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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

It is announced that H. Smith Wooley, government assayer at Boise, has been given until Saturday to resign, and unless he does so, he will be fired. President Roosevelt has had his record investigated by a secret service man. Wooley was given this place as one of the bribes paid by the republican party for the Mormon vote of Idaho, a white man having been ousted to make room for him.

While working upon a foolish theory that he could convert silver into gold, Nicholas Bandt, a German chemist, in the year 1782, made the important discovery of phosphorus. Evidently he did not place much importance in his discovery, as he continued in his experiments to transmute silver into gold. Being thus engaged, other chemists made a study of phosphorus, and it is to the chemist Boyle that the world gives credit for the discovery.

The comptroller of the currency reports an increase in national banknote circulation during January of \$2,628,695. The circulation based on bonds increased \$3,966,116, but that based on deposits of lawful money decreased \$1,337,419 in the same time. The circulation outstanding on February 1 was as follows: Based on bonds, \$135,807,901; secured by lawful money, \$31,614,952; total, \$467,442,853. Since February 1, 1904, circulation based on bonds has increased \$48,150,170; that secured by lawful money has decreased \$7,584,44, leaving a net increase of \$40,565,226 for the year.

Eastern Oregon is an "easy" sucker. Her arid counties have sat idly by and allowed Portland, the wettest spot in the state (from the local option standpoint) to officer the state irrigation association, pass its resolutions, direct its policy, dictate its aims and appropriate all the honor. The arid counties "whoop it up" for Portland on the slightest hint of a hot air campaign, blindly drink all her sweetened promises and then hold an empty sack, as a reward. Portland pledged the word of her commercial club, of her legislative delegation and of her leading citizens that she would help pass a good irrigation code this winter. When put to the test, what did she do? How did she keep her promise?—East Oregonian.

The Pendleton paper is correct and states the case with attractive force. But what is it going to do about it? Will it join with The Miner and urge representatives of eastern Oregon to organize into a cohesive force, act together in legislative matters, developing sufficient strength to wrest by force from treacherous Portland what we want? Will the East Oregonian not only preach but practice this policy? Will it bury its little annoying tack hammer and stop knocking the mining industry,

that a spirit of good fellowship and common interest may be developed?

Alabama has a law, similar to that of Oregon, which imposes a tax, or license, on "foreign corporations," companies to which charters have been granted in other states, which operate properties in Alabama. These companies are about to attack the constitutionality of that law, and it is proposed to call an extra session of the legislature to so amend the law that it will be immune from attack; that this revenue may be saved to the state. Corporation lawyers, however, state that this cannot be done, that the defect is fundamental; that the state can only tax the properties within its border, and not the capital stock authorized by a charter granted by another state. The progress of this case will be watched with keen interest by many companies in Oregon, that were incorporated elsewhere, and if the law is unconstitutional in Alabama, it is also in Oregon.

Of course, it is a democrat who is making an assault on New Jersey's chief industry, that of manufacturing satisfactory charters, or any and all kinds of companies. Senator Min-turn, democratic leader in the state senate, has introduced a bill providing for the annulment of the charters of corporations that may have entered into combinations in restraint of trade, to fix prices of stock, to over-capitalize property, to fix the prices of the necessities of life for rates to travel, or to violate the federal interstate commerce law. The bill provides that upon the petition of any incorporated board of trade in that state, the attorney-general must grant a hearing, and upon a prima facie showing shall sue the company in the court of chancery, the case taking preference as a suit involving the public welfare. The same anarchist says he will introduce another bill, the purpose of which will be to force the real men behind a proposition to show themselves in the articles of incorporation, and shutting out their office boys.

Those Pendleton newspaper men seem to think they have struck a rich pocket in the affairs of the Golconda, but they evidently don't know how to extract the values. Two weeks or more ago the East Oregonian stated editorially that it would soon begin the publication of a series of articles exposing the management of the company, stating plainly that C. B. Wade is not to blame for some imaginary wrong done some parties not named, and intimating that the guilty ones would be given the guff good and plenty. Nothing further appeared in the East Oregonian regarding the matter until Saturday, when it published a letter from an employee of the Pendleton Tribune, its hated contemporary, addressed to C. S. Jackson, manager of the Portland Journal, former owner of the E. O. and presumably still a stockholder, and a prominent figure in Golconda affairs, which is an unmistakable invitation to put a brake on his facile penicil, either in the shape of yellow gold or greenbacks—possibly silver would serve the purpose. Anyway, he adroitly presents the proposition that he has a big, sensational story, which Mr. Jackson can suppress, if he takes the proper steps.

