

## FRAUD CHARGED AGAINST FIRST STATE BANKERS

### Illegal Use of Bank Funds And Conspiracy Alleged in Suit by Bramwell

Charges of fraud and conspiracy are contained in a suit in equity filed late yesterday by Frank C. Bramwell, state bank examiner, on behalf of the defunct First State & Savings bank, against J. W. Siemens, John Siemens, Jr., Ed Bloomington, D. B. Murphy and Marshall Hooper, in which recovery of \$300,000 on promissory notes is sought.

The complaint alleges that excessive loans were made by the three defendants, J. W. and John Siemens, and Marshall Hooper, acting as a board of directors, whereas five members of the board were necessary to constitute a quorum. It is further charged that these loans were made to the Klamath Livestock Mortgage Loan company, the Klamath Mint company, the Southern Oregon Land and Livestock company, the Klamath General Hospital association, the Klamath Heating company, the Saddle Mountain Lumber company, and the Klamath Wool Growers' association, on inadequate securities, and that the defendants fraudulently conspired and confederated together for the purpose of operating the bank to their own personal gain, and to the advantage of the private corporations as named, and "in utter disregard of the rights and interests of said bank, its depositors, creditors and stockholders, and in pursuance of said conspiracy and purpose the defendants, during the entire period between the re-organization and final suspension of said bank; that they made large and excessive and illegal loans to themselves, and to corporations in which they, or some of them were interested"; and "that large losses resulted on account of loans to insolvent and irresponsible persons and corporations."

The sums sought to be recovered are: Klamath Livestock and Mortgage Loan company \$142,460.00 as maker and indorser, Klamath Mint company \$10,415.53, of which \$475.53 is on alleged precarious security, and \$10,000 is unsecured, Klamath General Hospital association, \$2000 unsecured, Saddle Mountain Lumber company \$50,965.13, on alleged inadequate security, Klamath Heating company \$8,807.00, on alleged precarious security, Southern Land and Livestock company \$2720, insolvent, John Siemens Jr., \$14,000 as joint maker, and \$42,000 as endorser, also \$15,000 loan, J. W. Siemens \$29,295.51 on loan; partially secured, and as joint maker for \$6,000 and on contingent liability as maker for \$4,000, and joint maker in the sum of \$14,000, and as an endorser for \$42,000, and on a direct liability as endorser in the sum of \$29,943.70. To other persons for \$5,160.00.

The complaint further charges: "That since said reorganization the defendants fraudulently and illegally took out of the savings department of said bank valuable securities in the sum of more than \$54,000.00, and replaced the same with inferior or worthless securities from the Commercial department of said bank, and used said securities so taken from its savings department as collateral security to its bill payable in the commercial department."

The complaint concluded by asking judgment and decree for \$300,000 and its costs and disbursements in the suit.

### WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered but little change in barometric pressure during the last 24 hours although the tendency is slightly downward. Warmer weather is indicated for tomorrow.

Forecast for next 24 hours:  
Fair and warm.  
The Tycoos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:  
High ..... 74  
Low ..... 45

## It's an Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good



Two hundred striking rail workers at Childress, Tex., are working overtime—and for no pay. They're helping sick farmers work their crops. Here are some of them who in four hours worked 30 acres of cotton for Claude Tucker.

## DIARY OF HAMMER VICTIM FAILS TO MENTION PHILLIPS

### No Mention Found of Slayer's Husband; Pages Reveal Record Of Girlhood Days

LOS ANGELES, July 26.—The diary left behind by Mrs. Alberta Meadows, victim of the hammer murder on lonely Two-Tree hill, and which has been subjected to a careful scrutiny, is an intimate and intensely interesting document, it was admitted today by the authorities who have scanned its pages.

The diary is so plainly a record of Mrs. Meadows' girlhood and the happy days of her all too brief married life, which was cut short by the accidental death of her husband, that its pages would have been held inviolate but for the fact that it was thought they might have contained something bearing upon the dreadful tragedy that was to culminate in the death of Mrs. Meadows herself.

It was stated when the existence of the diary first became known, shortly after Mrs. Meadows was slain that there was nothing in it that could be of value in connection with the investigation of the slaying of its author. The authorities have satisfied themselves that the statement was true.

