

CRACKERS ALSO SAFE; SECURE \$400 CASH

Robbers Plunder Postoffice and Escape Before Gaze of Gaping Citizens.

LEAVE STAMPS AND ORDERS

Cash Drawer Only Taken—Interior Building Badly Wrecked by Explosion—Trick Turned by Two Men Sunday Morning.

KELSO, Wash., June 29.—(Special)—Robbers blew open the postoffice safe here early Sunday morning, secured \$400 in cash and escaped to the woods before citizens who were attracted to the scene by the noise of the explosion could interfere. The explosion demolished the steel safe and did \$75 damage to office and fixtures, owned by W. P. Ely, the postmaster. So far no clew has been obtained.

That the robbery was the work of professional yegmen is the opinion of Sheriff Kerby. Postmaster Ely reports that no stamps were taken and that the money order records were not molested. Nothing but cash was taken. The entire front of the postoffice was blown out and drawers and contents scattered over the floor.

The noise of the explosion was heard by Mrs. James Blyed, residing next door to the postoffice building. This was about 3 o'clock Sunday morning. She called to her husband and, rushing out doors, saw two men, one of whom she identified as the other half a foot shorter, make their exit from the postoffice entrance and disappear down the street.

The robbers appeared in no great hurry. Several persons were soon attracted to the scene and the robbers, after firing several shots into the air, disappeared in the direction of the Columbia River. The cash drawer of the safe was found today at the edge of the woods, near the old Union Pacific Railroad grade. No further trace of the robbers has been found.

O. C. Richards, postal inspector, visited the scene of the robbery today, but if he has gained any clew he has not made his knowledge public. Sheriff Kerby is working on the case, assisted by his deputies.

REFUNDING RAILROAD TAX

Seio School District Adopts Unprecedented Procedure.

ALBANY, Or., June 29.—(Special)—Railroad companies, which always voice long protests against paying special taxes for school districts, will suffer a distinct shock when they learn that a Linn County school district is actually going to refund some taxes, the bulk of which were paid by corporations.

School District No. 68, which is located near Seio, is planning to refund \$75 of tax money collected on the 1908 roll. The meeting to make the levy was held too early, before the new roll was completed, and the 1905 valuation of district property was very marked.

The improvements that were contemplated for the district have now been made and there is a surplus of \$374 to refund. The bulk of this amount will go to the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern Railroad companies and in view of the fact that the railroads will be the chief beneficiaries in the refund, the procedure adopted by District 68 is unprecedented.

EUGENE SUMMER SCHOOLS

Large Attendance of Teachers at University and High School.

EUGENE, Or., June 29.—(Special)—The summer school at the University of Oregon and the high school are now in progress, the latter having opened this morning.

The work at the University of Oregon summer school is progressing very satisfactorily. The interest and enthusiasm of those in attendance being very marked. The instructors are: Biology and nature study, A. R. Sweetser; general chemistry, F. R. Shinn; education, H. D. Sheldon; English literature, Angeline Williams; German, F. G. Schmidt; history, Joseph Schaefer; mathematics, E. E. De Cou; physics, W. P. Horton; French and Spanish, Professor Cloran. The laboratory work is done in the afternoon hours.

The Lane County normal school, which opened this morning, under the supervision of Superintendent Alderman and County Superintendent Lillard, has for the first day an attendance of 24, which probably will be increased soon to more than 40. The purpose of this school is to prepare teachers for their examinations and the studies in which they are to be tried out are taught here. The school will continue six weeks.

PLANS GREAT RECEPTION

Minister Arakawa Tells of Japan's Arrangements to Welcome Fleet.

PRUNE PACKERS COMBINE

(Continued From First Page.) In case shipment is delayed by congestion of traffic.

It provides that in case of dispute as to quality, samples for test shall be taken from one-fifth of the boxes of fruit; that no allowance for short weight shall be made unless it amounts to more than one per cent; and that in the counting test the size shall include the seventh prune and not the fifth only, thus, that 45 prunes shall be deemed in the 45-50 size and not 43 only.

The new form of contract with growers will be very explicit in requiring growers to deliver fruit cured in a first-class manner, free from all

burned or slack-dried fruit. The packer is to be sole judge of quality and there is to be no arbitration in case of dispute.

The packer is to have the right to weigh back to the grower any fruit slack dried or otherwise unsatisfactory. The packer will not be required to take more of a grower's crop than 10 per cent in excess of the quantity estimated in the contract, but the grower must deliver all his fruit if the packer demands it, regardless of how much it over-runs the estimate.

The organization of prune packers was formed at Portland, June 29, and the meeting here tonight was for the purpose of closing up the organization agreements. It is asserted that the association does not intend to regulate prices or limit competition.

