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HATCH AND DOYLE ARE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF FRAUD

SALT LAKE MEN RUN UP AGAINST POSTAL AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT TO INTEREST FARMERS IN CHEAP MONEY ON LONG TIME.

Pla Much Like the Empire Home Company's Plan Lands Agents in Toils of Law—Charge Is Using Mails in Attempt to Defraud—Hearing Will Be Held Next Week—Arrested Men Furnish Bonds—Headquarters in Salt Lake.

W. J. Hatch and J. H. Doyle, representatives in Idaho of the Inter-Mountain Rural Credit association, of Salt Lake, were placed under arrest about midnight Saturday night. The arrests were made by Deputy United States Marshal C. H. Arbuckle of Boise, on a warrant issued in that city by Postoffice Inspector H. E. Blarck.

The arrested men were kept under guard the remainder of the night. Sunday morning they were taken before United States Commissioner Alfred F. Stone of this city. Hearing on the complaint was fixed for Thursday morning, August 24. Bond was fixed at \$1000.00 for each and was promptly furnished.

Investigation by Griffiths.

Prosecuting Attorney Griffiths has been investigating Hatch and Doyle for some time past. Until Saturday he was unable to get evidence which warranted him in bringing the matter to the attention of the postoffice authorities. Mr. Griffiths caused the postoffice authorities to investigate. The matter has now been turned over to United States District Attorney J. L. McClure.

Office Established Here.

Hatch and Doyle have been working in this section for some little time. Only recently they opened offices in Caldwell. Their city office is located at 517 Kimball.

It is stated that prosecution of the men will be undertaken on the ground that they have used the mails in "attempting to obtain money fraudulently." There have been no developments to indicate that evidence can be adduced in effort to prove the actual taking of money illegally. It is pointed out that such evidence is not necessary to convict on the charge made by the postal authority.

Complaint against the men is largely confined to allegations of misrepresentation contained in a letter sent by them as "assistant general agents" of the Inter-Mountain Rural Credit association to one Victor Gardner of this city. In this letter, it is claimed, Hatch and Doyle assert that by purchase of stock in their association the buyer may obtain "a loan of \$1500, at 6 per cent interest, for from five to 35 years, repayable in installments."

Misrepresentation Claimed.

As proof of misrepresentation the complaint quotes portions of the Gardner letter in which the accused men asserted that their association has obtained a charter from the United States Rural Credit commission in Washington under the new farm loan law. The prosecuting federal officials will, it is asserted, show that the farm loan commission has not yet organized its banks, and has granted no charters.

In the letter to Gardner the "agents" claimed that their organization "is now under government supervision as a federal joint land bank and practically under the same laws as national banks." Then follows this reassuring sentence: "Of course this change now absolutely guarantees to its members that all loans will be made as promised."

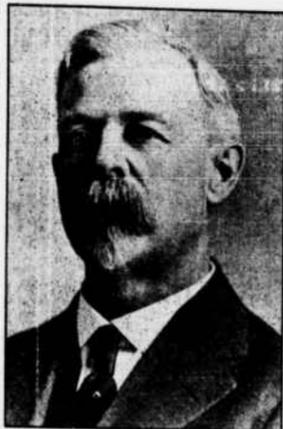
Old Game Tried Again.

The Tribune is somewhat surprised that the attempt should be made to do business in this vicinity on the plan used by these two men. It has been only a few months since The Tribune fully and completely exposed the Empire Home Company of Boise which was working a similar game. The exposure of The Tribune resulted in the Empire Home Company being put out of business by the state bank examiner. At the time The Tribune discussed the plan of these loaning companies fully and completely. There is very little excuse for any person in this section of the country investing his money without knowing exactly what he was doing.

LAW THRESHES 72 BUSHELS WHEAT TO THE ACRE

J. W. Law of Greenleaf has just threshed his wheat. The wheat ran 72 bushels to the acre on a 35-acre field. This is the best wheat yield reported this season. Mr. Law is one of the progressive farmers of the Greenleaf section.

Mr. Law was in the city Thursday transacting business. He was feeling very good over his magnificent wheat yield.



ROBERT M. DUNN

JUDGE ROBERT N. DUNN VISITOR IN CALDWELL

North Idaho Jurist is Candidate for Justice of Supreme Court.