### Complete Record

No part of the diary will be made public. Enough has been admitted by those who have seen it, however, to reveal that it is a very complete record of the activities of Mrs. Meadows, and that there is not a single reference to A. L. Phillips, husband of Mrs. Clara Phillips, alleged slayer of Mrs. Meadows, from end to end of the very human document.

There is but one man's name that runs through the diary's closely written pages—the name of the man who won Mrs. Meadows as a bride and whom she almost worshipped.

The diary teems with brief stories of the many little parties and other affairs that Mrs. Meadows attended, it was reported. As a whole it provides such a closely connected narrative of her life it offers mute evidence that there was no other man who had won her affections.

### Treasured Possession

It was pointed out that if there had been an affair of the heart between Mrs. Meadows and Phillips she

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## ATTACK DIVORCE LAW

### Question Before Nevada Voters at Polls Next Fall

RENO, Nev., July 26.—Nevada voters will have an opportunity at the polls next fall for the first time in the history of the state to amend the state divorce law which has been criticized by churchmen and others and which is claimed made possible the quick divorce of Owen Moore and Mary Pickford, motion picture stars.

The proposed amendment, sponsored by Bishop George Huntington of the Episcopal church of Nevada, has been filed with the secretary of state and will appear on the November ballot. It provides that divorce seekers may obtain an interlocutory decree after residing in Nevada for six months but must wait another six months before obtaining the final decree.

Another divorce bill passed by the last legislature, eliminating short-term features of the present law, but maintaining in force the six months residence section, also will appear on the ballot.

## Loose Marriage License Lucky Escape, Say Police

SA DIEGO, Calif., July 26.—Unique among complaints of lost articles is the one made by an embarrassed visitor here last week who said his marriage license had disappeared. He asked Desk Sergeant Ken Wilson what to do.

"Do" said a chorus of old married policemen when Wilson related the story afterward. "Why the poor sap don't know when he's had a narrow escape."

It seemed that after getting the license, but before having the knot tied, they did considerable riding around in the bridegroom's small automobile, having the comfortable feeling that the bit of paper authorizing the minister to make them one was reposing in hubby-to-be's coat pocket on the back seat.

On discovering the loss, they went over the route they had travelled, but finally came to the police station in despair. The sergeant advised them to get the county clerk to issue a certified duplicate, and they went their way happy.

## FISHERMEN GET ULTIMATUM

TACOMA, July 26.—Sixty Columbia river fishermen who obtained a temporary injunction recently against the Washington state fisheries board, have 48 hours to cease purse seining operations as a result of the ruling of three federal judges late yesterday dissolving the injunction.

## MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, July 26.—Cattle steady at decline of 50c on cows late yesterday. Hogs steady, sheep strong, eggs and butter weak.

## \$3,000,000 RAISED

### Amount Subscribed by 5,000 Seattle Citizens in Five Days for Hotel

SEATTLE, July 26.—Approximately 5,000 Seattle residents subscribed a total of \$3,000,000 in bonds to finance the erection of a new hotel here, sponsored by the chamber of commerce as a community enterprise. It was announced at noon today when the subscription campaign concluded.

The \$3,000,000 was raised in five days. Originally it was planned to sell \$2,750,000 in bonds in five days, but the citizens' committee of salesmen met with such response that the drive was ended today. Construction of the hotel, which will be built on leased ground owned by the University of Washington, will begin within four months and the building will be completed in 18 months, according to present plans.

## CAL DRAWS WORKMEN

### Craftsmen Induced to go South by High Wage Offers

TACOMA, Wash., July 26.—The demand for building trades craftsmen in California has resulted in a shortage of these workmen in western Washington, local contractors declare. It is said that California contractors have sent agents here and craftsmen have been induced to go to California with promises of as much as \$3 a day above union scale.

"There is a shortage in the building trades," R. M. Grant, speaking for local contractors recently stated. "On many building jobs here men are now being paid more than the scale, and despite that fact higher wages still are luring them to California, where an exceptional building movement is underway."

