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ALLEGED CROOK CAPTURED TODAY

Obtains Money From Local Real Estate Man on Bogus Checks.

USES ASSUMED NAME

Deposits Check to Cover Payments on Valuable Timber Properties Which He Stated He Desired to Purchase.

With a "get rich quick" scheme of the first magnitude, W. P. Brantley, alias P. R. Murphy, alias etc., was arrested this afternoon on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, the complaint being sworn out by W. A. Bogard, a local real estate dealer.

Brantley, or Murphy, as he was known here, has evidently been working very successfully for some time in various parts of the United States and has turned several deals with a creditable remuneration to himself. He arrived in Roseburg about ten days ago with the statement that he was a mill man, timberman, farmer, speculator, oil magnate and several other varieties of a money spender and started out to buy up the county.

He visited the real estate office conducted by Mr. Bogard and displayed an interest in timber lands and was conducted to a couple of choice timber tracts in which he was greatly interested and finally consented to purchase. As a first payment he deposited in a local bank two checks amounting to \$1380 to be drawn out upon Mr. Bogard's check, one of the checks being on the Security State Bank of Kansas City, and the other on the First National Bank of Omaha, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Bogard was suspicious of the stranger and immediately wired to the eastern banks asking for information in regard to the validity of the checks and in the meantime took Mr. Murphy to his home and provided entertainment for him in an effort to hold him pending the receipt of an answer. Murphy, shortly after depositing his bogus checks, requested that the real estate dealer write him out a check for \$60 for the purpose of paying his expenses which transaction was accomplished. Evidently fearing results and with sufficient money on his person to get out of town, Mr. Murphy attempted to leave the city but Mr. Bogard happened to meet him in time to interest him in another piece of property and thus held him until this morning when he took him out to view an excellent farm which the "much monted" man immediately decided to buy and agreed to prepare terms immediately—but in the meantime the much expected telegram had arrived, proving that the checks were N. G. and upon the fellow's return he found Sheriff Quinn waiting to conduct him to the county jail.

Upon an examination of his effects papers were found showing him to have been engaged in numerous businesses, some evidently of a like nature to that attempted here. He held stocks and certificates in an oil concern, which, judging from a telegram marked "personal" exists chiefly on paper and in a half-bored hole, and he was endeavoring to sell stock in the legislature by Representative Eldredge. Papers also showed deals made in escrow in Missouri and other places with checks upon the same banks as were used here. All effects bore the name of W. P. Brantley, with the exception of a few of a late date which had the name of Murphy and other cognomina believed to be other aliases.

An investigation will be made to ascertain whether or not the man is wanted in Missouri or in San Diego where he was located for some time and also at Oklahoma City. He had spent only about \$10 of the money derived from Mr. Bogard but if allowed to operate for a short time longer would doubtless have secured a large sum of money and would have "evaporated."

A number of papers show legitimate deals which amounted to large sums of money, while at one time he was conducting an office in Omaha, while again he operated a mine, either oil or mineral, in California.

CHAMBERLAIN WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION

Senator Chamberlain will at once start an investigation to locate Ora Gibson, a local boy, from whom no word has been received since October 15th. Young Gibson enlisted in the signal corps as a wireless operator and was assigned to Company C, 1st Sig. Bat. and has been service on several active fronts. Until October his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gibson, of North Roseburg, heard from him frequently, but suddenly his letters stopped and no word has been received from him since that time.

His name has appeared in none of the casualty reports and every effort to locate him has failed. A short time ago a message was sent to Senator Chamberlain, asking his assistance, and a letter was received today stating he had started an investigation and that information will be forthcoming within a short time.

VICTIM OF INFLUENZA WILL BE BURIED HERE

A telegram from Chauncey Smith, dated at Los Angeles today, stated he would leave the southern California city on Tuesday with the body of his late wife, Mrs. Ivy Arrance-Smith, expecting to arrive here on the 1:50 train Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Arrance, who was at the bedside of her daughter when death ensued, will also reach home that day. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. While Mrs. Smith died several days ago from influenza, quarantine restrictions prevented the body from being shipped before. Mr. James Arrance stated this afternoon.

