

OLEVERLY SET NET GETS POSTAL THIEF

Portland Inspectors Unravel Salem Mystery and Arrest William Martin.

GUNNYSACK FULL OF MAIL

As Messenger Takes Pouches to Train Sleuth Takes Count, Finds Many Packages Missing and Catches Father of Ten.

SALEM, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Hundreds of dollars' worth of merchandise and mail piled high in upper rooms of the Federal building here bear testimony to one of the greatest wholesale postal robberies ever perpetrated on the Pacific Coast by a single individual.

While in value the mail matter is not so great, it is doubtful if any individual has carried on so long a period of robbing of a single postoffice which have netted the amount of goods and merchandise which William Martin, substitute mail messenger at the Salem postoffice, obtained in a well-planned and comprehensive system.

Martin was arrested shortly before 6 o'clock this morning by inspectors Harry Durand and Charles M. Perkins of Portland, after he had made his last play at mail sacks which were entrusted to his care, and a gunnysack full of mail matter in his wagon, taken from incoming and outgoing sacks, give evidence which may convict him.

Martin is the father of 10 children. Thomas Anderson, mail messenger for the Salem postoffice, had employed Martin as a substitute contractor for the past two years. Early in January of this year complaints began to be registered at the postoffice that mail packages were missing.

These became so numerous and so insistent, more than 60 complaints being registered from the first of the year, that the postmaster became satisfied that someone was tampering with the mail. A systematic system of robbery was being carried out. Inasmuch as these packages would pass through many hands, nothing was said, but the two men, after conferring with inspectors, began a system of espionage which resulted in Martin's arrest today.

When they had become practically assured that Martin was the guilty individual a coup was prepared last night to get Martin in the dragnet this morning. Martin visited the depot to meet the 4:15 Southern Pacific train, securing the sacks of mail from the postoffice at 3:45. The inspectors had listed every article in the sack which Martin was to take to the train from the postoffice.

Catch Moves Clever. In the meantime, one of the inspectors hurried to the depot and mounted the mail car as the train arrived. When Martin handed in the sack to the porter and mail clerk went hurriedly through the sack and discovered a number of packages missing.

Martin was placed under arrest. When Martin was placed under arrest a gunnysack full of mail was found in his wagon. As he had taken but comparatively few articles from the outgoing sack, it indicated that he was tampering with the incoming mail. Sheriff Each went to Watson's home and there 11 large packing cases were discovered packed full of a miscellaneous assortment of articles, many gathered from the mails and many probably gathered from shoplifting expeditions, with which his wife now accuses Martin.

Martin was arrested here in 1904 under the name of William Watson, charged with forgery. He was later sent to the Asylum.

TAX LEVY IS 8.41 MILLS

Road Programme in Washington Responsible for Increase. OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—According to the estimates made by the State Tax Commission, the 1913 tax levy for state purposes will be less than 8.41 mills, compared with 5.79 mills in 1912. The increase is due largely to the road programme which will require an additional 1.25 mill levy over last year, and the more than doubling of the general fund levy, increasing it from 1.23 mills in 1912 to 2.50 mills for 1913.

Inasmuch as a mill levy in Washington nets \$1,000,000 in taxes, the added burden will be heavy. The tax commission figures at leaving the military, common school and higher educational levies as at present. The constitutional limit of 3 mills for general fund purposes would be exceeded this time if it were not for the fact that the 1911 Legislature made a special mill levy for that purpose. Otherwise the 1913 general fund levy, from which source these schools formerly got their money would be 3.55 mills.

TRADING STAMP PUZZLES

Governor Lister to Receive Delegations for and Against BILL. OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Governor Lister Monday heard the arguments of half a dozen retail merchants urging him to sign the anti-trading stamp bill now in his hands. An opportunity will be given for the opposition to the bill to appear and it is expected that trading stamp companies will be represented.

