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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

REORGANIZE GRANTS PASS BANKING CO.

NEW MEN AND NEW CAPITAL BECOME INTERESTED IN LOCAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

FRANK C. BRAMWELL IS CASHIER

H. B. Miller, of C. & O. C. Railroad, Alex Nibley, of Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, Are Directors

Changes that have been in contemplation for some time in the directorate of the Grants Pass Banking company were perfected Monday afternoon, when the stockholders completed the reorganization of the institution. In the reorganization new men and new capital are taken into the bank, the newly elected officers and directors being as follows: Claus Schmidt, president; Alex Nibley, vice president; Frank C. Bramwell, cashier, and Geo. P. Jester, assistant cashier. The directors are H. B. Miller, Claus Schmidt, Alex Nibley, G. P. Jester, Frank C. Bramwell, Herbert Smith and O. S. Blanchard. The capital stock and surplus, \$60,000, will, for the present, remain unchanged.

Messrs. R. B. Miller, Alex Nibley and Frank C. Bramwell are new men in the bank organization. Mr. Miller, prior to locating in Grants Pass, was general freight and traffic manager for the O. W. R. & N. company, is now vice president of the California & Oregon Coast railroad, is one of the best known railroad men of the coast, and is an active booster for the Rogue and Illinois river valleys. Alex Nibley, the vice president, is manager of the local sugar factory, representing the interests of the Utah-Idaho company in this territory. He is a son of Bishop C. W. Nibley of Salt Lake city. He has interested himself in various industries in this state, and is active in development work.

Mr. Bramwell, the new cashier, who is a son of F. S. Bramwell, formerly a resident of Grants Pass, came here from La Grande. He was appointed register of the La Grande land office in January, 1908, by President Roosevelt; reappointed in June, 1912, by President Taft, and held the office, under the present administration, until October 1st, 1916, when he came to Grants Pass. His banking experience was had prior to that time. Mr. Bramwell, at the present time, is exalted ruler of the La Grande lodge of Elks and comes here highly recommended.

"The objects and purposes of the institution," said Mr. Bramwell, "will be to co-operate with the interests of southern Oregon for the development of her resources. Our stockholders represent interests with unlimited capital. We have great confidence in the future of this country and we are backing that confidence by investing our money. We shall endeavor to become a valuable asset to the community and lend our assistance in every way we can to build up the City of Grants Pass and the surrounding country."

FRENCH TRENCH RAID FALLS SOUTH OF ROYE

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 15.—Beating back of a French trench raid near Bouvraignes, south of Roye, was announced in today's official statement. Elsewhere on the western front, the statement said, "the fighting activity was within moderate limits on both sides, except there was a little livelier local artillery fire."

COUNTER CHARGES IN HEARST CASE

Affidavits Are Filed in Suit Brought to Restrain Press Agency From News Thefts

New York, Jan. 16.—Countercharges, in the form of about two score affidavits, were filed by Hearst's International News Service before Judge Had in federal court here today, in the suit of the Associated Press for a restraining order based on charges of news thefts brought against the Hearst service.

The affidavits charged the Associated Press with the same sort of news thefts the Associated Press charges against the Hearst service.

The argument on the original motion was continued by Judge Had until 11:30 Wednesday to give counsel for the Associated Press opportunity to digest the Hearst's service affidavits.

Attorney Jennings for the Associated Press, in opposing the request of Attorney Undermeyer for the International News, that the argument be heard at once, charged the defendant with "unfairness in withholding affidavits taken on 8th and 10th of January until 9 o'clock last night."

Undermeyer replied he considered the defendant had displayed marvellous diligence in preparing its case.

AWAIT ARRIVAL OF THE DEUTSCHLAND

New York, Jan. 16.—Paul Hilken, general manager of the Eastern Forwarding company, has left New York. It was admitted today, for New London, in anticipation of the early arrival there of a German commercial submarine. Whether the diver will be the Deutschland or some other craft was not stated, but reports have been received here that a submarine larger than the Deutschland is making its way to the United States and that the Deutschland is following.

Statements credited to New York merchants are to the effect that the boat is expected in New London this week. A return cargo for both boats, more than a thousand tons of crude rubber, tin and nickel, it was said, is now stored in New London.

GERMANS BRING UP HEAVY ARTILLERY

London, Jan. 16.—Teutonic forces have succeeded, despite the marshes, lakes and rivers of the Danube boundary section of Dobrudja, in bringing up heavy artillery. Dispatches from Berlin said the Galatz was under fire today from cannon placed on the bank of the Danube, opposite the Roumanian city. Russian and Roumanian forces have forced a stoppage of the German infantry advance around that city from the southeast and the official statements indicated also that the Teutonic attempt to encircle the town from the southwest had been greatly slowed up.

Of interest here also was the Russian statement of a successful offensive in the valley section of Roumania, to the northeast of Poczani. Fighting in this sector is proceeding with the greatest violence, the forces on both sides clashing in frequent hand-to-hand encounters.

Not only have the German troops been thrown back here, but their losses have been heavy.