Judge Robert N. Dunn was in Caldwell Saturday evening of last week. Judge Dunn had just come in from Weiser. He went from Caldwell to Twin Falls and will then return to his home in north Idaho.

Judge Dunn is a district judge in the First Judicial District of Idaho which consists of the northern most counties of the state. He is a candidate for Justice of the State Supreme Court. Judge Dunn is one of the best known and most popular district judges in Idaho. He has a great many friends in this section of Idaho who hope and believe that he will be one of the two nominees.

Well Pleased With Outlook.

Judge Dunn stated that he had covered a considerable portion of southern Idaho. He has only two weeks to make a campaign in and will be unable to visit all sections.

He states that he has been warmly welcomed in every section he has visited and is confident that he will be nominated as one of the two non-partisan candidates for justice. He was well pleased with the reception in this part of the state as well as in the southeast. Judge Dunn has met a great many of the leading men of southern Idaho and a great majority of them have assured him of his nomination.

Judge Dunn is a very able as well as a very popular man wherever he is known. It is too bad that his duties as district judge give him so little time to get over the state and get acquainted. In spite of this his friends state that he will be one of the nominees.

The three candidates, two of whom will be nominated at the primary election are Judge Dunn, Mr. Justice Sullivan and Mr. John C. Rice of Caldwell.

CALDWELL FIRM ESTABLISH RENO MARKET

Big Caldwell Concern Is Branching Out in Southwest.

The Caldwell Horse & Mule company has maintained a market at Sacramento for several months. The Sacramento market has been in charge of C. H. Turner. The business of the local horse and mule company has grown to such proportions in California and Nevada that a market has also been established at Reno. Mr. Turner is at Reno at the present time looking after that market.

New Industry for Reno.

The following news item is taken from the Nevada State Journal of some days ago:

"A new industry is to be located in Reno this week, to be known as the Reno Horse and Mule company, composed of J. A. Haley, C. H. Turner and Smeed Brothers of Caldwell, Idaho, who are well known dealers in horses and mules throughout the United States.

"The purpose of the company is to buy and sell horses and mules and to hold monthly auction sales. A local manager will be placed in charge to take care of the company's Reno interests and will buy horses and mules at all times at current prices.

"C. H. Turner, one of the members of the firm, arrived in the city yesterday from California, and is a guest at the Riverside hotel."

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF STAR PASSES AWAY

Sunday, George A. McIntyre, a Boise valley pioneer and one of the most highly respected citizens of Ada county, died at his home at Star following a short illness. Mr. McIntyre who was 63 years of age had been a resident of this section for some 25 years. His death is mourned by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Fred Boyes, of Caldwell; Mrs. J. E. Bassett, of Reith, Ore.; Mrs. Edward Rambaugh and Mrs. Charles Gehardt, both of Star. After funeral services conducted at the family residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the body of the deceased was interred in the Star cemetery.

Mrs. B. M. Altizer left Friday of last week for Seattle where she will spend the next couple of weeks. While at Seattle Mrs. Altizer will be the guest of her brother, Dr. C. H. Snyder and his wife.

ADDISON T. SMITH EXPLAINS POWER LEASING BILL

REPLY FROM IDAHO CONGRESSMAN TO WATER USERS COMMITTEE WHICH CONDEMNED HIS PROPOSED WATER POWER LEASING LAW.

Smith Law Would Give Settlers Control of Their Power—Friends of Measure Think Settlers' Committee Did Not Understand Provisions—Bill Is Given in Full That Readers May Know Exactly What It Provides—Subject Important.

The bill of Congressman Addison T. Smith providing for the leasing of water power under government reclamation projects has provoked a great deal of discussion. Last week The Tribune published an article setting forth that the committee appointed by the Boise Water Users' association disapproved of the proposed bill.

Thinking the matter of great public interest we print the proposed law in full, and also a letter addressed to the committee by Congressman Smith. The letter discussing the proposed bill follows:

Water Users Must Approve.