EGGLAYING CONTEST PLAN

Tacoma Association Launches World-Wide Hen Competition. TACOMA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—A world-wide egg-laying contest is the project launched this week by the Tacoma Poultry Association and the Commercial Club. The two organizations have named a joint committee, with Frank N. McCandless as chairman and Harry H. Collier as secretary, and plans are being made for 200 pens. November 1 has been fixed as the starting date, and September 1 the last day for entries. The birds will be called in a

month ahead of time, in order to give them a good rest after being shipped and a chance to get acquainted with their new home before the contest begins. The big poultry yard with its 200 competing pens will be under expert management and each pen will have its own chart of each day. The idea of the contest is to demonstrate how many eggs a hen can be made to lay in the Northwest under favorable, sanitary conditions. It is estimated by poultrymen that the average hen will lay 80 eggs in a year, though one in a Missouri contest made the great record of 243 eggs in 12 months. Poultrymen say the average Washington hen will lay about 120 eggs per year, and some breeders say they have had their flocks run as high as 182 eggs per hen. In the Tacoma contest there will be pens from all over the country. A cash prize of \$100 will be given for the pen of hens that lays the greatest number of eggs for the 12 months. A prize of \$75 will be given for the best setting breed that lays the greatest number of eggs in its class, while a similar prize will be offered for the largest laying pen among the heavy or semi-heavy varieties. A prize of \$50 will be offered for the individual hen laying the greatest number of eggs. All the hens will be trapezoidal, and arrangements made to care for 500 pens of six birds each, the pens to contain one male.

DEATH CAUSE UNKNOWN

CORONER'S JURY PASSES ON FOREST GROVE MYSTERY.

Chemical Analysis of Mrs. Hatfield's Stomach Fails to Reveal Trace of Foreign Substance.

FOREST GROVE, March 19.—(Special.)—We, the jury, find that deceased died from a cause unknown. Such was the verdict given today by the coroner's jury which had been investigating the death of Mrs. Myrtle Pease Hatfield, who died at her home in this city Friday evening about 10 o'clock under peculiar circumstances. Dr. F. A. Bailey, of Hillsboro, who performed the autopsy, assisted by Dr. Yenny, of Portland, and Coroner Barrett, of the county seat, gave an exhaustive report to the jury in which he stated that every portion of the body, and each particular organ, had been carefully examined, without the slightest indication being shown as to the cause of death. The stomach of the dead woman was placed under a chemical analysis by Professor Ternee, of Portland, and found perfectly normal. No trace of foreign substance, such as would cause death, was discovered. Dr. Bailey could give no reason for the sudden collapse and death of Mrs. Hatfield other than an apnoea (cessation of respiration before the heart ceased to beat) and stated that the contributory causes were unknown to him or the consulting experts.

The case has proved puzzling in every respect, and taxed the knowledge of the best physicians of this and other cities. Mrs. Hatfield was born in Newton, Ia., in 1873. She came to Oregon with her parents, who lived in Albany, in 1893. She taught in the public schools for five years and after two years in the district schools of the rural sections passed three years at Mount Taber, resigning to accept a position with the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. While connected with this organization she traveled throughout the state looking after neglected children, often undergoing great hardship and privation in the pursuit of duty. On October 4, 1911, she was married to Charles Hatfield, a retired merchant of this city, and the couple lived here continuously since in a bungalow adjoining the one occupied by the father and mother of Mrs. Hatfield, who came to Forest Grove from Albany in the Spring of 1912.

Henry is Acquitted. Assessed on county road schedules. The tender has been refused by county of Scio and the matter has been threshed out in the courts.

HOME OF VETERAN BURNS. Residence and Furniture of Lester Westover Total Loss.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—To lose his home by fire when he had reached the age of 55 years is the experience of Lester Westover, a federal veteran of the Civil War, living near Probstel.

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TAX FOR BRIDGE ESTIMATED. Clark County Figures That \$500,000 Would Cost \$1.10 Per \$1000.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Should Clark County vote to bond itself for \$500,000 to build its share of the Pacific Highway Bridge, it would increase the taxes of the county but \$1.10 per \$1000 assessed valuation, on the present basis, but it is held that as soon as it was known definitely that the bridge is to be built the assessable valuation will jump from \$14,900,000 to \$20,000,000, which would make the cost less than 75 cents per \$1000 valuation, or three-fourths of one mill.

