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STATE WILL BE PAID

Surety Company Will Turn Over Drafts
Amounting to \$409,388 to Cover
Steel's Deposits.

The American Surety company will pay to the state of Oregon \$409,388.88 between this date and December 31, 1909, to cover the amounts entangled by State Treasurer George A. Steel through his deposits in the defunct Title Guarantee and Trust company bank and the suspended Merchants National bank.

On \$295,910.68 of this sum the Surety company will pay interest to the state at the rate of 5 per cent from November 6 until December 31, 1909, or such time as the debt shall be paid. This, in short, says the Portland Journal, is the result of the agreement which was reached by the representatives of the state in the office of Governor Chamberlain yesterday afternoon.

In return for this settlement the state assigns to the Surety company all its interest in the securities held by it against the Title Guarantee and Trust company and the deposits held by the state in these institutions.

The bonds of \$50,000 given by the Surety company in behalf of State Treasurer Steel are cancelled and held of no effect in any future act or omission of the state treasurer though they are still held liable for any short coming in the administration of Mr. Steel for a date prior to the signing of the agreement.

Incidentally the state treasurer, now being without bond, other than his personal bond for \$50,000 secured by J. Thorburn Ross, Louis B. Glafke, J. H. Peterson, J. W. Cook, M. B. Rankin and Wallace McCamant, has been required by Governor Chamberlain to furnish new bonds in the sum of \$50,000 within 20 days from this date.

The agreement entered into between the Surety company and the state is a lengthy document and goes into the whole tangle in detail and minutely.

In the first place, it sets out the bonds given by State Treasurer Steel upon his assumption of office and shows that he gave one bond secured by personal friends in the sum of \$50,000. This bond was given July 10, 1906, and was signed by J. Thorburn Ross, Louis B. Glafke, J. H. Peterson, J. W. Cook, M. B. Rankin and Wallace McCamant.

On December 8, 1906, Mr. Steel also gave a bond of \$250,000, written by the American Surety company, while on September 21, 1907, an additional bond with the Surety company for \$300,000 was also given.

It is then set out that the Title Guarantee and Trust company gave a bond of \$50,000 on June 11, 1907, as an active depository for state funds, and on June

20 gave an additional bond for \$50,000. The Merchants' National bank gave a bond for \$40,000 January 14, 1907, as surety for an active depository of state funds.

The agreement then shows that following January 14, 1907, State Treasurer Steel deposited with the Title Guarantee and Trust company funds aggregating \$400,000, of which there remained as balances at the time of the bank's failure the sum of \$107,483.81 from the general funds of the state, and a further balance of \$288,426.81 from the general funds of the state, and a further balance of \$288,426.87 from the common school, the agricultural school and the university funds of the state. It is further shown that since January 14, 1907, Mr. Steel has deposited with the Merchants' National bank the sum of \$12,478.20.

The agreement then goes into the assignment of securities by the Title Guarantee and Trust company to Steel to guard the state deposits, all of which have been set out by the press since the failure of the bank and which included the M. B. Rankin deeds and notes and the other general securities.

The document then branches into the agreement proper and states that State Treasurer Steel had transferred all the securities given him by the bank to the state to secure it against loss, and the surety company desired to settle controversy between it and the state quickly and without the trouble, expense or delay of litigation in spite of the question of the company's liability upon its bonds that it would agree to pay a part of the total amount immediately and the rest on or before December 31, 1909, with interest at 5 per cent annually.

HALF A MILLION IN FRUIT

Wonderful Record Made by Growers
Near Milton and Freewater.

Some wonderful fruit-growing records are shown in reports from the Milton Freewater section, in Walla Walla valley just across the state line. Practically half a million dollars worth of fruit was shipped out of that locality this season, says the Walla Walla Bulletin.

There are four produce houses in Milton and Freewater, the Blalock Company, the Walla Walla Produce Company, the Shields Fruit Company and the Milton Fruit Growers' Union.

These houses shipped out 410 full carloads to other localities in addition to forty carloads of local stuff and fifty carloads of goods from the canneries.

Apples netted the farmers from \$1 to \$1.25 a box. One hundred carloads of prunes netted the farmers \$2 a ton or \$500 a car; fifty cars of peaches averaged \$100 a car and fifteen carloads of pears averaged \$700 a car.

Fifteen thousand crates of strawberries were shipped, averaging \$2.75 a crate, and ten thousand crates of other berries averaged \$2 a crate.