## DORRIS FARMER FIRES BULLET THROUGH HEART

### Body Found Near Roadside; Notes Said to Indicate Domestic Troubles

DORRIS, July 26.—David F. Wells, 48, widely known farmer of this vicinity, was found dead with a bullet through his heart at one o'clock this morning on the main road four miles west of here. A .25-25 calibre rifle nearby and notes found on the body indicated suicide caused by worry over domestic troubles.

The body was found by the roadside in the vicinity of the Wells ranch by a truck driver for the Welter Lumber company. It was brought to Dorris where an inquest will be held today. The contents of the notes left by Wells were not made public, but it was understood that they related to recent domestic troubles.

Wells is survived by a wife and 12-year-old son, both of Dorris.

## STREET COST SAVED

### Warren Company Assumes Maintenance in New Agreement

Klamath Falls today escaped future paving maintenance costs through signing an agreement with the Warren Construction company which provides that all repairs to the paving for a period of years shall be borne by the company. The original bid of the company called for payment by the city of one-fifth cent a yard a year for repairs. When it was pointed out by City Attorney Duncan that it was illegal for the city to enter into a contract for anticipated repairs, a supplementary agreement was drawn.

### Paving Bonds Signed

Paving bonds sold to the Warren Construction company and the First National bank were signed yesterday and are ready for delivery upon payment of the amounts due. At the council meeting Monday the Bend Concrete Pipe company was given permission to repair the old keg and pail factory on South Sixth street and to construct new gravel bunkers. A representative of this company recently stated that a permanent plant here was contemplated.

A contract submitted to the council by the California Oregon Power

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## She's Ready



Mrs. Ellis Graves, East Boston, Mass., is ready to meet any feminine waterweight in the United States in the squared arena.

## 400,000 RAIL MEN THREATEN JOIN WALKOUT

### Maintenance of Way Group Opposes Attempt to Displace Brotherhood

STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS  
400,000 maintenance of way men threaten to strike.  
Women attack non-union workers in Toledo.  
Pittsburg operators' association seeks parity with view to coal strike settlement.

DETROIT, Mich., July 26.—A threat that 400,000 maintenance of way men employed on the Nation's railroads will strike because of the alleged action of certain eastern roads in attempting to form company organizations to take the place of the International railroad brotherhoods, and because of the action of guards employed by the railroads, was made here today at the headquarters of the International brotherhood of maintenance of way employes and railway shop laborers.

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 26.—Forty women, wives and relatives of striking railway employes attacked a party of non-union railroad shopmen on their way to work in the New York Central shops here today. Police responding to the call were met with a shower of bricks and stones which resulted in calling out the police reserves. Three patrol wagons rushed to the scene with orders to arrest every woman in the vicinity. When the reserves arrived the women had fled. No arrests were made.

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, July 26.—The Pittsburgh Vets Operators' association, producing over one-third of the entire coal output of Ohio, announced today through Secretary Alban that the association now stands ready to enter into a conference with officials of the United Mine workers, either for Ohio or for the central competitive field, with view to a termination of the strike.

This is the first definite announcement of the willingness of the association, which employs from 20,000 to 30,000 men, to enter into a conference on this basis.

## VALUED HORSE DEAD

### Old St. Paces on After 11 Years With Express Company

Eleven years of faithful service and a useful career were ended with the unexpected death from acute stomach trouble last night of St., the faithful old horse of the American Express company.

A fat, sleek colt, St. was shipped to this city from California 11 years ago when delivery service was first inaugurated here by the express company. J. J. Parker, local agent, drove St. the first time he was in harness and Arthur Leavitt, who was working for the company at that time, helped to train him as a truck horse.

The willingness and reliability of St. won for him a warm place in the hearts of the express company employes and their sorrow over the loss was as acute as through a member of the family had passed on. With tears in his eyes, Parker this morning related the career of his "pal."

## TOURISTS GIVEN AID

### Portland Opens Information Booth; Visitors Urged to Remain

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—The Portland chamber of commerce has opened an information booth at the municipal auto camp where general information regarding city state will be dispensed, and the Oregon tourist and information bureau will assist in giving data of condition of highways, camp sites and tourists hotels.

A card index will be kept of all tourists and the particular feature of the state in which they are interested, and after they return to their homes the chamber will open a follow-up campaign to induce them to make their permanent home in Oregon.

## SPOILING THE FISHERMAN'S STRIKE