The bonds it is proposed to issue will run for 20 years, at 4 per cent, and probably will be payable after 15 years. It is estimated that the tolls from the bridge would more than care for the interest on the bonds now, and this will be increased as the years go by. A sinking fund is to be established to wipe out the bonded indebtedness when due, but it is hoped and firmly believed, that long before this happens the State of Washington will make an appropriation large enough to relieve Clark County of any burden.

PEPPERMINT OIL ASSAYED. Joseph Swearingen's Product Found of First Grade.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 19.—(Special.)—An industry, which recent trial indicates might be developed profitably in certain parts of the state is being carried on in a moderate way at Toledo by Joseph Swearingen, who has had a sample of his product, Oregon-made oil of peppermint, assayed by Professor Tarter, of the Oregon Agricultural College. The oil is light in color and was found to be of the first grade.

Mr. Swearingen, who is not an amateur, bought his peppermint plants from Michigan and set them out in a damp soil similar to that of their natural habitat. They have done well, yielding oil at the rate of 45 pounds per acre, which, selling at the present market price, makes a neat income from the tax of soil used.

Clatsop Tax Rebates \$9701. ASTORIA, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The report of Sheriff Burns shows that during the rebate period, which expired Saturday night, the sum of \$316,309.44 was collected on the 1912 tax roll and rebates amounting to \$9701 were made. This leaves a balance of \$132,145.84 still to be collected. A goodly portion of this is expected to be paid in halves.

Baker Chinese Singer Dies. BAKER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—With the death of Wong Gee, the Baker concert band is mourning the loss of its Chinese soloist. During the Summer concert the Oriental would sit on the bandstand and sing with the musicians. He was 65 years old and well known to everyone here. Death was caused by paralysis.

Pacific Alumni to Banquet. PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The alumni of Pacific University will hold a banquet at the Portland Hotel next Saturday evening. The occasion is in honor of the victory of Mr. Graywell, the varsity orator, who will deliver his oration "The College Man and Reform."

Ashland Taxes Involved. ASHLAND, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—In line with the course previously laid out, authorities of this city have tendered Jackson County Ashland's portion of taxes, minus the 3 per cent levy

GRAY'S Final Windup of the Great Removal Sale Which Ends April Fifteenth

Until that date our entire stock of Men's and Women's Wearing Apparel, including all New Spring Stock, will be included in this great sale, except contract goods.

Table with 2 columns: Men's Medium-Weight Suits and Overcoats at Following Reductions, and New Spring Suits. Values are listed at reduced prices.

Special Reductions Ladies' Suits and Coats

Table with 2 columns: Ladies' Entrance 148 Fourth, and 200 Suits, Odd Lots—Your Choice \$12.50. Values are listed at reduced prices.

Now is the opportune time to supply your apparel needs for the Easter time, and when you get the Gray kind of clothes you are assured of the best.—Take advantage of our splendid offerings.

R. M. GRAY 273-275 Morrison Street

HENRY IS ACQUITTED

Murder Charge Fails but Newport Man Is Held.

SANITY QUESTION IS CAUSE

Hearing May Be Given Friday or Saturday to Determine Mental Condition of Man Who Shot George Dodd October 31.

ALBANY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)

Though a charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of George Dodd on a raft in the Willamette River near Corvallis on October 31, Ralph Henry is yet in jail here.

For the jury based its verdict of acquittal on the insanity of the defendant and Henry must remain in custody until the question of his sanity is determined.

Judge Kelly today requested District Attorney Hill to arrange for a hearing on this question and at that time attorneys will examine Henry. Upon the result of that hearing Judge Kelly will determine whether or not Henry will receive his liberty. This hearing probably will take place Friday or Saturday of this week.

