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FIRST MODERN STEEL BUILDING WILL BE ERECTED IN SALEM

CONTRACT CLOSED TODAY BY UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK FOR FIVE STORY BUSINESS BLOCK AT CORNER OF STATE AND COM. STREETS.

The Capital Journal is able to give the first authorized announcement that the United States National Bank of this city has decided to erect an \$100,000 modern steel five-story banking and office building on the corner of State and Commercial streets. The successful bidders are the Northwestern Bridge Company, Portland, which is putting up some of the finest steel structures in that city. The building will be five stories, 65x100 feet—65 feet on Commercial street, with the bank on the corner, and a very fine store room next to it. The four upper stories will be all modern office rooms, with double elevators, steam heat and hot and cold water, and a first-class fireproof building of steel, brick and concrete. The plans adopted were prepared by Architect Fred R. Legg, of this city. This will be Salem's first modern building, and, while not a sky-scraper, it will be the first step toward converting this city into a metropolitan community. State street will have bitulthic pavement, and the property will be the finest

business property in the city. This step of enterprise on the part of the United States National will be thoroughly appreciated by the people of the Capital City, and will be a source of great pride to the city, and will boost all values of business property. Construction is to commence immediately.

A CHICAGO MAN

DOES SHOOTING

Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 6.—Harold Sanborn of Chicago, who participated in a fight yesterday in which six men and one woman were killed on the La Tienda plantation, is in the hospital at Acayun dangerously wounded. During the fight Sanborn was shot through the neck.

According to reports of the fight, it is said that the woman who was killed, stabbed Vincente Espinosa, a prominent cattle man, and that as Espinosa fell Sanborn shot the girl. The others killed met death in a melee that followed.

OPIUM SMUGGLING ON A LARGE SCALE

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, May 6.—Plain clothes men and officers of the secret service today are following every available clue in an effort to round up local representatives of an international gang of opium smugglers, whose proposed extensive operations were made known to the officials by Chinese merchants of this city. Lieutenant J. C. Stone, R. C. Rush and W. A. Harrigan are in command of a force of officers who are patrolling the waterfront with orders to seize the contraband shipments that are expected to arrive.

When the law prohibiting the importation of opium for smoking became effective in April, it was known that \$400,000 worth of the poppy product had been stored by Chinese brokers. With this large quantity in the city, it is thought that the smugglers expected to catch the customs officers unawares and seize the opportunity to bundle large shipments into the city illegally. Their plans are said to have been divulged by Chinese merchants, who feared that the wholesale entry would be effective in lowering the value of the opium in their possession.

It is thought by the officers that the gang of smugglers had its headquarters in China, and is represented by agents in this city and in the Eastern states. Collector of the Port Fred S. Stratton, Surveyor Elmer F. Woodward and the other government officials at this port are determined to apprehend the operators here, and have laid their plans carefully. With the lead furnished them by the merchants, the officers are of the opinion that, in addition to stopping the intended influx of the contraband product, they will be successful in running to earth the individuals connected with the plot in this city and in the East.

Washington Editor Declines.
Washington, May 6.—E. C. Hughes, whom the president offered the federal judgeship of the western district of Washington, today declined the position.

FIGHTING TO BREAK RACE LAWS

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, May 6.—The little town of Madera in the San Joaquin valley is to be the scene of the attempt of the race track followers to secure a test of the Otis-Walker anti-betting law passed by the late state legislature, according to persistent rumors here today. That the famous coursing park at Madera again will be filled with devotees of the chase, and that if a test case follows, the racing fraternity will flock to the attack of the new statute, is the word that has been passed about by those who are supposed to be on the inside of the confidential circle.

Soon after the passage of the anti-gambling bill it was planned to reopen the Ingleside coursing park in this city. This plan came to naught, as did several other schemes to secure a test. It is said today that plans to open the Madera park are almost perfected. It is rumored that former Judge Carroll Cook, with Henry Ach, has been retained by those concerned to care for the legal end of any proceedings arising from the proposed attempt.

HE FLEW THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Home, May 5.—Lieutenant Calderara, one of Wilbur Wright's aeroplane pupils, had both shoulders dislocated here today when he fell, with his instructor's aeroplane, from a height of 100 feet. He was rendered unconscious by the fall, and was removed to a hospital.

