CRACK KELSO 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 in-terfere. The explosion demolished the steel safe and did \$75 damage to office and fixtures, owned by W. P. Ely, the postmanter. So far no clew has been ob-tained.

That the robbery was the work of pro-fessional yeggmen is the opinion of Sher-iff 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 safe was blown out and frawers and contents scattered over the

The noise of the explosion was heard by Mrs. James Bloyd, 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 about six feet tall and the other half a foot shorter, make their exit from the postoffice entrance and dis-appear down the street.

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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, dister firing several shots into the air, disappeared in the direction of the Cowweman 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 tobbery 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

Scio School District Adopts Unprecedented Procedure.

ALBANY, Or., June 19 .- (Special.)-ALBANY, Or., June 19.—(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 dis-trict is actually going to refund some taxes, the bulk of which were paid by railroad corporations

raticoad corporations.

School District No. 68, which is located near Scio, is planning to refund \$376 of tax moneys collected on the 1996 roll. The meeting to make the levy was held too early, before the new roll was completed, and the 1995 valuation of district property was seen. tion of district property was made the tasks of the valuation. That year Assessor McKnight adopted the full valuation plan of assessment and the district raised twice as much money as was needed.

The improvements that were conuplated for the district have now been made and there is a surplus of \$375 to refund. The bulk of this amount will go to the Southern Pacific and Corvaills & Eastern Pailroad Companies and, in view of the fact that the railroads will be the chief beneficiaries in the refund, the pro-cedure adopted by District 58 is un-

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 norning.
The work at the University of Oregon

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. G. Schmidt; history, Joseph Schafer; mathematics, E. E. De Cou; physics, W. P. Boynton; French and Spanish. Professor Cloran. The laboratory work is done in the afternoon hours. The Lane County normal school, which opened this morning, in the Eugene high school building, under the supervision of Superintendent Alderman and County Superintendent Dillard, has for the first day an attendance of 3t, which will probably 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 faught here. The school will continue 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.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29 .- M. Arakawa. Japanese Minister to Mexico, ar-rived here today on the steamship Tenyo Maru on his way back to his official post, after a year's absence in Japan. He said Japan is planning a great reception for the officers and men of the American fleet.

Arakawa is disposed to belittle the importance of the Chinese boycott. It was not be said, materially affecting Japanese trade in the aggregate, being merely a merchant's quarrel.

PRUNE PACKERS COMBINE

(Continued From First Page.) in case shipment is delayed by conges-

tion 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

shall include the seventh prune and not the fifth only, thus, that 47 prunes shall be deemed in the 43-50 size and not 45 only. The new form of contract with growers will be very explicit in re-quiring growers to deliver fruit cured in a first-class manner, free from all

slack-dried fruit. Th 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 reigh back to the grower any fruit slack ried 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 stimate.

estimate.

*The organization of prunepackers was formed at Portland, June 20, and the meeting here tonight was for the purpose of closing up the organization agreements. It is asserted that the associa-tion does not intend to regulate prices or limit competition.

The packers' combine will evidently be la complete control of the prune situa-tion 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 grow ers 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, sup-posed to be of incendlary origin, oc-curred in the heart of the business dis-trict of Verdi, a small lumber town

Lewis County Sawmill Companies File Suits to Avoid Payments.

ONLY GUESSED AT VALUES

Cruisers Alleged to Have Done Haphazard Work-Secret Session of County Commissioners Figures in Charges.

curred in the heart of the business district of Verdi, a small lumber town over the California line, early today.

INTERIOR KELSO POSTOFFICE, SHOWING WRECKAGE WROUGHT BY SAFE CRACKERS.



WORK OF ROBBERS YIELDED \$400 IN MONEY.

and before the flames were extinguished nearly the entire business por-tion of the town was wiped out.

Astoria Marine News.

at \$50,000

ASTORIA, Or., June 29.-(Special.)-The Norwegian steamship Talbot, which arrived today from Nanaimo, will take on part cargo at Knappton for Sydney and will finish leading at Portland. The British steamship Katanga, which

is en route from Guaymas, will receive orders off the mouth of the Columbia River to proceed to the Sound. Captain Genereaux commenced operasteamer Minnie E. Kelton, which is sunk on the flats below Smiths Point. Five dolphins were driven today and tomorrow two barges will be moored alongside the sunken craft and an effort made to run cables under her.