Instructions Are Varied. When charging the jury Judge Kelly instructed them that any one of five verdicts might be returned. They could either find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree or manslaughter, or they could return a straight verdict of "not guilty" or if they found that the defendant was not guilty because of insanity, that having been a leading defense interposed in his behalf, they should return a verdict of "not guilty by reason of insanity." It was this latter verdict which the jury returned. It is exactly the same kind of a verdict which was returned in the celebrated Harry Thaw case.

The case was given to the jury at 5:22 o'clock last night and it was 2:39 this morning when the jurors informed the bailiffs they had reached a verdict. Judge Kelly and court officers were summoned and it was 2:52 o'clock when the verdict was received by the court.

No Emotion Shown. Henry showed no emotion when the verdict was read. Seemingly almost perturbedly he arose and shook hands with the members of the jury. When he appeared in court at 8 o'clock this morning, however, when the matter of the proposed hearing on the question of his sanity was being arranged, he seemed much pleased at the result of the trial.

The prominence of the "unwritten law" in the case led many people to the belief that a straight verdict of acquittal would be returned. The guilty verdict apparently took the view that Henry's family troubles produced such stress on his mind that, in view of the predisposition toward insanity in his family, he was not responsible for his act at the time of the shooting.

It is rumored that none of the jurors desired to return a verdict of guilty of murder, but that two or three of them held out for a time for a verdict of manslaughter, one man insisting for nine hours on that verdict.

The ancient and destructive treatment so long in use for blood poison is now banished forever. No longer will mercury, iodides and arsenic destroy human kind. The great Swift Laboratory at Atlanta is making a powerful herbal extract that is unquestionably one of the greatest medical discoveries of all times. This wonderful preparation is now on sale in nearly every drug store throughout the country under the name of S. S. S. Its action is marvelous. Some of the effects of blood poison cured are mucous patches in the mouth, ulcers on the tongue, lips, in the nose and throat; copper colored spots, eczema, articular rheumatism, scrofulous sores and ulcers, and every degenerate and stag of blood poison.

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Great Laboratory Finds Antidote for Blood Poison

Wonderful Results Now Being Accomplished by a Herbal Extract from the Swift Laboratory in Atlanta.

to those who years ago had given up all hope. It has been a revelation to hundreds of physicians who enthusiastically welcome the remedy that can banish mercury and other poisons.

There are thousands of people who would like to know more about the wonders of S. S. S., and a handy little book with colored plates showing the strange facts about skin and blood diseases will be mailed free upon request to Medical Department, The Swift Specific Co., 127 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. In the meantime get a 1.00 bottle of this remarkable remedy from your druggist and thus be assured of complete and permanent recovery from any skin or blood disorder. Be sure to ask for S. S. S. Do not be misled into buying blood tonics that have no medicinal effect.

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here now, but its largest business of the week has always been on Sunday evenings. There is talk of referring the ordinance to the people after it is passed by the Council.

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The Literary Event of the Year

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S

Chapters of a Possible AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The first installment will appear on March 30 in The Oregonian and later installments every week.

These chapters will be published by special arrangement with The Outlook, of which Theodore Roosevelt is the Contributing Editor.

Now a private citizen, after thirty years of continuous public service, Mr. Roosevelt will devote himself to relating in familiar and intimate fashion the stirring events of his first half-century of life.

Few have had the privilege of meeting Mr. Roosevelt at close range. The millions who know him as speaker, soldier, public servant, will now have the opportunity to know him intimately. He has taken part in so much and has done so many things that what is now to be told is largely a matter of selection. He will relate serious and amusing incidents—will give sidelights on happenings that have interested and puzzled the Nation. He will write about events as he has known them personally—as a participant.

So much of the personal side of public events as may properly be made known at this time Mr. Roosevelt will relate in these papers. He will tell of the Standard Oil and Sugar Trust prosecutions; of the voyage of the battle fleet around the world; of the creation of the Interstate Commerce Commission; of the Panama Canal; and of many other historical events in which he had so large a part. He will deal not only with events, but with the men who made the events.

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