COMMITTEES VISIT STATE INSTITUTIONS

(The Associated Press.) SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—Committees of the legislature decided to visit the Eastern Oregon hospital for the insane at Pendleton, and the state soldiers' home at Roseburg, during the week-end adjournment. Representative Kubli, Childs and Haines and Senators J. C. Smith, Jones and Lachmund will go to Pendleton and Representative Mrs. Thompson and Senators Eberhard, Gill and Strayer will go to Roseburg, it was planned.

ADMIRAL GRAYSON SEES BATTLEFIELD

(The Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 27.—Following a recess during Sunday, the supreme council of the peace conference today resumed consideration of the problems. Sunday Admiral Grayson and a small party made a visit to the devastated regions where the fighting was most severe. Chateau Thierry and Rheims were among the localities, and there they found, as Admiral Grayson said, "that no one can put into words the impressions I have received among such scenes of desolation and ruin."

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE DRAIN GRANGE

Saturday the Drain Grange held the regular day meeting at I. O. O. F. hall, and the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year. Master, J. T. Redford; overseer, J. W. Edwards; lecturer, L. S. Compton; chaplain, Mrs. Curtis; secretary, Mrs. L. E. Edwards; treasurer, Mrs. L. M. Redford; steward, Mrs. Haines; assistant steward, Mrs. W. Applegate; gate keeper, Howard Tracy; crier, Mrs. E. O. Patchen; Patrons, Mrs. Raymond, Flora, Mrs. Compton; State Deputy, C. H. Bailey was present at the meeting.

BILL TO CURB SALE BITTERS AND TONICS

(By Associated Press.) SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—A bill prepared by the anti-saloon league of Oregon, with the approval of Attorney General Brown, to curb the sale of "bitters" and "tonics" now being sold in Oregon, it is alleged, as substitutes for liquor, was introduced in the legislature by Representative Eldredge. It would give the state board of pharmacy power to prohibit the sale of any alcoholic mixtures or compounds intended or likely to be used as beverage.

CAR LOAD OF BOOZE PASSES THROUGH CITY

A box car, containing a shipment of booze valued at approximately \$1500 passed through this city yesterday, enroute to Northern points. Officers from the south notified the local authorities of its booking and it has been carefully watched along the line. The name of the person to whom it was consigned was not made known, but it is very probable that an effort to obtain any part of the shipment will result at once in the arrest of the person making the attempt, on a charge of bootlegging, as it is plain to be seen that the liquor is imported only for that purpose.

AMERICAN TROOPS ESCAPE BY A RUSE

Bolsheviki In Northern Russia Almost Surround the Allies at Shenkursk.

RED CAPTURE STORES

Large Quantities of Food Seized by Bolsheviki When Allies Forced Northward—The Situation Is Well In Hand.

(By Associated Press.) ARCHANGEL, Jan. 27.—United States troops and their Russian allies succeeded in escaping from the trap laid for them by the Bolsheviki army at Shenkursk only by a ruse. The army or Reds had almost surrounded them, and as it was the Bolsheviki captured a large amount of stores and provisions, but the Americans were able to remove their artillery or rendered the big guns useless. The Bolsheviki have apparently begun their threat to drive the allies into the White Sea by March 1, but the situation is said to be well in hand, although some isolated positions may have to be given up to the enemy. It is stated that the Americans and allies evacuated the town in order to avoid unnecessary casualties, and moved northward to the line along the Vaga river.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—General March informed the senate military committee today that the shipping arrangements have been completed now whereby three hundred thousand men can be transported to the homeland each month. It was stated that all of the United States expeditionary forces could be returned home and demobilized within six months.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 27.—The allied forces on the front south of Archangel—mainly United States and Russian troops—have evacuated the town of Shenkursk under heavy Bolsheviki pressure, and withdrawn to a shorter line north of the town, according to an official statement from the British war office.

(By Associated Press.) LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 27.—The release of 113 conscientious objectors who were imprisoned for refusal to perform military duty during the war, began today. The men are given an honorable discharge from the army by order of the war department. Two of the men refused to leave the federal prison here today, saying that it was against their religious scruples.

(By Associated Press.) LISBEN, Jan. 27.—The government is assembling large bodies of troops to down the royalist rebellion at Oporto. Loyal troops have already defeated some of the fighting units who had taken the field in favor of the rebels.

