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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

A Butte restaurant man has sued F. Augustus Heinze to recover a balance of \$1,000 alleged to be due for serving wine suppers and other forms of refreshment during the campaign of 1900. The original account was over \$20,000.

A wealthy Alaska mining man by the name of Scott, is reported to have been relieved of \$12,000 in gold the other day while traveling in a Pullman in Pennsylvania. The true solution of the matter probably is that the porter found the money and thinking it was intended as a modest tip, kept it.

A bill has been filed at Trenton, New Jersey, for the dissolution of the Standard Oil company, on the ground that the company is illegal, and that it exists in violation to the anti-trust laws. The charges are doubtless true, but they will be difficult to sustain. The Standard Oil company has too much money to draw justice in the courts.

The Fates seem to have it in for Heppner and the adjacent country. Last year it was a devastating flood, and this year it is a plague of grasshoppers. Millions of them are destroying the alfalfa fields. In some localities the insects are so numerous that when they go to roost in the heads of the alfalfa, bushels of them are scooped up and fed to the hogs.

The president has appointed a board composed of sundry rear admirals, a few generals and a professor to report on the consolidation and management of the wireless telegraph system for the government. The general position taken is that wireless is a means of national defense, and it is its intention to preserve its eminent right to establish and maintain its system without interference from other lines.

Senator Clark, of Montana, says that the war in the East has created a big demand for copper. The senator is just back from a European trip. "For instance," he said, "there has been a great advance in the copper industry brought about by the war. Germany can use all the copper we can mine for the next five years. Copper is largely used in the manufacturing of arms and ammunitions of war, and just now there is a demand for war material."

After a long experiment by bacteriologists in their employ, a firm of wholesale chemists have sent its agents to Texas with instructions to obtain the bee stings they can for medicinal purposes, says a press report. An order for 50,000 stings was placed with one bee farmer in that state. A serum for injection through the skin will be made from the fluid with which the tiny weapons are charged. Of its efficacy for the cure of rheumatism, the manager of the company says these experi-

ments have left no doubt. The first "experiment" was inadvertent. A farmer afflicted with rheumatism was set upon by a swarm of bees and frightfully stung. His face, neck and limbs were swollen for days. When the swelling subsided the rheumatism was cured.

Commenting on the general poorness of both the Washington and Oregon exhibits at the St. Louis fair, the Spokesman-Review gives the following from a returned Oregonian:

"There is a good fish and game exhibit and a good exhibit of wools, but these tell no story for Oregon. The visitor sees a big apple, and says so he gazes at one of the pieces of timber and says 'there's a big board,' and lets it pass.

"The Oregon building is where we are weak. There is no information there. An easterner by looking in sees a log cabin containing a panther hide and some Indian pictures, and there is nothing to tell whether it is an exhibition of the way in which the Oregonian lives or a representation of the Lewis and Clark cabin. The eastern people don't know about Lewis and Clark. That expedition is as vague as Daniel Boone is to us.

"What the Oregon building needs is some one to talk for Oregon, and some pictures or material to demonstrate the resources of soil and climate. The walls of the Oregon building are bare, while those of the California building are lined with pictures of farm and vineyard and field. The rooms are filled with easy chairs, papers are on the table, and claret punch and tea is served tired visitors, while two men who can talk discourse on advantages of California."

A reassuring factor in the business situation at present is the increase in the interest and dividend disbursements for July, says the New York Commercial. As compiled for the banking institutions of the East they disclose an aggregate of about \$147,500,000, as against \$142,800,000 for July of last year and \$139,000,000 for July, 1902. While this increase of \$4,700,000 is not large—only a trifle over 3 per cent from the figures of last year—the source of it is significant.

It comes in some measure from increased dividends for the quarter or half year declared by a considerable number among the smaller and comparatively inconspicuous industrial corporations, but companies that are nevertheless unusually prosperous just now. It is due chiefly, however, to the fact that dividend-paying stocks of growing concerns have been greatly increased to meet the needs of extension and improvement. This is particularly true of telegraph, telephone, traction and similar public service corporations. Reduced or passed dividends have not been uncommon for the past twelve months among the more prominent "industrials," but decreased disbursements in that quarter have been more than offset by increases among those companies above referred to. In fact, about \$2,500,000 will represent the net increase in "industrials" disbursements this July over those of a year ago. And there will be more than \$1,000,000 increase in the interest disbursements on railroad bonds—due chiefly to new issues.