"Further acknowledging receipt of your telegram with reference to H. R. 15958, introduced by me, with a view of benefiting the water users on government reclamation projects in the sale of surplus power which may be available, I beg to say that as you are aware the present law authorizes the leasing of such surplus power for a period of only ten years without the approval of the Water Users' associations. The bill under consideration provides that these leases may be entered into for a period not exceeding fifty years, providing the legally authorized Water Users' associations on the project approve such leases. This legislation is intended to better protect the rights of the Water Users' associations and to bring to the projects a source of income from the sale of surplus power which will, it is hoped, amount to a considerable sum and thus reduce the cost of water to the entrants. It has been found that on many of the projects it is impossible to enter into a lease which would be advantageous to the Water Users' association under the present law permitting leases for only ten years. This is especially true where the expenditure of several thousand dollars would be involved in the construction of power plants. If this law is not enacted it will probably result in a great quantity of surplus power on reclamation projects going to waste which should be utilized, not only to enable the reclamation of additional lands, but also to bring an income to the settlers under the project. Under the proposed law Water Users' associations have absolute control of the matter, inasmuch as their approval must be secured before contracts can be entered into by the Secretary of the Interior, for the leasing of surplus power. If you have any suggestions to offer in view of the above explanation as to the object to be accomplished by proposed legislation, please let me hear from you."

Proposed Law.

The bill introduced by Congressman Smith is as follows: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That section five of an act entitled "An act providing for the withdrawal from public entry of lands needed for townsite purposes in connection with irrigation projects under the reclamation act of June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, and for other purposes," approved April sixteenth, nineteen hundred and six, as amended by the act of February twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act providing for the withdrawal from public entry of lands needed for townsite purposes in connection with irrigation projects under the reclamation act of June 17, 1902, and for other purposes,'" approved April 16, 1906," be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. That whenever a development of power is necessary for the irrigation of lands, under any project undertaken under the reclamation law, or any opportunity is afforded for the development of power under any such project, the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the legally organized and acting water users' association, or associations, under any such project, is authorized to lease for a period not exceeding fifty years, giving preference to municipal purposes and to irrigation districts duly organized under state law, any surplus power or power privilege, and the money derived from such leases shall be converted into the reclamation fund and be placed to the credit of the project which said power is derived: Provided, That no lease shall be made for such surplus power or power privilege as will impair the efficiency of the irrigation project.

SHORTAGE IN ASSESSOR'S OFFICE NOW PLACED OVER \$10,000

FORMER ASSESSOR A. O. CHRISTOPHER PLACED UNDER ARREST MONDAY FOR SECOND TIME ON A CRIMINAL CHARGE.

Bonds in Sum of \$1000.00 Were Furnished—Misappropriation of County Funds is Charged—Hearing Will Be Held August 31st—Former Official Comes in From Farm to Furnish Bonds—Total Alleged Shortage Has Been Footed up and is \$10,333.50.

A. O. Christopher, former county assessor, is now accused of being short in his accounts \$10,333.52. Mr. Christopher was arrested Monday for the second time. The figure stated is the amount Assessor Christopher is charged with having misappropriated.

A previous criminal action was filed against the ex-official two weeks ago when he was charged with the embezzlement of \$587.50, the amount of a check given by the Smeed Bros., in payment of their 1915 taxes on 300 head of horses.

When apprised of the fact that the new warrant for his arrest had been issued Mr. Christopher telephoned from his ranch that he would appear during the afternoon and arrange for bond and the setting of the preliminary hearing.

Bond Fixed at \$1000.

In the absence of Probate Judge Frank E. Meek on his vacation the warrant was sworn out in the court of Justice George W. Stovel, former county clerk. Appearing in accordance with his promise, before Judge Stovel at about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, Mr. Christopher had his bond fixed at \$1000, and the time of his preliminary hearing set for September 5. He was given until Wednesday morning to prepare and present the bond, which, he stated, would be given by two personal friends.

When attention of Judge Stovel was later called to the fact that September 5 is primary election day, he stated that a change of date would undoubtedly be made to correct the oversight.

Action against the deposed officer is brought by County Attorney H. A. Griffiths, representing the state of Idaho, under subdivision 10 of section 6875 of the revised codes of Idaho. "Misuse of public moneys by an officer" as therein defined is a classification of embezzlement. The penalty affixed is from 1 to 14 years' imprisonment.

Felony Is Alleged.