PLACE \$2,000,000 WORTH LAND ON TAX ROLL

(By Associated Press.) SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—The Senate has adopted the house memorial, introduced by Representative B. F. Jones, urging congress to enact legislation giving the Indians on the Siletz reservation fee simple deeds to their lands. This would place two million dollars' worth of land on the tax rolls. The Senate also adopted the house joint memorial urging congress to pass the Siltout bill for appropriation of one million dollars for reclamation and drainage in the western states.

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM ENJOYED BY GRANGE

Pasa Creek Grange held its regular meeting, Sunday, at the school house at Curtain, and after the regular order of business the secret work was exemplified by State Deputy C. H. Bailey. At the noon hour a delicious basket dinner was served by the ladies. The afternoon meeting was an open session, being attended by many people of the community who enjoyed the interesting program presented by Mrs. Hill, lecturer of the Grange. Those participating in the program were, recitations by Misses Doris, Larson and Hazel Walkins, a solo by Opal Olin and Floyd Notteth, recitation by Mr. Allen, one of the pioneer members of the order in Oregon. Mrs. L. E. Edwards, secretary of the Drain Grange, read a poem, and addresses were made by J. T. Redford, master of the Drain Grange, and Dr. C. H. Bailey, state deputy.

CHARGE AMERICANS STARTING FIGHTS

Murders and Assaults Are Laid At Door of the United States Troops.

PARIS PAPERS SO ALLEGE

First Intimation That All Expeditionary Soldiers Were Not Conducting Themselves In An Orderly Manner In France.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 27.—United States soldiers are blamed, or believed to have been contributing causes to a large number of murders and disturbances that have occurred in the department of the Seine during December, according to the Matin, one of the leading newspapers of Paris. During the month there were 34 murders, 230 day and night assaults, besides 500 fights of greater or less seriousness. In order to control the situation a reinforcement of the police contingent was demanded by Brigadier General Wm. Harts. Many soldiers of the United States army who had deserted have been arrested. Of the situation the newspaper, Intransigent, says: "The audacity of some of the Americans has grown marvellously since the armistice, and our friends of the United States deplore the fact like ourselves."

(By Associated Press.) This is the first intimation that has been received by The News thru the Associated Press dispatches that United States troops were not conducting themselves properly. People in the home land will be slow to believe any reports to the contrary, and will demand detailed information of any alleged infractions.

(By Associated Press.) SALEM, Jan. 27.—The influenza ban against public gatherings in this city was raised today, although the quarantine order relative to isolation of patients and persons exposed will be continued. To milder weather is believed to have decreased the disease. The quarantine will be lifted at the hospital for insane Wednesday, but general visiting by the public will be discouraged by the physicians in charge.

MINISTERS TRYING TO ESTABLISH GYM

The local Ministerial Association is making an effort to secure support to establish a gymnasium for the use of young people of the city. The matter has been taken up with a number of local citizens and business men and it is probable that the desired result will be accomplished in a short time. The plan is to secure a vacant room, large enough for basketball, handball and indoor tennis court and open it to the young people, with, of course, certain necessary restrictions. The matter has met with decided success and all with whom it has been discussed have heartily endorsed the plan. It is hoped that sufficient interest will be shown to eventually result in the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. in the city.

COMMITTEE VISITS OLD SOLDIERS HOME

Senators Eberhardt, Gill and Strayer and Representative Mrs. Thompson, of the Oregon legislature, yesterday made an inspection of the Oregon Soldiers' Home and hospital with a view of determining the amount needed for the carrying on of the work at these institutions during the coming year. The party was accompanied by R. B. Gooding, of the State Board of Control. After an inspection of the buildings and grounds the party stated that they would recommend to the committee that the budget be allowed in full. Several new improvements were discussed but no action taken. The committee left the city yesterday afternoon stating they had greatly enjoyed the time spent as the guests of the old veterans.

CAMAS VALLEY CHILD DIES

Word was received late today that Beatrice Marie, the little daughter of Frank Smith, of Camas Valley, had died of influenza. The child was only 2 years, 9 months and 11 days of age. There were no other particulars obtainable this afternoon.

LEGISLATURE ON ITS THIRD LAP

To Date 191 Bills Have Been Introduced In House and 80 In Senate.

TWO BILLS UP GOVERNOR

The Big Issue of Keeping Within the Six Per Cent Tax Limitation Has Not Been Settled.—Need For a Strong Arm.