All the produce houses but the Shields have closed and it has about a carload of apples to send out.

Fruit-growing is receiving an impetus in the Walla Walla valley and farmers and owners of small tracts, especially in the irrigated district, have found it pays better than any other crop.

One man living near Freewater has supported himself and wife and widowed daughter and child for five years off one acre of land, though they had to be very frugal.

Milton's Big Water Suit.

The trial of the Peacock mill company vs. Milton City, et al was resumed in that city this week. The trial of this case was begun the first Monday in December last, and the court has been engaged at different times for more than a year taking testimony in the case. It is thought that the taking of the testimony will be completed by the end of this week, as the plaintiff has already rested its case, and several days have been consumed in the taking of testimony for the defense.

Engines Are Idle.

The freight business over the O. R. & N. has fallen off to such an extent that 20 locomotives were housed in the round house this noon, standing idle. The work which formerly required every available engine is now such that there is abundance of power in the local division all the time.—La Grande Observer.

Ex-Mayor of Pilot Rock.

E. F. Beitle, ex-mayor of Pilot Rock and one of the pioneer residents of the county, died at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. The remains were taken to Pilot Rock for burial Monday morning. Death followed an operation, which the deceased had undergone several days ago.

Operating the Mines.

The first day of the attempt to reopen the mines of Goldfield without the aid of the Western Federation of Miners has passed and there has been not a single instance of attempted violence or disorder in the camp.

Foley's Kidney Cure
makes kidneys and bladder right.

MILLIONS OF ACRES

The Government Will Throw Open
Indian Reservation Lands
For Entry Soon.

During the year eight Indian reservations will be thrown open to entry. Practically 5,000,000 acres, now tied up, will be released, and in this total are lands of all kinds and descriptions—Agricultural, timber, grazing and mineral lands, not to mention the vast areas of grazing land and land that will become valuable if irrigated. The largest opening will be on the Yakima reservation, Washington, and other large tracts will be released at Colville, Wash., Flathead, Mont., Blackfoot, Mont., Lower Burle and Rosebud, South Dakota, Coeur d'Alene and Lemhi, Idaho. Brief reference is made to these openings in the report of the commissioner of the land office, who says:

The Colville reservation, Washington, embraces about 1,000,000 acres, and will be opened by proclamation of the president, to entry under the homestead and mineral laws, after the lands have been surveyed, appraised and classified as irregular, grazing, timber, mineral or arid lands and certain allotments have been made. It will be more than a year before these lands can be opened. The lands classified as valuable for timber are to be sold under sealed bids.

About 1,145,000 acres of the Yakima reservation, Washington, will be opened under the homestead and mineral laws by the proclamation of the president, except such parts as are valuable for timber, which is to be sold under a sealed bid plan. Approximately 100,000 acres of these lands will be subject to entry under the reclamation act. These lands are to be classified into irregular, grazing, timber, mineral or arid lands and disposed of at their appraised value. The time of opening has not yet been fixed. The lands classified as valuable for timber are to be sold under sealed bids.

The Coeur d'Alene reservation, Idaho, (310,000 acres) is to be opened by the president's proclamation, to entry under the homestead and mineral laws after the lands have been surveyed, allotted, appraised and classified as agricultural, grazing and timber lands. These lands will be ready for opening, perhaps, in the fall of 1908.

About 64,000 acres of the Lemhi reservation, Idaho, will be opened to settlement and entry after the lands have been appraised and scheduled by the commissioner of Indian affairs. The report of the appraisers has not as yet been received. The lands will not be opened before next year.

A CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT

Mansfield Goes to Freewater—Johnson
Is In Charge Here.

Two changes, effective at once, takes place in the management of the Tum-a-lum Lumber company's yards in Athena and Freewater.

Mr. H. O. Mansfield, who has been in charge of the Athena yard, since the company purchased it from A. M. Gillis has been transferred to Freewater to manage the yard there, with his wife, will remove there this week. The management of the yard here falls to A. M. Johnson, who for several years was connected with the Umatilla Lumber yard in this city. Since the purchase by the Tum-a-lum company of the Umatilla yard, Mr. Johnson has been in the employ of the company and his promotion to the management of the consolidated yards is deserved recognition of his efficient service.

Excursion to Pilot Rock.