Youngstown, Ohio.—Marsh Avery pulled his old joke. He got up at 2 a. m. and shoveled six inches of snow off his neighbors' walks.

PERKINS BLOWS LID OFF IN G.O.P. COMMITTEE

SAYS NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN SEEK TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELECTION LOSS

PLAN TO FORCE WILCOX OUT

Trouble Brews in Republican Council and Progressive Leader Issues Statement of the Case

New York, Jan. 16.—George W. Perkins "blew the lid off" the republican national committee's executive committee today in a lengthy statement declaring they were seeking to force retirement of National Chairman Wilcox and trying to "shift responsibility for Mr. Hughes' defeat from their own shoulders—where it rightfully belongs—to those of Wilcox."

Perkins' statement followed the committee's action last night in naming a vice-chairman, in designating Washington as its permanent headquarters, filling a vacancy at the District of Columbia, and appointing a sub-committee of three to pass on all matters of publicity, financial and expense, later naming itself as a committee to select "such progressive-republicans," according to Perkins, "as it desired to have associated with it as a campaign committee."

"All these things," Perkins said today, "were wilfully and defiantly done, in spite of the fact that Mr. Hays, the republican state chairman of Indiana, had taken word to Mr. Hemenway, the leader of the group insisting upon this arbitrary action, that if the contemplated action was taken, we would have nothing to do with such an impotent and powerless campaign committee."

"The election of a vice-chairman was accomplished after four members of the committee—Messrs. Hart, Howell, Parsons and Chairman Wilcox—had protested and after a motion by these gentlemen to refer the selection of a vice-chairman to the national committee itself had been voted down."

"The election of a vice-chairman by the executive committee is without precedent. The selection of a vice-chairman at once after the national election, when none was appointed before the election, the forcing of the appointment to an issue over the protest of the chairman and three other members of the committee and the refusal to allow the national committee itself to pass on the appointment, were for a distinct purpose."

THIRTY SIX BELOW AT NORTH POWDER, ORE.

North Powder, Ore., Jan. 16.—This was the coldest spot in Oregon today. Thirty six below was the most frigid figure.

DEMOCRATS HUNT FOR MORE REVENUE

Washington, Jan. 16.—Revenues, including bond issues, totalling \$525,000,000, will be raised by means of an additional inheritance tax, an excess profits tax of 8 per cent on corporations and co-partnerships, and by bonds, democrats of the house ways and means committee decided today. The decision has the approval of the president and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Chairman Kitchin was authorized to draft a bill incorporating the decision.

CHICAGO FACES A THREATENED COAL FAMINE

ONLY TWO DAYS SUPPLY OF FUEL ON HAND IN THE WINDY CITY

GOV. LOWDEN TAKES ACTION

Price Makes Rapid Advance and Citizens Make Every Effort to Economize in Use of Fuel

Chicago, Jan. 16.—With only 48 hours supply of coal on hand, Chicago today faced the worst coal famine in its history. One public school already has closed and others probably will be forced to dismiss their pupils today.

Mayor Thompson has announced that he is ready to seize as an emergency measure coal in the Chicago railroad yards in transit to other points.

Investigation by a city commission has brought no relief and little information. The dealers passed the blame to the railroads, who passed it back. Meanwhile coal prices are jumping to unheard-of figures.

Coal that sold for \$7 per ton in November, is now selling at \$11 to \$12 and in the suburbs at every higher figure.

Coal is being dealt out half a ton at a time in the residence district. In the loop and other business sections bins are practically empty. Many managers make no pretense of heating office buildings at night and some are contemplating conserving their coal supply by asking tenants to evacuate the buildings an hour earlier in the afternoon.

Governor Lowden at Springfield has taken up the famine and has wired the state public utilities commission at Chicago to take any legal action it can to relieve matters. The hardest blow struck the Chicago coal supply was the embargo on the Norfolk & Western railroad. This road, with the Baltimore & Ohio, already embargoed, furnishes 90 per cent of the coal used in apartment and office buildings here. More than one thousand cars of coal are bunched in the Norfolk & Western yards at Columbus, awaiting clearance on western roads.

"The rationing" of coal supplies destined for northern Wisconsin, Minnesota and North and South Dakota already is in effect, according to one distributor.

REPORT FAILURE OF RUSSIAN ATTACKS

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 16.—Failure of strong Russian attacks on both sides of Fundeni (Roumania) was reported in today's official statement. "After violent artillery preparations," the report said, "strong Russian masses advanced on both sides of Fundeni for attack. The storming waves broke down several hundred feet in front of the German positions in a curtain of fire. In the evening the same attacks were repeated, some feeble hostile detachments arriving in our trenches, but were immediately driven away. The enemy's losses were great."

Similar failure of attacks by Roumanians between the Castinu and Susita valleys, was reported.

"The Roumanians who had entered at one place were completely driven back by a counter-attack," the statement said, "and on this occasion two officers and 200 of other ranks were taken prisoner."