BUILT FIRST FRAME HOUSE IN TOWN OF UNION.



The Late Elisha Hiram Lewis.

UNION, Or., June 29.— (Special.) — Elisha Hiram Lewis, a pioneer of 1852 who died here Friday, June 26, was born in New York October 19, 1829. In 1849 he came to the Pacific Coast by way of Panama and located in California. Three years later he came to Oregon, locating at Rainier. In 1855 Mr. Lewis was married to Harriet Barlow, and a year later he and his wife located at Vancouver, Wash. He moved to the town of Union in 1862, later erecting the home 1862, later erecting the home where he resided until his death.
E. H. Lewis was one of the best-known pioneers of Eastern Oregon. The year that he arrived at Union he built the first frame house which is citil in frame house, which is still in He was a charter member he Masonic lodge, which will conduct the funeral

services.

Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, the only survivor is a daughter, Mrs. Dr. Hill of this city, His death occurred on Pioneer Day, the only reunion he had ever missed.

sawmill companies today filed suits in Three saloons, the largest hotel in watched with interest throughout the

the town and two large residences state.

were burned. The loss is estimated The companies which have filed the acmell Lumber Comcons are Carlisie-Fennell Lumber Com-pany, Salzer Valley Lumber Company, Doty Lumber Company, Eastern Railway & Lumber Company, Coal Creek Lumber Company, Forney & Ponder, of Che-halls, and Dysart & Ellsbury, of Cen-tralia, represent the complainant compan-ies. U. E. Harmon, County Attorney, will represent the county's interest in the cases.

The Carlisle-Pennell Company, the Salzer Valley concern and the Eastern Railway & Lumber Company have their headquarters at Centralia, the Doty Lumber Company at Doty and the Coal Creek Lumber Company at Chehalis, Judge A. E. Rice, before whom the original pro-ceedings would naturally be heard, has asked Superior Judge Reld, of Pierce County, to hear the causes. The defendants named in each case are the County of Lewis and P. Summersett, as Treasurer of said county. Many fine legal questions are involved in the actions and there is little doubt but that final de-cision will not be reached until the issues are threshed out in the Supreme Court of the state.

Guessed at Timber Value, Is Charge.

The cases are a result of the timber cruise made last year at the instance of the County Commissioners. A startling allegation of the complaint is that in 1907, the County Commissioners, Messrs. C. D. Young, Albert Rayton and H. H. Tilley, acting without authority of law. C. D. Young, Albert Rayton and H. H. Tilley, acting without authority of law, did, in furtherance of the fraudulent and unlawful purpose later stated, employ numerous men whom they denominated as "cruisers" who were not deputy assessors and who had no authority from the County Assessor to act, for the purpose of cruising timbar lands in Lawis pose of cruising timber lands in Lewis County, and particularly the lands of the plaintiffs. These men, it is slieged, pre-tended to cruise the timber and reported. to the Commissioners the number of feet of timber they pretended to find thereon. The cruisers, it is charged, did not attempt to cruise all the timber lands of the county, or more than a small propor-tion thereof not more than one-fourth to one-third. They did not, reads the complaint, estimate the amount of timber on plaintiff's lands fairly or justly, but greatly over-estimated the amounts thereon and grossly discriminated against the

plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs further allege that said pretended cruise was made for raudulent and unlawful purpose as fol-

Irandulent and innawful purpose as follows;

That prior to the meeting of the board of equalization in 1967, the County Commissionera. Young Rayton and Tilley, met secretly, and without any hearing given to timber land-owners, and particularly without giving the plaintiffs any chance to be heard, proceeded secretly, fraudulently and arbitrarily to classify the lands upon which they had received reports and did arbitrarily and fraudulently divide said cruised lands into three classes, and in furtherance of said uniawful and fraudulent purpose, without reference to the true value thereof, did arbitrarily fix as assessed valuation on the timber lands of the first class at 75 cents per thousand feet of timber so reported, 50 cents per thousand on the second class, and 25 cents on the third class.

