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INVENTOR OF THE GOLD BRICK SWINDLE DEAD

A telegram from New York, dated the 26th instant, says: A report has reached this city that Thomas O'Brien the notorious confidence man and alleged inventor of the gold-brick swindle, is dead at the French Penal settlement at Cayenne, where he had been serving a life sentence for the murder of his partner, "Kid" Waddell, in Paris, in 1895. Several of O'Brien's old friends in this city are said to have received the news direct from Cayenne. Several years ago it was reported that O'Brien had escaped from the penal settlement and was on his way to New York. The report was never confirmed, however, and the authorities never got sight of O'Brien.

O'Brien's career was a remarkable one. He was born 53 years ago in Chicago, and, aided by an attractive personality, managed to make an enviable record. In New York he held swindles, running into the thousands, were numerous and were credited to his genius. In 1889 he jumped a bond of \$5,000 and fled to Europe, but was recaptured and sentenced to the penitentiary.

A remarkable plan conducted by a woman resulted in his escape from a hotel in Utica, where he was in charge of a prison keeper. O'Brien caught a steamer here for Europe, and reached Paris safely, and remained there until he was arrested on the charge of killing Waddell, his partner. Money was spent lavishly in his defense, but failed to save him from a life sentence.

Bourne Miners' Masquerade.

The big thing in the way of a holiday festive occasion at Bourne will take place Saturday evening, when the Miner's union will give in its hall a grand masquerade ball. The business men of Bourne have donated some handsome articles to be awarded to the prize winners. To the lady and gentleman having the most elegant costume each will get a ten dollar prize, and the two who spring the most comic rig will draw down a seven and a half dollar memento of their inventive genius. A number of Sumpter people will attend this masquerade, as will residents from other camps. The Miner's union of Bourne is famous for its hospitable and successful social functions, and all who attend will make a big profit on the investment of time and money.

Golden Chariot Case Decided.

Dr. Brock received word today from his attorney, C. A. Jouha, that Judge Eakin had decided the case involving the Golden Chariot claim, brought by W. W. Wade, Mayor McQuinn's attorney, in favor of the plaintiff. The grounds of the decision are not known, though it is stated that the plaintiffs got all they asked for, a two-thirds interest, Sol Camp being also declared

in on the deal. About \$3,000 has been paid on the property by the Philadelphia syndicate represented here by L. V. Swiggett, default having been made on the last few payments, and Dr. Brock has declared the bond forfeited. The property reverts to David Eccles, on January 1, and another important deal goes a glimmering.

Easy Jays at Granite.

The irrepressible "Hobo" Jack, who is known in every town in eastern Oregon, and who also has been shown the way out of the same towns by their marshals, with instructions "to more," had a similar encounter with a special marshal for Granite last Saturday night. Hobo has been in Granite for several months past and during that time has managed to get a first-class jag every day. Saturday night he had his usual jag and a shot gun which he said he was going to use on a man he had had some words with. At this time it was decided that the space occupied by "Hobo" in Granite was more valuable than his presence. It was near midnight, but he was told to "move," and as Hobo understands checkers, "he moved" at once.—Gem.

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NOTES OF THE MINES.

W. O. Reynolds, ex-superintendent of the Ibeex, later of the Flagstaff, later of the White Swan, has been appointed superintendent of the water works department in Baker City.

Tony Mohr rode out to the Buffalo mine, of which he is general manager, this morning, to direct development work. The Buffalo is making a good showing in the tunnel from the Wind creek side of the mountain, the workings having just entered a fine body of quartz.

Peter Kirchen, of Great Falls, Montana, who has been visiting his sons, J. G. and Charles, the former of whom is a consulting mining

engineer and the latter of whom is the popular superintendent of the smelter here, left Baker City last night for his home.

C. H. Stuller, the new general manager of the White Swan mine, has returned to Baker City from Texas. He announces that the famous old mine will be reopened as early next spring as the weather will permit. Letson Balliet, ex-general manager of the mine, is now serving a 90-day sentence in an Iowa jail for using the mails to defraud White Swan stockholders.

Commodore Tom C. Grey, of the Valley Queen mine, went to Baker yesterday to attend the opera, "Princess Chic," returning this morning. "The show was a pip-ple," said Commodore Grey. "The score is tuneful, the libretto bright, and witty and the costumes gorgeous. Also there were a number of pairs of pretty le—that is, the scenery was very fine."

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the court house in Baker City for record yesterday:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS DEEDS.

Receiver U. S. L. O. to Oliver Tibbs, N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. 5, T. 10, R. 38; \$100.

Oliver Tibbs and wife to R. Glatzer and wife, same; \$250.

Nonh Shakespeare to W. Anna Smith, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. 26 T. 10 R. 37; \$1.

Lulu C. Seiler and husband to Frank de Backer, lots 9 and 10, block 37, Pacific addition to Baker City; \$1.

State of Oregon to M. S. Bond, W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. 9 and N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. 16 T. 8 R. 40; \$800.

Jeff Boyle and wife to Daisy M. Cornwell, lots 6 and 7, block 32, McCreary addition to Baker City; \$400.

C. S. McCord and wife to Wm. Kitchen, lot 8, block 3, Parkinson's addition to Sumpter; \$1.

Daniel Grant to Mrs. S. Rusk, part of lot 3, block 6, Bourne; \$1.

J. W. Cowden and wife to Guy L. Lindsay, cashier, W. 125 feet, lot 14, block, original Sumpter; \$1,600.

MINING MATTER. DEEDS.

W. E. Brown and wife to E. W. Wheeler, $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in "Fourth of July" group three quartz claims; \$150.

M. L. Lohmir to Buckley Gold Mining company, undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in "Buckeye" quartz mining claim; \$1.

J. L. Mohler and wife to W. J. Patterson and F. W. Eppinger, the "J. J." and "C. C." claims; \$500.

Compagnie Miniere des Placers d'Flicks Bar to James Grant, contract of sale, 107.42 acres in Secs. 4, 5 and 8, T. 11, R. 46, \$900 cash, balance in one and two years; \$3,000.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kabler and son returned home today from a visit with friends at Elgin, this state.

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