

## CARRIED HIS GUILT

But Would Rather Go to Heaven Through Penitentiary With a Clear Conscience.

Truth is stranger than fiction. Fifteen years ago, in Wolf Creek, southern Oregon, two men were in love with the same girl. One of them was the assistant postmaster. The other lived out of town. With this latter one says the Oregon Daily Journal, the girl corresponded.

Letters passed back and forth for some time, until one day a letter addressed to the young woman got no farther than the Wolf Creek postoffice. It was from the out-of-town man, far away.

That letter was intercepted by the assistant postmaster. The man never wrote again. He thought that the girl had thrown him down. And the girl—well, for years she wondered why he had never written.

But the assistant postmaster knew, and he played his cards well. In fact, he won—the noble of Wolf Creek—the girl of his choice.

The two—the girl and the postmaster—were married. Their lives have been happy all these years, but the man has had something on his mind. For more than 14 years the assistant postmaster has carried this secret of the intercepted letter in his heart. No one ever knew.

The other day an old man hobbled up the stairs of the federal building. He said he wanted to see the authorities. Said that his guilty conscience—contrition—had been bothering him and that he wanted to tell some one in the government service of how he won the affections of his wife.

He said his name was J. Smith, and that he came from Wolf Creek to Portland where 15 years ago he had been in the postal service. And then, with tears in his eyes, the old man related his experience with the letter of his rival, how he destroyed it and the girl never knew until he told her—told her when she was his wife. And all he asked was forgiveness.

This was years afterward, he said, just recently, in fact. And he said that she had forgiven him. But all in all, that if he was to be punished for his foolishness he was prepared to suffer the consequences.

After coming to Portland to live, Smith, became a member of the organization known as the Tongues of Fire. Since he became religious the interception of the letter 15 years ago has preyed on his mind until he just had to tell some one.

Mr. Smith will not be prosecuted.

Mr. Smith says his wife is satisfied—that she has never regretted having married him.

Furthermore, he says that he would rather go to heaven through the penitentiary with a clear conscience than to bell with a turduen like the intercepted letter on his mind.

## OREGON MEN MAY FISH NOW

Recent Legislation Temporarily Set Aside By Federal Injunction.

Until the federal courts finally determine whether the state of Oregon has or has not the right to enact legislation governing the waters of the Columbia river from bank to bank and to enforce these laws, anyone who was permitted to fish in these waters under the law as it stood previously to June 1 last may pursue their occupation unmolested. This is the effect of an injunction granted in the matter of the state of Washington against the fish warden of this state. Oregon fishermen, intervening, asked that the injunction which was recently granted restraining the Oregon authorities from interfering with Washington fishermen in the Columbia river be extended so as to permit Oregon fishermen the same privilege. It was contended by the Oregon fishermen that as the matter stood Washington fishermen could come over into Oregon waters and take fish unmolested by the Oregon authorities, whereas the Oregon fishermen were prohibited from fishing on either side of the river. United States District Judge Charles E. Wolverton, took the same view that the Oregon fishermen did and enlarged the scope of the injunction as requested.

From now until the supreme court of the United States decides the "Chris Nielson" case, the same laws will govern the actions of the Oregon authorities that did before the people under the initiative and referendum law, last June enacted the acts which are at the bottom of the controversy between the states of Oregon and Washington over the jurisdiction of the Columbia river.

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## ENFORCING BLUE LAW, FARGE

Oregon's Antiquated Sunday Statute is Dusted off and Tried Out.

Fifty store and shop keepers, representing practically every class of business except saloons, were placed under arrest at Portland, Sunday in an effort to put into effect a blue law which has been resting in undisturbed peace on the statute books of the state since it was enacted some 50 years ago. The storekeepers gave bail in the sum of \$50 each and returned to the peaceful pursuit of their business. No attempt was made, and it is understood none will be made to enforce actual closing of stores until the constitutionality of the entire act is tested.

The law under which the arrests were made was passed by the legislature in 1864 and makes it unlawful to conduct on Sunday any class of business except drug shops, livery stables, bakeries and butcher shops.

Until a week ago, there is no record of its ever having been utilized except for forcing the provision against "drum shops and tippling places."

Last Sunday District Attorney George J. Cameron called the attention of Chief of Police Charles Gritzmacher to the statute, and suggested that it be enforced against pool and billiard rooms and cigar stands, in order to put a stop to the insulting of women by the hangers-on of these places.

Chief Gritzmacher announced that if the statute was to be enforced against one class would enforce it against all, and to this the district attorney agreed.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Umatilla. In the matter of the estate of Susanne Gagnon, (known as "Susanne"), deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that William McBride has been appointed administrator of the estate of Susanne Gagnon, known as "Susanne," deceased, and that letters of administration have been issued to him.

All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, duly verified as required by law, to the said administrator, at the office of his attorneys, Peterson & Wilson, at Athena Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice which will appear for four consecutive weeks in the Athena Press.

Dated this 11th day of September A. D. 1908.  
William McBride, Administrator.  
Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Umatilla. In the matter of the estate of Sylvia Williams, (known as Sylvia Williams) A Cayuse Indian, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that William McBride has been appointed administrator of the estate of Sylvia Williams, known as Sylvia Williams, a Cayuse Indian, deceased, by the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon, and is qualified as such.

All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, duly verified as required by law, to the said administrator at the law office of his attorneys, Peterson & Wilson, at Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice which will appear in the Athena Press once a week for four consecutive weeks.

Dated this 11th day of September A. D. 1908.  
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### REPORT OF THE CONDITION

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Bonds, securities, etc.	2,079.70
Banking-house furniture fixtures	10,000.00
Due from Nat. Banks, not reserve agents	9,401.50
Due from State Banks and Bankers	21,473.20
Due from approved reserve agents,	125,652.48
Checks and other cash items	978.88
Notes of other National Banks	355.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.	2.07
Specie	22,397.10
Red'm'n fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$ 412,810.28

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,474.27
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	5,321.79
Individual deposits subject to check	199,788.01
Demand certificates of deposit	114,441.21
Cashier's checks outstanding	85.00
Total	\$ 412,810.28

State of Oregon,  
County of Umatilla,  
I, F. S. Le Grow, cashier of above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
F. S. Le Grow, Cashier.  
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