Arrangements have now been completed for the running of an excursion train to Pilot Rock from Pendleton, Monday, in honor of the opening of the new road to traffic. It is expected that the number of Pendletonians to make the trip will be between 200 and 300.

THE GRADE IS TOO SOFT NOW

O. R. & N. Extension From Elgin to
Joseph Will Be Delayed.

Construction work on the O. R. & N. company's extension from Elgin to Joseph will be resumed as early next spring as the weather will permit. It was the intention of the management to complete the line this winter to a point where the Wallowa river valley connects with the canyon, and thereby furnish a rail transportation outlet for the valley. On investigation of conditions it has been decided that an effort to continue work on the grade this winter would be futile.

General Manager J. P. O'Brien has made an inspection of the extension thus far completed and the grade that has been thrown up for a distance of 20 miles beyond the present rails laid. There has been rain and snow in the mountains and about 100 men are required constantly along the completed

line to maintain it. Slides are frequent, owing to the new earthwork and the condition of the abutting ground.

The line is completed for a distance of about 15 miles from the junction with the Grand Ronde. Beyond that the grade has been made, and is ready for the rails. It was Mr. O'Brien's idea that this grade might be put in shape and rails laid on it this winter, and that by completing about nine miles more of grade the road could be completed through the canyon and tap the valley, at a point four or five miles from Joseph. This would have given the people of the valley a chance to haul their produce to the end of the line, for transportation to outside markets, during the winter months.

It is said the soft condition of the grade makes it impossible to work teams on it, and that the construction of the line from the present terminus to Joseph will have to be laid over until spring.

Zaspell's Murderer Caught.

Webb McCaslin, alias George or William Webb, alias Webb McLaughlin, who murdered E. F. Zaspell, a wealthy farmer near Heppner, the night of September 9, was arrested in Spokane, Sunday. McCaslin, who has recently taken on the alias of McCain, was captured by Captain James Coverly, Patrolman George Miles and Deputy Sheriff Pough as he dismounted from a lumber wagon which he has been driving for a few days for a man named Whitney. He made a full confession, but claims he acted in self-defense. A reward of \$500 was offered for his capture dead or alive.

EXPECT DROP IN WOOD PRICES

Big Supply Makes Cut in Price of \$2
Per Cord at Lewiston.

"Lewiston fuel consumers can expect a big drop in the price of wood within the next six weeks," said a prominent citizen of the Clearwater country, who is a business visitor in the city today, says the Lewiston Teller.

"At shipping points along the Clearwater large quantities of wood are stored and from the asking price of \$6.50 per cord of a few weeks ago, the buyer can now secure all he wants at from \$4 to \$4.50 per cord.

"At the Orofino station there is cords now piled along the railroad, and farmers are delivering more every day. It is safe to say that at least another 1000 cords will be added to that now stored for shipment."

The same condition is true at all wood shipping points and men are going to the timber every day to engage in the wood cutting business for the winter.

The present prices of wood in Lewiston have been kept up by the persons holding the wood in the outside country, and much of the wood placed on the market here was bought for \$6 per cord at the shipping stations.

Whitman Basketball.

The basketball season is well under way at Whitman College, and the first game will be played next Friday night at Pendleton with the Pendleton High School. Whitman will have a great team this year being especially strengthened by the coming of Warren Bolt, a freshman, who for several seasons has been the star forward of the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club. Aside from the trip to Pendleton, a week's trip to Colfax, Pullman, Moscow, and Spokane has been arranged for, and games will be played in the home gymnasium with W. S. C. and Universities of Oregon and Washington. The annual interclass championship series will be played immediately after the Christmas holidays.

Pursue Fleeing Bandits.

Half a hundred armed men, led by Ben Dyer, have left Coulee City on the trail of three robbers, who dynamited the safe of J. M. McDonald & company in that town, about 3 o'clock this morning. McDonald, who lives near by, heard the explosion and rushed out but was told to go back or have his brains blown out. Two bullets coming his way, he retreated to an upstairs room and shouted an alarm from the window. The robbers left hastily, securing no booty. At daybreak the citizens found where three horses had been tethered and a big posse has started on the trail toward Wilson Creek. The office of McDonald's store was shattered by the explosion. Arrangements are being made to put Harry Draper's bloodhounds on the trail.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1908 at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m.

F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.
December 6th, 1907.

Reservation Land.

Lawrence Lieutzel of Adams, has purchased 80 acres of reservation land from Eli Parr. Consideration, \$4900.

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