Calderara was making a flight in Wilbur Wright's machine when the accident occurred. When he had attained a height of 100 feet the motor stopped, and before he could get it started again, the aeroplane fell. After he regained consciousness at the hospital, Calderara stated that he had a sudden attack of vertigo, and instinctively clutched the lever. He remembers nothing of his terrible drop to the earth. According to physicians in charge, he stands an excellent chance of recovery. Calderara assumed all responsibility of the accident, and claims that the mechanism of the aeroplane was not at fault.

WITNESSES TELL ABOUT KIDNAPING OF EDITOR OLDER

San Francisco, May 6.—Fromont Older, editor of the Evening Bulletin, was placed on the witness stand today in the trial of Luther Brown, chief of the United Railways detective bureau, who is accused of kidnapping him.

Older told the story of the alleged kidnapping. He said that he was arrested by Brown, Porter Ashe and two constables from Los Angeles, who had a warrant, issued in that city, charging him with criminal libel.

His efforts to get the constables to take him before a court where he could be admitted to bail, he said, were futile and he was placed in an automobile and taken to Redwood City against his will. He charged that one of the constables, whose name he did not know, placed a revolver at his side and threatened to shoot if he made an outcry.

Attorney Bert Schlessinger, representing the defense, incurred the displeasure of the court this morning by interrupting Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook while he was making his opening statement. Judge Mahon took Schlessinger to task and ordered him to be silent.

Cook was reviewing the incidents of the alleged kidnapping and told of the journey made from Redwood City south toward Los Angeles. Schlessinger objected on the ground that nothing of this trip was mentioned in the indictment.

DEFENSE IN THE CAPTAIN HAINS TRIAL

Flushing, L. I., May 6.—The defense in the trial of Captain Peter C. Hains accused of the murder of William E. Annis, rested at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon after introducing expert testimony to prove that the defendant was insane at the time of the killing.

Dr. Manson, who testified yesterday that Hains was insane when he killed Annis, was cross-examined by the prosecution today. His testimony remained unshaken.

Dr. Arthur C. Brush, qualifying as an expert, corroborated Manson's testimony. At the conclusion of his cross-examination recess was taken. Dr. Jarrett was first witness for the state in rebuttal.

Gold on Fiji Islands.
Vancouver, B. C., May 6.—News brought by the steamship Marana, which arrived here today, of mining excitement over rich gold and copper lode mines discovered in the Fiji group, where a number of mining engineers were awaiting the issuance of a proclamation opening the district to mining rights.

STATE STOVE WORKS WILL HAVE TO BE REBUILT

THAT IS THE ONLY THING TO BE DONE UNDER STATE LAWS-- HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ANY OTHER INDUSTRY

What will the board of public building commissioners do with the burned plant at the state prison? This is a question which the board itself has not answered, and that may cause the members considerable worry before they do answer it. The first question is "Does the state want to continue the stove foundry, or put up a plant to carry on the foundry business?" The second question arises, "Can the state board, under the law, do anything except rebuild the foundry?" The burning of the plant has left nearly 300 of the prisoners out of a job. Temporarily, they will be employed in cleaning up the debris, the aftermath of the fire. After that, what?

The board has not met yet, but when it does, what can it do?

The direction of the law is plain. It can rebuild, but can it do anything else? Plainly not.

The following is a resume of the law under which the board acts, and is self-explanatory:

The general laws of the state for 1903 makes the following provisions for the "repairing or replacement of public buildings destroyed by fire."

"Section 1. In case of loss or damage to any public building of this state, or any of the institutions thereof, educational or otherwise, by fire, or in case of the loss or damage by fire of apparatus, fixtures, appliances or furniture of any such building the Board of Public Building Commissioners, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, is hereby authorized and empowered, upon the application of the proper authorities in charge of such building, etc., showing the nature, character and amount of loss, to authorize the immediate reconstruction, rebuilding, repairing or replacing of such building, apparatus, etc. And the secretary of state is authorized to draw certificates of indebtedness in any sum not greater than the amount allowed by said board, which shall bear legal interest, but no amount greater than the actual loss shall be allowed."

It will be seen from this that the board is up against it. It must either rebuild the foundry, or do nothing, unless the legal branch of the government can find a loophole for dodging the statute.