Secret Session of the Board. Secret Session of the Board.

That the said secret meeting was not held as a regular meeting of the board nor as a board of equalization and no record was made thereof, and that said meeting was not participated in by County Treasure Summersett or County Assessor McDonald, the other two members of the board of equalization.

other two members of the board of equalization.

That this meeting was held to form a secret combination among said three individuals to control the action of the equalization board when it would meet; that this action prejudiced the action of the board by arbitrarily placing values of timber owned by the plaintiffs from which there would be no reireat on the part of the Commissioners when sitting as a board of equalization.

The amounts of taxes involved by the companies which have brought the actions are as follows: Doty Lumber Com-

pany, 1806 tax. \$617.1b; for 1907, \$2001.75.

Bastern Rallway & Lumber Company, for 1908, \$2255.30; for 1907, \$5288.28. Coal Creek Lumber Company, for 1806, \$182.50; for 1907, \$554.22. Salzar Valley Lumber Company, for 1906, \$267; for 1908, \$538.58.

Carlisle-Pennell Lumber Co., for 1906, \$1010.16; for 1907, \$2229.07.

Carlisie-Pennell Lumber Co., for 1906, \$1606.16; for 1907, \$2829.07.

The plaintiffs have offered to pay the amounts they paid in 1906, but ask an injunction preventing the county from collecting any more than that amount in each instance, the proper sum to be determined later by the court.

PORTLAND FIRM GETS JOB

Outbids Salem Meat-Dealers for Contract to Supply Asylum.

SALEM, June 25.—(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 \$8.00, ham \$13.90 and bacon \$14.90 per hundred. The lowest local bidder was E. C. Cross who offered beef at \$4.79, mutton \$8.50, ham \$14.50, and bacon \$16.00 a hunderd. It has frequently been asserted that It has frequently been asserted that local dealers had an understanding which practically eliminated competi-tion and as a consequence the successful entrance of the Portland firm into the bidding has aroused considerable

BRUSHES DETECTIVES ASIDE

Suspected Robber Escapes in Sight of Wondering Tacoma Crowd.

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

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

INVITED TO THE DALLES

Excursion of Portland Business Men to Cherry Fair Wednesday.

THE DALLES, Or., June 29 .- (Special.) --A special invitation has been issued to merchants and business men of Portland to attend The Dalles cherrry fair on Wednesday, when excursions to the cherry orchards near town will be made. The O. R. & N. Company has issued a special excursion rate for this day. The skating pavilion has been secured by the association for the cherry exhibition and for the addresses of the three days' programme, which is as follows:

gramme, which is as follows:

Tuesday, June 20—1:30 P. M.—Address of welcome, by Fred W. Wilson; response, H. C. Atwell, "Organization of the Midsummer Meeting of the State Horticultural Society"; vocal music; address, W. K. Newell, subject "Fruit Specialist." S. P. M.—Concert by Birgfeld's Orchestra.

Wednesday, July 1.—10 A. M.—Address by Loyd T. Reynolds, "The Cherry in the Williamette Valley, address, E. H. Shepard, "Packing and Marketing the Cherry" address, H. W. Williamson, "Horticultural Development of Oregon," 1:30 P. M.—Excursion to cherry orchards. S. P. M.—Concert by Birgfeld's Orchestra.

Thursday, July 2.—10 A. M.—Awarding prizes; address, J. R. Shepard, "Williamette Valley Leaders"; address, Chris M. Stackloud, "Cherry Culture in Eastern Oregon"; address, G. E. Sanders, "The Dalles as a Cherry Producer Present and Future." 1:30 P. M.—Voluntary addresses; vocal music.

PEACHES RIPE AT CLIFFS

Portland Markets Will Be Supplied by North Bank Road.