The packers' combine will evidently be in complete control of the prune situation unless Eastern buyers refuse to accept the new contracts at one end, or the growers refuse to accept them at the other. As buying has not yet begun, it cannot be determined what course growers and Eastern buyers will pursue.

LUMBER TOWN IS BURNED

Incendiarism Is Suspected at Verdi, Cal.—Loss Is \$50,000.

RENO, Nev., June 29.—A fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, occurred in the heart of the business district of Verdi, a small lumber town over the California line, early today.

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PORTLAND FIRM GETS JOB

Outbids Salem Meat-Dealers for Contract to Supply Asylum.

SALEM, June 29.—(Special)—The Union Meat Company of Portland has secured the contract for furnishing meat for the insane asylum for the ensuing six months. This is the first time an outside dealer has ever taken the contract away from local butchers. The Union Meat Company offered to sell beef at \$4.74, mutton \$5.00, ham \$13.50 and bacon \$14.50 per hundred. The lowest local bidder was E. C. Cross who offered beef at \$4.79, mutton \$5.50, ham \$14.50, and bacon \$16.00 a hundred. It has frequently been asserted that local dealers had an understanding which practically eliminated competition and as a consequence the successful entrance of the Portland firm into the bidding has aroused considerable interest.

BRUSHES DETECTIVES ASIDE

Suspected Robber Escapes in Sight of Wandering Tacoma Crowd.

TACOMA, Wash., June 29.—(Special)—Cool and deliberately brushing two detectives, Brown and Raymond aside, an unknown man, suspected of robbery, dashed out of A. Gehri & Co.'s plumbing establishment, 1000 Tacoma avenue, this noon and made his escape, although the officers followed him and fired three shots.

The mix-up was witnessed by 200 spectators and during the shooting Mrs. Hans Anderson fainted upon the street. Her condition is not serious, but she is now in the hospital.

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SEASIDE MEETING CLOSES

CONFERENCE MOST SUCCESSFUL HELD IN NORTHWEST. Large Attendance From College and City Associations—Young Women Are Pleased With Outing.

SEASIDE HOUSE, June 29.—(Special)—The annual Northwest conference of the Young Women's Christian Association closed yesterday. This has been, in many respects, the best gathering of its kind ever held in the Northwest—certainly it was the largest. Last year there were 140—this year 125 delegates and visitors.

Of these 98 were students from college, normal or high school, and 64 from the city associations. The State University was in the lead in this respect, having sent nine delegates, while Portland had 20 representatives. The city association of Tacoma deserves special mention for its 17 delegates. Perhaps, however, the Montana girls, five in number, deserve quite as much credit. The five-month-old association at Bellingham sent two delegates.

The athletic and outing features of the conference were most successfully carried out under the management of Miss Halstead of Tacoma. The morning devotionals, normal or high school, and 64 from the city associations. The State University was in the lead in this respect, having sent nine delegates, while Portland had 20 representatives. The city association of Tacoma deserves special mention for its 17 delegates. Perhaps, however, the Montana girls, five in number, deserve quite as much credit. The five-month-old association at Bellingham sent two delegates.

The business end of the conference was entirely satisfactory under Miss Delta Watson, and the hotel proprietor, Mr. Sargent, did everything to make things pleasant.

Yesterday being Sunday, the regular classes were suspended—church services taking their place. The morning devotional service was led by Miss Hillman in the foyer of the hotel.

Dr. Hiram Foulkes, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, had charge of the Saturday evening service and the two on Sunday.

An impressive service was held on the beach, led by Dr. Brooks, who brought a closing message for the conference. An immense bonfire was built and the service was helped by the Gospel singing to the sound of the breakers close at hand.

Miss Frances Gage, Northwest secretary, feels that the conference has been one of the very best. Her secretary, the National Board, and Miss Hay's, National secretary, have been in charge of the entire gathering, and their world-wide experience has been wonderfully helpful to the local secretaries and the delegates.

The seven city associations of the Coast were all represented, their general secretaries being present. There were representatives from the following associations: Bellingham, Chehalis, Moscow, Portland, Salem, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Albany College, Ashland Normal, Dallas, Eugene, University of Idaho, Lewiston, McMinnville, Montana Agricultural College, Newberg, University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, Oregon State Normal, Pacific College, Pacific University, University of Puget Sound, Pendleton Academy, Whitman Academy, Washington Normal College, University of Washington, Weston Normal, Washington State College, Whitman College, Willamette University and Rainier.

Plan Bridge Over Necanicum. ASTORIA, Or., June 29.—(Special)—County Judge Trenchard and Engineer W. A. Grondahl, of Portland, went to Seaside yesterday to investigate the feasibility of bridging the Necanicum River near its mouth to complete the continua-

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