Now, in publishing this threat from the Tribune source, the E. O. takes occasion to reconstruct its former

editorial utterance, and characterizes its own threat as a "news story, which promises no sensational features." It doesn't state, however, when it will start the publication of that "news story."

To a man up a tree, it looks as if the E. O. had been called down, and is trying to get out of an awkward predicament with the grace of a crawfish, and that C. S. Jackson inspired the first editorial mention of the matter, as he certainly furnished the letter from the Tribune man, published Saturday.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

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

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS.

Heirs of Wm G. Latimer, to R. H. Denny, 3400 acres in T. 8 and 9, R. 40, also 8 blocks in Brattain & McComas' addition to Baker City, an undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in 40 acres S. 17, T. 9, R. 40, and block 13 and W. $\frac{1}{2}$ block 17; \$1.

U. S. A. to John McPherson, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. 8, T. 10, R. 37.

U. S. A. to Daniel A. Black, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. 28, and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. 29, T. 11, R. 41.

U. S. A. to Sarah I. Black, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. 12, T. 11, R. 41.

U. S. A. to Frank E. Pearce, S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and lot 4 of S. 1, and S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and lot 1 of S. 2, T. 7, R. 47.

Oscar Kendall and wife to Edward Masterson undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in W. 54 feet of lot 4 and W. 75 feet lot 5, block 1, Richland Ore.; \$650.

Oscar Kendall and wife to Edward Masterson, undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in W. 54 feet, lot 4 and W. 75 feet lot 1, block 1, Richland, Ore.; \$1200.

Emma F. March and husband to Mary Masterson, lot 2 in Usher's west addition to Richland, Ore.; \$90.

Hendry Stone to Warren Swayze, lots 17 and 18, block 25, in Pacific addition to Baker City; \$375.

John Rouse et al to Walter Newell, lots 17 and 18, block 25, Pacific addition to Baker City; \$50.

J. A. Equals et al to J. R. Foreman, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in "Jetty," "Prior," "Sullivan" and "Dify No. 2 and 2," mining claims; \$500.

Geo. S. Hill et al to Frank E. Pierce, "Sailor Jack" quartz mining claim; \$200.

U. S. A. to Augusta J. Denny, N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. 10, T. 11, R. 37.

Seymour H. Bell and wife to Hewitt Land company, N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. 10, T. 11, R. 37; \$767.

MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS.

Nick Williams to Alliene Case, undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in "University" mining claim; \$1.

N. I. Hale to Richard C. Malloy, three-one hundredth interest in the "Jacob Thompson, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5 Paddy Creek," mining claims; \$1,000.

H. A. Mitchell and wife to Fred Knuth, undivided one-fifth interest in "Last Chance" quartz mining claim; \$250.

Frank Klein to T. S. Kennerly, half interest in "Roanoke" mining claim; \$88.

FOR SALE.—Three horses and two sets double harness. Cheap. Sumpter Lumber company, Sumpter, Oregon.

DON WILLARD A BENEDICT

Colonel Don Willard, general manager of the Little Cracker mine, made a rich strike last Saturday. While in Baker City he married Margaret L. Cutter, of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Willard returned to Sumpter yesterday morning and have taken apartments at the Hotel Sumpter. Both the bride and groom have, since their arrival, been receiving the heartfelt congratulations of a host of friends.

The newly wedded pair were youthful sweethearts, way down in New England, separating in youth, when Mr. Willard came west to make a fortune. His girlish sweetheart remained to enter a Boston musical conservatory, graduating a finished vocalist. She also went west, winding up in Duluth, where she was a high salaried singer in church choirs and a leading figure in Minnesota musical circles. While east in connection with financing the Little Cracker mine, Mr. Willard met, proposed and was accepted by his old sweetheart. Last Saturday morning she arrived in Baker City, was met by Mr. Willard and Rev. J. R. N. Bell at 8:30 o'clock on that morning, pronounced the ceremony which made them man and wife.

On Saturday evening, at the Geiser Grand hotel, those Sumpterites who happened to be in Baker City, and who heard of Willard's wedding, gathered to do honor to the couple. A feast was spread, the bride and groom were equally congratulated, and the world was made bright with well wishes. Mrs. Willard is a handsome, accomplished and jolly woman, who will be welcome by Sumpter society, not alone for her many accomplishments, but for her charming personality. As for the groom—everybody in this camp knows Col. Don Willard, that handsome, rotund and always good natured gentleman, whose Little Cracker mine is among the future bonanzas of this district.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Judge of Baker County, Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of Michael Lynch, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, properly verified, as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, at the office of Charles H. Chance, attorney-at-law, First National Bank building, Sumpter, Oregon.

Dated at Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, this 25th day of January, 1905.

J. B. FRYER,

Executor of the Estate of Michael Lynch, Deceased.

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