The complaint upon which the warrant for the arrest was based contains this language:

"That A. O. Christopher, then and there being, on or about the first Monday of July, 1916, in the county of Canyon, state of Idaho, and on divers dates and days prior thereto, and continuing up to the 21st day of August, 1916, while then and there being duly elected county assessor of Canyon county, state of Idaho, during the period herein mentioned, did then and there knowingly, designedly, willfully, unlawfully, fraudulently and feloniously, and with a fraudulent intent, omit and refuse to pay over to the county treasurer of Canyon county, state of Idaho, or to any person or officer authorized by law to receive the same, certain moneys and funds received by him under a duty imposed by law so to pay over said moneys and funds to the county treasurer of Canyon county, state of Idaho, then and there entrusted to him and given into his control by virtue of his office as county assessor of Canyon county, state of Idaho, by the taxpayers of said Canyon county.

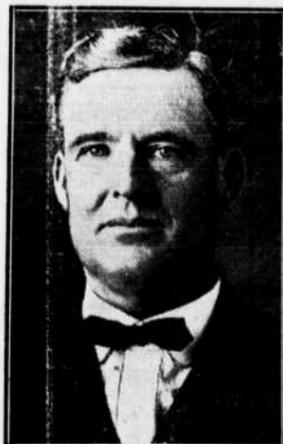
Large Amount Involved.

"The amount which the said A. O. Christopher so knowingly, designedly, willfully, unlawfully, fraudulently and feloniously omitted and refused to pay over was then and there the sum of ten thousand three hundred and thirty-three and fifty-two hundredths dollars (\$10,333.52) lawful money of the United States of America, and being then and there the money and funds of the said Canyon county.

It is believed that simultaneously with the issuance of the complaint and warrant in this criminal action, the county authorities made demand upon the company in which Christopher was bonded for the amount now claimed as due from him. Definite verification of this action was lacking Tuesday evening.

Parent-Teachers Meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon, August 29, at 3 o'clock, there will be a joint meeting of all the Parent-Teachers Circles of Caldwell. This will be held at the Lincoln building. Every woman interested in the public schools is especially urged to be present. A large attendance is desired, as very important business is to be transacted. Plans for the year's work will be discussed.



JOHN C. RICE

FISK AND GOWEN MEET WITH HEARTY RECEPTION

Visit Southeast and Are Well Pleased With Political Outlook.

Messrs. F. E. Fisk of Parma, candidate for state treasurer, and J. B. Gowen of Caldwell, returned from the southeast Saturday. They visited 14 counties in the southern part of the state and are well pleased with the outlook as they found it. Mr. Gowen stated that the candidacy of Mr. Fisk is looked upon with favor in all the southern counties. He predicts that Mr. Fisk will be the Republican nominee this year.

Change Demanded in Capitol.

Monday Mr. Gowen said to a representative of The Tribune: "We visited 14 counties in southern Idaho and talked with hundreds of people. We found Fisk sentiment in every county. I am convinced that Mr. Fisk will be the Republican candidate for state treasurer. There is a well defined sentiment in every section that changes should be made in the state house. Many people go so far as to say there should be a clean sweep from top to bottom.

"Yes, that includes Alexander," continued Mr. Gowen. "Governor Alexander is not as strong as he was two years ago. The people are tiring of his buncombe and he will fall short of his vote two years ago by 20,000 or better. He has not a ghost of a show."

Mr. Gowen did not care to discuss Republican candidates other than Mr. Fisk. He states that he found sentiment for the different Republican candidates in different sections. Lieutenant Governor Taylor is the stronger north Idaho man in Mr. Gowen's judgment in the southeast.

Republican Victory.

Mr. Gowen is convinced that there will be a Republican victory in Idaho this fall. "A good clean Republican ticket will sweep the state," said Mr. Gowen. "Nominee Hughes' speeches are creating a profound impression and will unquestionably strengthen the Republican party in all these western states."

Candidate for Senator.

Mr. Gowen is a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator. He stated that he had votes in every one of the 14 counties, and if he could gather them all together would be nominated with a whoop.

Mr. Gowen will spend some little time here at home looking after the local situation. He seems to feel confident of his own nomination, and will give his campaign some little attention from now on.

KRESS' GRAIN CROP RAN OVER 52 BUSHELS TO ACRE

Well Known Dixie Farmer Will Erect: New Residence This Fall.

The oats and barley crop of Mr. Fred Kress turned out fine. When Mr. Kress finished threshing his 47 acre field of grain he found he had 2487 bushels which make a little over 52 bushels to the acre. The wheat has not been threshed yet, but it looks as though it will run as well as the oats and barley.

Mr. Kress was in the city Saturday for the purpose of making arrangements for the drilling of an artesian well. Work was started on the well this week by Mr. Ed Botkin.