WORLD'S GREATEST WATER CARNIVAL

Puget Sound and Alaska Plan to Commemorate Purchase of Northern Territory

Seattle, Jan. 16.—Puget Sound and Alaska plan to hold the greatest water carnival in the history of the world this summer in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia and the completion of the Lake Washington canal in Seattle.

Plans for this festival, unique in the fact that it will cover on consecutive days, the principal cities of Alaska, after a three-day program in Puget Sound, are today being put in shape by a committee selected last night at the Seattle Yacht club meeting specially called for that purpose. The yacht club has sent out invitations to every similar club in the United States, calling attention to the unsurpassed 1,000 mile inland water cruise from Puget Sound to south-eastern Alaska.

A veteran mariner already has received assurance from a number of leading yachtmen in America, signifying their intention to join the fleet.

Commodore J. E. Chlberg will be in Washington, D. C., within a few weeks to obtain a squadron of battle-ships to accompany the yachts. Two private steamships for the accommodation of those who have no private yachts will be chartered.

In each of the principal Alaska cities, a different program has been outlined, featuring the principal industry of that place. The fleet of yachts will arrive at each city in the morning, giving the tourists a chance to spend the day in at least ten cities.

MONEY TRUST PROBE IS AGAIN SOUGHT

Washington, Jan. 16.—Reopening of the money trust investigation of 1912 was demanded in a resolution introduced by Congressman Lindbergh of Minnesota. He charged the money system is being used as a literal gambling hell.

The federal reserve board, he said, is entering into further entangling alliances with the bankrupt countries of Europe.

Lindbergh mentioned the board's appointment of the Bank of England as its foreign representative, as a reason for the investigation, and claimed further that twenty-five billion dollars of investments in the United States are being loaned to stock speculators.

He demanded appointment of an investigating committee of five, to report if possible, during the present congress, and if not to report before December 1.

The committee, Lindbergh said, should have power to subpoena books and papers. He mentioned as a reason for this request President Taft's refusal to permit the comptroller of the currency to obtain certain banking information during the last money probe investigation.

VALUE OF LIVESTOCK IN UNITED STATES INCREASES

Washington, Jan. 16.—The total value of all livestock on all farms and ranges of the United States on January 1 last was \$8,885,820,000, against \$6,020,670,000 on the same date in 1916, the Bureau of animal industry reported today.

HOUSE PASSES POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

Washington, Jan. 16.—Shorn of a provision of an increase in second class mail rates, and an amendment prohibiting the use of the mail for liquor advertising, the post office appropriation bill passed the house today without a roll call.

LAWSON INSANE STATEMENT OF PAUL WARBURG

PEACE NOTE LEAK INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO BRING NEW SENSATIONS

TO CALL MORGAN TO TESTIFY

Committee Hears Volume of Testimony, But Falls to Develop Facts to Point to Leak Source

Washington, Jan. 16.—Thomas W. Lawson will be an inmate of an asylum in two years, according to Paul M. Warburg, whom Lawson mentioned yesterday at the house leak probe.

"I am profoundly convinced of this man's insanity," Warburg said, "before he was about to take the stand this afternoon."

Washington, Jan. 16.—J. P. Morgan, the world's biggest banker, must tell the house note leak committee what, if anything, he knows about enormous profits gleaned in Wall street from a leak on President Wilson's note to belligerents. He was ordered subpoenaed today, along with his partner, H. P. Davison, Frank A. Vanderlip of the National City bank and other big financial men.

Orders to summon them came in the midst of new and glaring testimony of Thomas W. Lawson, Boston financier. Lawson, in an impassioned speech, inferentially cast the charge of perjury at Chairman Henry of the committee. Either he or Henry, Lawson said, had committed perjury.

Lawson reiterated that Henry had mentioned to him the names of Secretary of State Lansing, German Ambassador von Bernstorff and Barney Baruch, New York stock speculator.

One of the sensations of a sensation all morning was the revelation that Mrs. Ruth Thomson Viscount's star witness, is missing, though subpoena servers searched for her all night.

Lawson said Wall street had long benefited from leaks, particularly from the Mexican situation and the European war.

Lawson said he and Henry agreed on a statement to be given out by Henry after their conference, but that Henry presented only his own side when he announced the statement.

Referring to the Henry conference Lawson shouted:

"One or the other of us has committed perjury—deliberate, rank perjury."

"Unless your chairman said these things, I'm a rank perjurer, unfit to be anywhere outside the bars of a prison."

Lawson's outburst came after he had faced intermittent objections to his line of testimony. He demanded that he be heard fully. Chairman Henry sat with lips tight as the challenge was sounded. Lawson added that he had suggested to Henry that the committee delve into matters in the street, running back several years.

To this Henry replied, according to Lawson, that he would be "with Lawson" in such a move if the witness had the facts.

Democratic members kept interrupting.

"I want two hours to tell what I know," Lawson flared, "otherwise I'm done. I don't propose to sit here and hear the committee wrangle about the admissibility of my evidence."

"You must have respect for the committee," interrupted Henry.

"Good heavens," ejaculated Lawson, derisively.

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