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BANKER ROSS TO KNOW HIS FATE SOON

Assassins Are After the Principals in Ruef Trial

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

THE CITY HALL

CITY AND CITY CHAIRMAN WILL BE CHOSEN — DELEGATES TO STATE, CONGRESSIONAL AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS TO BE CHOSEN.

The Marion county central committee of the Republican party will meet this evening at the city hall to organize by electing a county chairman, and a city chairman and delegates to the state convention to be held at Portland May 14.

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PAPER RAILROAD GALORE

IN WESTERN OREGON

OREGON ELECTRIC ENLARGES ITS CAPITALIZATION AND FILES ON ALL AVAILABLE LOCATIONS FOR NEW LINES.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Salem for many extensions of the Oregon Electric system in western Oregon. The scope of their program is stated in the following telegram:

Portland, Or., April 22.—The announcement was made today simultaneously with an increase in the

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BANKER EXPERTS TESTIFY

ON PORTLAND CASE

ARGUMENTS MADE BY EMINENT COUNSEL FOR AND AGAINST THE ACCUSED—FATE OF ROSS NOW WITH JURY.

J. Thorburn Ross, indicted Title Guarantee & Trust company president, will know his fate by tonight. The entire day up to the time this paper went to press was consumed in argument by the attorneys, but Judge Pipes expects to finish before 5 o'clock, and the case will then be given to the jury. Indications seem to point to a conviction though opinion are dissenting.

The trial yesterday, as far as the examination of witnesses was concerned, came to an abrupt close before the courtroom of spectators had time to realize what had happened. The defense began the presentation of its case at 4:20 o'clock in the afternoon; at 4:30 o'clock, the jury had left the courtroom after having heard three witnesses for the defense and the judge's usual admonition not to talk about the case, all during the ten minutes.

The prosecution during the afternoon session went quickly through a long list of witnesses making up small technical gaps in the testimony. J. W. Ferguson, E. H. Collins, George Black, and Ben. W. Olcott, experts who conducted the examination into the condition of the bank after its failure identified books and papers showing that the state educational funds had been deposited in the bank, but that by the middle of August the entire remaining balance of cash on hand in the bank, counting outside bank deposits, as well as specie on hand, would not cover the \$288,000 of the educational fund. Attorney General Crawford testified to certain proceedings had by the state demanding the return of the money. Claud Byers, W. L. Decater and Douglass Lawson testified in minor matters as to the handwriting contained in various credit slips. Gatch was commended by the court for his upright and manly way of answering questions. Treasurer Steele was again called to the stand and repeated his tactics of the morning by dodging and evasive answering. Assistant Treasurer Perkins followed his chief to the stand and testified well in regard to demands written to the bank. With testimony of Judge Seneca Smith, one of the experts, the prosecution announced its case closed.

Attorney McCamant, for Ross, then made a formal motion for the elimination of all testimony taken thus far—an attempt to have a verdict for his client—on the three grounds that there had been no evidence connecting his client with the conversion, if there was any; that the funds had been collected from other banks on checks and that if there was any conversion, it took place when the money was first deposited by Treasurer Steel with the other bank, and that even if the money was in the Title Insurance and Trust company, there was no proof given that he knew it. Replying to this Judge Pipes, for the

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COMPLETING ABE RUEF JURY

CHANGE OF VENUE

ASKED FOR AGAIN BY THE WILY AND RESOURCEFUL DEFENDANT—LIVES OF SEVERAL IN CASE THREATENED.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 23.—Abe Ruef again applied for a change of venue when his case was resumed in Judge Dooling's court this morning. The motion was denied and the work of completing the jury was taken up.

Life Was Threatened.
Abe Ruef's life has been threatened, according to a statement made today by the ex-boss. The statement, coming so soon after the blowing up of former Supervisor Gallagher's home in Oakland last night, leads to the belief that a crank was responsible for the Gallagher outrage, as the motives for attempts on the lives of Gallagher and Ruef would necessarily be different. Ruef having drawn away from the prosecution and lining up the indicted "higher-ups" while Gallagher is giving the graft prosecution all the aid in his power.

Prosecutor Heney still refuses to

discuss the possible motive for the attempt on Gallagher's life.

Extra precautions will be taken to protect Ruef against attempts at violence.

The Gallagher affair is causing much apprehension among the other hoodling supervisors, fearing that last night's attempt will stir the cranks to general action.

Witnesses in Ford Case.

Boston was excused after answering a few unimportant questions.

Ex-Supervisor Pat McGushin was the next witness. He supplemented the testimony of his former colleagues regarding the acceptance of money for their votes in favor of the over-had franchise. Ex-Supervisor W. W. Sanderson followed with substantially the same story. Sanderson admitted that he and Prosecutor Heney were boyhood friends and that he was testifying under a promise of immunity.