Mr. Kress will erect a fine new residence this fall. He is now making the preparations to let the contract and start work. He states that crops generally are turning out fine in the Dixie section and the farmers will make a great many improvements in their places this fall. Mr. Kress is one of the most up-to-date and progressive farmers in this section of the country.

Return From Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Van Duyn returned from the coast Friday last. They went both ways by automobile. They met with no mishaps and had a most pleasant trip and outing. Mr. Van Duyn stated that while he enjoyed himself immensely he was very glad to get back to Idaho. His trip overland gave him a sight of much of the Oregon country. He is more convinced than ever that Idaho is the greatest of these western states.

Dr. F. M. Cole and Messrs. C. E. Emory, C. J. Wescott and J. H. Harris were at Arrowrock Sunday. The fishing there is not very good.

NORTH IDAHO IS TAKING PRIMARY ELECTION VERY EASY

HOLT IS DEVELOPING GREAT STRENGTH IN NORTH IDAHO AND WILL RECEIVE HANDSOME MAJORITY IN THAT SECTION OF STATE.

People Generally Are Too Busy to Intend Themselves in Politics and the Primary Election—North Idaho Is Prosperous and Busy—Mines, Mills and Farms are All Making Money—Greatest Activity in History of That Section Is Now on.

(Special to Tribune.)

Wallace, Idaho—With the primary election but 10 days in the offing, the people of north Idaho are evidencing as much interest and concern in the momentous event as they would if suddenly informed that little Jonny Jones of Ishkafie, Wisconsin, had barked his little shin. They are too busy garnering the golden harvest and devising ways and means of distributing the surplus increment to bother over the trifling detail of saving the state from the predatory plutes, who an eminent authority of the panhandle declares have organized to loot the state from the handle to the pan.

In sections where local people aspire for state office considerable interest is being taken. At Lewiston, the home of two candidates on the Republican ticket, George E. Crum for governor, and Miss Ethel Redfield for superintendent of public instruction, interest is keen and a heavy vote will be cast. Crum supporters have formed a non-partisan organization with a membership of 2000, confined largely to the Camas and Lewiston sections. A strenuous effort will be made to poll the full Republican strength of the district at the primary. Crum managers declare that 95 per cent of the voters are Crum supporters.

Throughout the north Miss Ethel Redfield, candidate for superintendent of public instruction is extremely popular, and close political observers predict that she will leave the north with a large majority. Miss Redfield has served two terms as county superintendent of Nez Perce county, during which time she has demonstrated executive ability of a high order and a through grasp of educational affairs.

The charge made in certain sections of the state that Miss Redfield is a "hand picked" candidate has served to solidify her support, and will act as a boom-crang, assert her friends who keenly resent the implication the charge carried.

The fight being waged in the south against the renomination of George R. Barker is not taken seriously in the north. The belief is general that the attack is designed to satisfy personal grudges and that the voters will pay but little attention to it on election day. Barker will poll a larger vote in the north than his two opponents combined in the opinion of northern leaders.

While central Idaho is practically solid for Crum the northern tier of counties will give Herman Taylor, the Sandpoint candidate, a heavy vote. Which will carry the north is problematical. An impersonal view gives Crum a pre-election advantage; his forces are well organized and enthusiastic and he has waged an aggressive campaign.

Of the southern candidates for state office, B. M. Holt of Caldwell for lieutenant governor, and F. E. Fisk of Parma for state treasurer, are the most popular and both will poll a heavy vote.

The nomination of Mr. Holt in particular will add strength to the state ticket in the estimation of northern Republicans. His record as a successful business man and his consistent policy of developing the farming sections of the south are well known and Republicans generally express gratified surprise over his acceptance. It is recognized that if the Republican party is to be successful this fall the state ticket must be composed of men for whom no apologies or explanations must be made. Mr. Holt's freedom from entangling affiliations will be an element of great strength to the entire ticket, it is declared.

MISS AGNES BICKNELL AND MR. W. C. GOWEN MARRIED

Miss Agnes Louise Bicknell and Mr. W. C. Gowen were married at the home of the bride's parents Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. E. Springer of this city. The relatives and a few intimate friends were present. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left by automobile on their wedding trip. They will be at home in this city after November 1st.

Miss Bicknell is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. C. Bicknell. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gowen. Both families are prominent in the city.