Despite the generally unsatisfactory condition of the stock market during the past year, it is plain that prosperity has been very generally continuous among eastern corporations. Many of the securities most prominently in the public eye may go

begging in the market, but meanwhile the great mass of the industrial and public-service corporations, the railroads and banks, keep on earning and distributing profits and meeting its interest obligations, and the United States government never defaults. Most assuredly, there is nothing in the conditions underlying our general business structure to cause any apprehension just now.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

June 28—W. J. Hughes and wife to Jennie Baisley, two tracts near High School building, Baker City; \$1.

June 11—Creek V. Van Prinze to W. H. Gilbert, $\frac{1}{2}$ interests in 120 acres in Sec. 30 T. 10 R. 40 E.; \$150.

Sept. 25—Jno. McCrod to Ivan R. McCord, S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ T. 7 R. 45 E.; \$200.

June 27—Jos. Palmer and wife to Leonard Spriet, lots 14, 15 and 16 block 34 Willowvale, Baker City; \$120.

June 21—Annie M. Reed and husband to Andrew D. Reid, lot 9 block H Place's addition; \$1.

July 2—Thos. A. Kendrick and wife to Mrs. A. M. Reed, lot 5 block 25 B. W. Levens addition; \$350.

June 29—P. H. Miles and wife to W. L. Leitner, lot 4 block 12 Parker's addition to Baker City; \$408.

June 27—Jennie Baisley and husband to W. J. Hughes, 17x100 feet at S. E. corner 6th and Center streets, Baker City; \$1.

June 24—P. Hansen to Martha M. Francis, South 20 feet lot 8 block G. Haines; \$350.

June 2—M. J. Goodheart to B. W. Morris, bishop, east 90 feet lot 9 block 4 and all lot 2 block 3, Sumpter Heights; \$5.

June 22—J. M. Shelton and wife to Haman Swisher, N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24 T. 9 R. 45 E.; \$1,500.

June 27—S. M. Haines to E. P. Voruz, lot 9 block 11 Baker City townsite; \$600.

June 28—Jennie Baisley and husband to W. J. Hughes, Home place on Center street Baker City; \$1.

Dec. 21—J. D. Vaughan and wife to Chas. M. Mullen, lot 2 Sec. 9 T. 7 R. 48 E.; \$100.

April 13, '95—M. and J. Wright to S. Rusk, Bates and Selby sloop & property in Bourne; \$62.

Oct. 18, '02—Bourne Land and Improvement company to S. Rusk, lot 14 block E, Bourne; \$150.

June 28—N. C. Haskell et al to R. P. Miller, lots 8, 9, and 10 block 16 Haskell addition to Baker City; \$350.

June 28—Nellie Brown to O. H. Sloan, lot 6 block 3 Atwood's addition to Baker City; \$275.

June 28—A. J. Brown to O. H. Sloan, 40x100 feet in lot 5 block 3 Atwood's addition to Baker City; \$300.

Nov. 22, '01—Un. S. A. to Joseph M. Laport, N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13 T. 13 R. 36 E.

June 27—L. L. Foster to Anna L. Foster, lot 9 block N Place's addition to Baker City; \$500.

March 14—Joseph Neilson to Stoddard Brothers & Company, 160 acres Sec. 22 T. 10 R. 37 E.; \$500.

June 29—Ira Sturges and wife to Forest and Maud Beavers, lots 41 and 42 block 9 in Setwart's 2nd addi-

tion to Baker City; \$50.

MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS

June 30—Jacob Thompson to Chas. Warden, Producer and 7 placer claims; \$1.

June 29.—Geo. A. Smith et al to Jacob Thompson, Producer and 4 other claims; \$1.

June 26.—H. T. Hendryx to Cracker Creek Gold Mines Company, Victor Mines and Rambler quartz claims; \$1.

June 29—D. Cartwright to Richard A. and David L. Cartwright and Jno. W. Drew, Rye Valley Mine; \$16,000.

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