in town last week and said that he would remain in Oregon until March when he will go on a government transport at San Francisco. Jim has been off to the Philippines a dozen or more times and was assistant engineer on the transport. There is big money, he says, in the cocoa nut business in the islands. Exporters pay the growers one dollar per tree and furnish their own help. The natives do not treat the Americans with the same respect as they do the Spaniards for the Americans have taught them they are about all right.

Local show shoppers packed Masonic Hall to the limit last Thursday evening when the Forest Grove Entertainment Company gave its first production. Walker's orchestra furnished the music and Wilson Miller gave a monologue. The quartet, consisting of Raleigh Walker, Archie Clark, Rolla Peterson and Frank Cardiff, sang a couple of songs and were roundly applauded. H. W. Sparks read a selection and gave a charcoal talk. Raleigh Walker sang and gave his music stunts on various instruments and the last number was a Hebrew farce given by Miss Theresa Stribich, Robert Wirtz and H. W. Sparks.

Bruce Donaldson, the 12 year old boy that was sent to the Aid Society because of burglarizing his grandmother at the instigation of Doty, ran away from the Society three different times, coming to Hillsboro on the last occasion. He was therefore committed to the Hillsboro school by Judge Goodin and while John Bailey was in Portland yesterday with the lad on his way to Salem, he caught Doty and brought him back to Hillsboro.

The Forest View Cemetery Association elected the following officers at the regular meeting Tuesday. Pres., Mrs. Mary McKenzie; Sec., Mrs. Mayne Abbott; Treas., Mrs. Russell; Executive com., Mrs. Langley and Mrs. Watrous. The retiring executive committee reported that water pipe had been purchased and was ready for delivery when ever the trench was commenced.

OTHER HEIRS SEVIERS' ESTATE ARE FOUND

Capt. G. W. Peters of this City Is Direct Decendent.

ESTATE WORTH MANY MILLIONS

Is Great Grand Son of Capt. Sevier, Who Served the Government Both in Field and Congress.

The Capt. John Sevier estate has found another heir to the huge estate in the person of Capt. G. W. Peters of this city, who claims to be a direct descendent of Sevier.

Capt. Peters has known of the land grant made to his great grandfather, Capt. Sevier, by the government, but had no means of finding the missing document, which has proven to be so valuable. Mr. Peters is taking steps to prove his rights and will get in line with the rest of the heirs who have come up during the past two weeks.

The news of the finding of the valuable document was given here by J. W. H. Adkins of Gales Creek, who is now in the east in the interest of the claimants, Capt. Peters, the latest discovered heir, does not know the Adkins' nor does he know from what branch of the Sevier tree they come. Mr. Peters has a brother, John R. in Washington and a sister, Mrs. C. E. Green, of Mattoon, Ill., who, together with the Captian will share alike. Capt. Peters was born in Tennessee, the fighting ground of Capt. Sevier, together with the rest of this family, and when young came to California. He moved from California to Portland about 18 years ago, where he resided until a short time ago when he moved to Forest Grove.

Capt. Peters' grandmother was the youngest daughter of Gen. Sevier, and was raised in Tennessee. When she was five years old she was scalped by the Indians, who made a charge on the Sevier cabin. A negro who was working for them discovered the approach of the Indians, and he himself a good runner, told the boys who were working about a half mile from the house, to hide in the cane break and he would run to the house and give the alarm, but the Indians were in close pursuit. And before the children who were playing about, could be gathered in the cabin the Indians came, knocking the little girl down and scalping her. When the Indians went away she was gathered up and nursed back to life, but always carried the scar. She married Capt. John Rector, who served under Capt. Sevier, and died at the age of 63, some 65 years ago.

Capt. John Sevier is well known to readers of history for his daring and bravery in helping to establish our republic. He organized an army of 3000 men, equipped it and maintained it for three years from his own funds; and fought for the establishment of the republic. Capt. Sevier served in congress from 1789-91, also in 1811-13-15. He was born January 4th, 1745 and died far from home when in the service of his country, in 1815. The government gave him patents to several tracts of land for his services, which lies in Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas, and are now valued at many millions of dollars.

A small but appreciative audience greeted Lee Willard in his new play, the "Country Squire" at Masonic hall Friday night. Without question this is the best high-class show that has been the good fortune of Forest Grove people to see, and a good audience should have been there. The "Country Squire" is taken from that well known play, the "Old Homestead" and carries a strain of morality which appeals to all.

The Library Board met this week for the regular monthly business and voted acknowledgment of the gifts that have been made to the library.

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