ROBBERS TUNNEL UNDER BAY CITY

San Francisco, May 6.—Discovery of a network of tunnels leading from a vacant store building at 1679 D'Farrell street today revealed a plot to loot the vaults of the Swiss American Bank, the Faro Jewelry Company and the Great Western Loan Company.

The tunnels were found after a watchman had discovered a pile of sand in the rear room of the vacant store. A hole had been cut through the floor and a main tunnel run within ten feet of the bank's vaults. Branch tunnels led to the buildings occupied by the jewelry and loan companies.

Work on the tunnels had evidently been abandoned for several days, from the appearance of the earth taken from them. The watchman who made the discovery was put on duty in the vicinity of the bank about a week ago, and it is believed that action led the robbers to believe their plot had been discovered, and to take flight.

PAINT UP OR ELSE CONFESS TO WRINKLES

The Salem Shoe store on State street has been for two days painting up its front. In order to do so, it had to put up notices marked "Paint." Now there are many buildings along Commercial and some of the other business streets that need painting. No one appreciates this as much as a woman, because a blamed fool man does not realize that he is in need of repairs, while a woman does. Now the city needs paint. Salem cannot afford to drift into the class of the old abandoned eastern towns. She must keep in style or go out of it. It's up to you gentlemen who own the buildings. Paint up or stand for the wrinkles.

KILLED PARAMOUR AT WIFE'S HASHERY

Oakland, Cal., May 6.—Harry B. Shattuck was shot and seriously wounded by August Cousans early today. Cousans accused Shattuck of breaking up his home. Early today he went to his wife's restaurant, the "Silver Moon," and lay in wait for his intended victim. Soon afterward Shattuck appeared, and Cousans fired twice, both bullets penetrating his breast.

Cousans was arrested and is held in detention pending the outcome of Shattuck's injuries.

SAWMILL BURNS UP AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, B. C., May 6.—The North Pacific Lumber Company's mill at Barnet, eight miles from Vancouver, is a mass of ruins today as the result of a fire which broke out shortly before midnight and was soon beyond control. A Canadian Pacific train consisting of 11 cars, caught fire and only two were saved.

It is believed five cars were loaded with general freight. The dry kilns were saved as well as the lumber yard, but the damage amounts to about \$75,000.

The mill was one of the largest on the coast and had a daily cut of 100,000 feet.

The telephone and telegraph wires were burned down but the great glare of the sky warned the Vancouver brigade and apparatus was sent out early this morning on flatcars.

MORE MOURNERS AT PORTLAND FOR MRS. HAZEL MOORE

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Portland, May 6.—Mrs. Hazel Moore, inamorata of Ortils Hamilton, deposed adjutant general of Washington, patron of the gay life against whom his downfall is charged, spent several days in Portland in February and cut quite a swath in certain circles.

More than one member of the gay set of Portland remembers the visit of Mrs. Moore to the city, and there are many to testify to the lure of her brown tinted eyes.

She came at a time when the snow lay deep upon the ground and engaged for herself a handsome suite of rooms at the Hotel Oregon.

Pretty of face, handsome of figure, witty of tongue, beautifully groomed, she soon captivated all the impressionable men with whom she came in contact and sent into the hearts of the women a decided flutter of envy. During the few days which Mrs. Moore remained in Portland, she gave herself up entirely to pleasure.

Mrs. Moore had several women friends in Portland, one of whom is now in Los Angeles, and to them she seemed the personification of all that was to be envied. To those women who did not know her well she was a young widow, very wealthy and gifted with beauty and all the arts and talents. All this was while she was at the Hotel Oregon under the name of Mrs. Hazel Moore, but those who say they knew her, failed to learn that from the Oregon she moved to the Imperial hotel, there to register, live and grow more popular under the name of Mrs. Ortils Hamilton.

But to the few women and men who knew her well, Mrs. Moore didn't attempt to assume the pose of the wealthy widow. To them the story of her life was known, they were acquainted with the facts of her marriage at 14, and how some years later she became a victim of the pace that kills.

She frankly told people she was going to marry Hamilton, that he was a "good fellow" as good fellows go. She made no secret of the circumstances surrounding the meeting or of the fact that he had a wife. His position was amusing to her, for she had social aspirations of the most pronounced character. She told several people in Portland that marriage with him would secure for her the position she wanted in society.

And upon the subject of her brown eyes there are numbers of gay young fellows to testify. It was the subtle mystery of those flashing orbs that drew them to her as it did Hamilton.

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