Oakland, Cal., April 23.—The mystery surrounding the attempt made last night to take the life of James L. Gallagher, star witness in the hoodle case affecting the old board of supervisors, by dynamiting his home, is as impenetrable today, so far as the identity of the perpetrators is concerned, as it was immediately after the explosion occurred.

Although Oakland's detective force spent the night in running down various wild rumors in San Francisco and other bay cities, they are now without a tangible clue to follow and are groping in the dark. Chief of Police Biggy, of San Francisco, and his men stand ready to

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FIGHT ON RESTORING R. R. LANDS

IN LOWER HOUSE

CHARGE THAT IT ATTACKS RIGHTS OF INNOCENT PURCHASERS—DEMOCRATIC LEADER OUTLINES PLATFORM.

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Washington, April 23.—One of the bitterest fights of this session of congress occurred today over the adoption of the senate resolution instructing the attorney general to institute suit to wrest land in southwestern Oregon from the Harriman interests, which are alleged to have violated the restrictions and which they receive 2,000,000 acres.

The land lies along the Oregon & California railroad and was granted to the company in 1866. Before being patented the government amended the grant so that the land could be sold in batches of ten acres at \$2.50 per acre to actual settlers. Since 1893 the Harriman management is alleged to have sold not less than 1,000,000 acres for as much as \$10 per acre and is still holding 2,000,000 as an investment.

Claiming that this disregard of the law had led to devastation of the country and defeated the object

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of settlement for which the grant was made, the department of justice seeks to take the matter to court, but it is necessary to have congress authorize the suit.

Scarcely had the debate on the proposed resolution begun but Representative Fordney of Michigan, introduced an amendment to protect "innocent purchasers" including the inhabitants of small towns and 45,000 acres bought by lumber men all of whom are said to have purchased the land in ignorance of the restrictions. It was pointed out that the government itself in the Oregon transactions had not always recognized the restrictions. The amendment was savagely attacked, the charge being made that it was an attempt to let Harriman escape.

Outlines Platform.

Senator Raynor of Maryland today gave the senate an inkling of the nature of some of the planks he would have incorporated in the Democratic national platform. He explained that he was moved to make the announcement by many friends who were frequently asking for information as to what platform he would advocate.

The Maryland legislator declared that he would have the platform demand tariff reform, and declare against executive usurpation.

"I would demand the enforcement of every federal enactment under the theory that the greater the criminal the more severe the punishment should be," he declared.

"I would limit the presidential term to one term and prohibit the incumbent from using federal patronage to aid in the nomination or election of a successor. The plat-

HOT SPRINGS ARK., HAS ROBBERY

HELD UP A CLUB

AND GOT AWAY WITH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH—LOCKED THE DOORS AND STOOD UP THE CROWD.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Hot Springs, Ark., April 23.—The most sensational robbery in the history of the city occurred early this morning, when four masked men entered a gambling room known as the Indiana club, lined up everybody in the place, took the club's \$10,000 bank roll and escaped.

The robbery was carried out with neatness and dispatch, the robbers evidently having planned the raid carefully. There were a number of players at each of the tables distributed about the big room when the four men entered quietly through the rear doors. Their presence had not been noticed until the leader shouted the command, "hands up." Taken completely by surprise and seeing resistance useless, the quartet having disposed themselves about the room in such manner as to be able to cover all of their victims, players and dealers, instantly obeyed the command. They were then lined up against the wall and guarded by three of the intruders, while the leaders opened the cash drawer and extracted the bank roll. Still covering their victims, the robbers locked all of the front doors, backed out of the rear doors, locking them also, and made their escape in the darkness. They succeeded in getting a good start before the alarm was given and when the police arrived on the scene they were unable to pick up any clues.

form should provide that the United States should not unite with other governments to despoil foreign territory."

Senator Rayner denounced as treason any act looking to the insertion in the constitution by judicial construction or otherwise, any power or grant not already contained therein.

"I don't believe our party can be born again," he continued. "It's either a 'states right' party, under the present acceptance of the term, or it's nothing. It will never come into power as an annex of the Republican party."

He expressed regret that a "high Democratic authority" had advocated the enactment of legislation providing that corporations be limited in the amount of products they can consign to other states and protested against the party being tampered with by scribes and mountebanks.

GERMAN ATTORNEY TO BE PROSECUTED

Berlin, April 23.—Dr. Max Bernstein, who acted as counsel for Editor Harden during the Molke-Harden libel trial, is to be prosecuted for libeling Prince Philip Zu Suleberg, whom he accused, in the course of the trial, of gross immoralities.

Omaha, Neb., April 23.—Receipts: Hogs, 6300; cattle, 2500; sheep, 5000.

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