CLIFFS, Wash., June B.-(Special.)-The residents of Cliffs are now enjoying the first ripe peaches of the semore than 25 years the orchard on which the townsite of Cliffs was platted has supplied the Klickitat Valley with the first ripe peaches. Golden-dale has always depended on this orchard to supply her with ripe peaches for the Fourth of July mar-kets, but this year they will be disap-pointed, as the surplus will be shipped out over the North Bank road; it is so convenient and handy to reach both the Spokane and Portland markets. The early apples are also ripe enough to use and find ready sale,

Expert Hawley Completes Work.

ASTORIA, Or., June 29,—(Special.)— Dr. Hawley, the Government forestry expert, who has been here for several weeks examining the waste from timber lands and mills, will complete his work here during next week and go to Portland to continue his investigations. His mission on the Coast is to learn the commercial on the Coast is to learn the commercial value of this waste material, and particularly to ascertain if it contains sufficient turpentine to pay for treating it. His report on his findings will be forwarded to the department in Washington before being made public.

The Midsummer Fiction Number. The July Sunset contains some rare

Among the contributions are fiction. "The Siamese Opposites," by Bailey Mailard; "Careless," by Billee Glynn; and "With Feet of Clay," by Alfred Daymon Runyon.

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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 heat gathering of its kind ever held in the Northwest-certainly it was the largest. Last year there were 140—this year 175 delegates and visitors. Of these 38 were students from college, Of these 38 were students from college, normal or High school, and 34 from the city associations. The State University was in the lead in this respect, having sent nine delegates, while Portland had 30 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-months-old association at Bellingham sent two delegates. gates.

The athletic and outing features of the conference were most successfully carried out under the management of Miss Halnick, of Tacoma. She engineered several long expeditions—walking, boating and driving, and the field meet and basebail game on Saturday were greatly enjoyed. Dr. Sarah Whiteside of Portland. assist-Dr. Sarah Whiteside of Portland. assisted by Miss Colian, of Spokane, looked out for the few sprains and illnesses. Mrs. Fletcher Linn, of Portland, had charge of the music and her solo work was greatly appreciated. Mrs. McMichael was accompanist and Mrs. Brooks, of Oakland, proved a most delightful singer. 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.

Vesterday 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. 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 Portland.

a closing message for the conference. An immense bonfire was built and the serv-tee 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. Miss Reynolds, of the National Board, and Miss Hays, National secretary, have been in charge of the en-tire gathering, and their world-wide experience has oeen wonderfully helpful to the local secretaries and the delegates. The seven city associations of the Coasi were all represented, their general secretaries being present. There were repre-sentatives from the following associations: Beilingham, Chehalis, Moscow, Portland, Salem, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Albany College, Ashland Normal, Dallas, Eugene, University of Idaho, Lewiston, McMinnville, Montana Agriculaural College, Newberg, University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, Oregon State Normal, Pacific College, Pacific University, University of Fuget Sound, Pendleton Academy, Whitman Academy, Washington Normal College, University of Washington, Weston Normal, Washington State College, Whitman College, Willamette University and Rainier. College, Ashland Normal, Dallas, Eugen

Plan Bridge Over Necanicum.

ASTORIA, Or., June 29 .- (Special.)-County Judge Trenchard and Engineer W. A. Grondahl, of Portland, went to Seuside yesterday to investigate the feas-libility of bridging the Necanicum River near its mouth to complete the continua-

tion of the automobile road along the beach to Seaside. Mr. Grondahl had al-ready secured tests of the river banks for the bridge foundations, and as soon as the measurements are forwarded to him will prepare the plans for the pro-oneed attricture.

Launch Barnes on Trial Trip.

ASTORIA, Or., June 29 .- (Special.) ASTORIA, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—
The gasoline launch Irene Barnes, recently built at the Leathers boat-yard
for F. C. Barnes, of Portland, was
taken out for a trial run yesterday.
The craft is equipped with a 32-horsepower Troyer-Fox engine and will be
taken to the Barnes cannery at Lake
Bay, Alaska, in a few days by Captain Thomas Latham, who will bring
back another launch belonging to the
same company, and which is to be same company, and which is to be overhauled.

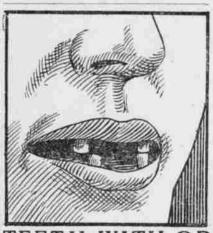
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