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PAWNBROKER GETS THREATENING LETTER
 A pawnbroker who lives in a house on 1000 under creek bridge last night (Saturday) or early this morning will find a person there wearing a red coat and giving the name of Mr. Eller. Your blood will be on his hands if you don't.—X. Y. Z.

THE BLACK HAND.
 A blood curdling message was received last Saturday morning by a pawnbroker, who had just opened a place of business on Commercial avenue, just off Seventh street. Mr. Eller lost no time in passing the letter over to Chief of Police Shearer. He and two other officers went Saturday evening to the store and the bridge,

but nothing of any consequence transpired. In addition to the signing of the terrible words, "The Black Hand," the writer of the letter drew at the bottom of it a crude picture of a skull and crossbones and a black hand. Although Mr. Eller was very much frightened at the receipt of the letter, the police were of the opinion that it was a hoax. However, Chief Shearer decided to take no chances and took every possible precaution to protect the man, and, if possible, to capture the person or persons who sent the letter. Mr. Eller became so wrought up over the matter that he sent word to a married sister of his, Mrs. Sabel, the wife of a jeweler at Redding, Cal.,

and she lost no time in coming to Medford. To a Morning Mail reporter they both said that Mr. Eller was not going to be frightened or driven from the town on account of the threats, but would continue to do business in Medford. It now transpires that if the letter was sent as a joke it might turn out to be a very dear one for the person who wrote it, as it was sent through the mails. It was mailed at the Medford postoffice Friday night or Saturday morning, and was received by Mr. Eller about noon on Saturday, when he called at the postoffice for his mail. After failing to get any clew Saturday night, Chief of Police Shearer and Mr. Eller laid the matter before

the local postoffice officials and they have taken the matter up with the department at Washington. The result will be that one or more secret service men will likely be in Medford within a few days, and will likely follow some clews which will be furnished them, with the result that it is anything but a joke to fool with the United States mail. When it is stated that it might be a joke it can also be stated that there might be something more than a joke in the case. Both Mr. Eller and the police are inclined to believe that there is a "method in the madness" of the person who sent the letter, and that something may transpire in the near future which will likely surprise the people of this city when all the facts and details are made public.—Medford Mail.

sponse of stockholders to payments of assessments that the first dividend can be issued as quickly as possible. If the other stockholders will follow the footsteps of these three instances, the day is not far hence when stockholders will realize a dividend.

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"La Grande, Ore., Dec. 9, 1908.
 "Mr. H. B. Smith, Tacoma, Wash.
 "Dear Sir and Friend—It gives me exceptional pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 7th inst., enclosing your check for \$1000, in full payment of a 100 per cent assessment on ten shares of stock of the Farmers & Traders' National bank, of La Grande, Ore., standing in your name on the books of the bank. Your liberality in paying the amount now is duly appreciated.

"Permit me, however, to express the hope that this may not end your banking career, but that you may head some national bank, or be one of its directors, some time, in which case I am fully satisfied no assessment would ever have to be made.
 "I am taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, a marked copy of today's evening paper.
 "Hoping to have the pleasure of again meeting you soon, and again thanking you, I remain, with kindest personal regards,
 Yours truly,
 "WALTER NIEDNER,
 Receiver."

Mrs. Dice Is Third.
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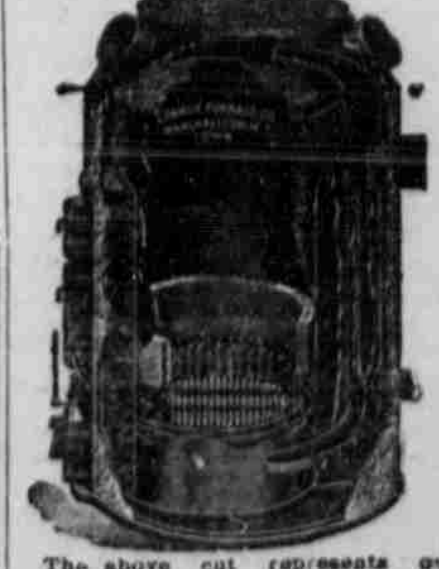
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