(By COL. E. HOFER.) SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—The third week of the session starts with 191 bills introduced in the House, 27 of which passed, and 80 bills in the Senate, 22 of which are passed and on the calendar of the other house. Two bills have gone to the Governor, one making \$25,000 available for pay for members and employees who are in need of ready cash, and the \$100,000 for care and assistance of Soldiers and Marines honorably discharged since November 11, 1918. The commission to disburse this at its own discretion, with W. B. Ayer, the Portland millionaire as chairman, and the money will be distributed to needy fighters in form of a loan to be repaid upon the honor of the individual receiving the same.

The big issue of keeping within the six per cent tax limitation enacted by the people, has not been settled. The Governor is on record for setting it aside as impractical, or at least expedient, in order to that effect to those who wanted half a million for war purposes. Others declared the state can be run and keep well within the taxes raised under the annual six per cent increase. There is an opportunity for a Governor with the nerve to veto all sums taken by the legislature above that limit to make a record that the people would sustain and appreciate.

One of the unobserved incidents of the past week was the withdrawal of Representative Richardson of Portland from the House consolidation committee. He is to be Assistant State Treasurer under O. P. Hoff, who is at home nursing a strained ankle while his wife is caring for some broken ribs, all accidents to the Hoff family since his elevation from Labor Commissioner to Treasurer. One of the first things Hoff did was to issue an order opening his office Saturday afternoons and making his force put in six full eight hour days in the week instead of the 44 hour week that had been adopted by the state house officialism. His reasons were, that many people who came to Salem to do business were inconvenienced at finding all offices closed Saturday afternoons. Many of the employees did not put in eight hours.

Road legislation will be on deck this week. The fight for larger appropriations for permanent highways goes steadily on, as the surest way to develop Oregon and bring the constant streams of tourist travel through the state that all western states are fishing for. The tourist spends from ten to twenty dollars a day per motor car and the proposition to increase motor car and gasoline taxes meets with great favor. Farm tractors are to be exempted as well as motor vehicles used for mail delivery. Schulz of Clackamas has a bill, that if state highways are built by contract, the state shall pay any royalty on any patented article employed. The inclination of legislators is to cut out cheap and shoddy work, which probably means that the state will buy first-class materials and demand first-class construction which is impossible at the hands of the fly-by-night contractor.

Attacked on the utility corporations powers in the hands of the state was enacted by the people at the same time they voted down a bill to give the city of Portland power to make rates. In the House Schulz has a bill to tax the gross earnings of telephone companies five per cent, to go into the general funds of the state. He claims it is a gross earnings tax. The Public Service Commission holds this tax would have to be added to the taxes and the users of telephones would pay.

Among the humors of the house was a rag perpetrated by Lewis of Portland, the anti-prohibition fighter. A joint resolution was up for consideration, requesting Senator McNeary to oppose that feature of the national revenue bill, putting a tax on Oregon fruit juices. Lewis showed how the tax would destroy the loganberry industry and injure the whole fruit products industry, but prayed to be delivered from being made a criminal if he happened to leave one of these bottles of fruit juice uncorked and

it fermented over night. He wanted to save the industries, but wanted also to invoke Allah, the giver of all Good, to forgive him, if a warm wind waited the ferment germs into the open bottle and he became a criminal by harboring beverages with more than 1 1/2 per cent of alcohol. He forgot that the Mohammedan god Allah is a non-wine-drinking god, and the House had a good laugh and passed the resolution.

The fight over the Rogue river fisheries is on again. H. B. 180 provides in effect for doing away with salting on the Rogue river, in spite of the fact that at the last election the people voted to keep salting in operation. This bill does not exactly prohibit salting, but makes the use of them impracticable. It is a bill to cripple the salmon industry.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM BERT FRITCH

A letter was received this morning from Bert Fritch, formerly of this city, but now with a motor transportation unit in France. Mr. Fritch says that he has been experiencing some very wet weather, in regard to rainfall, while at the same time water became so scarce that the company was rationed with beer. He states all trucks going from the ports of embarkation and debarkation pass through the station where he is located and that he is kept exceedingly busy. When they arrive they are filled and oiled and if repairs are needed they are made. He says that the Standard Oil Co.'s products are about all that are used and asks for some posters, small ones, to be worn on the leather coats of the mechanics. He states he will be mighty glad to get back to Roseburg and would like very much to see some of his old friends. An order sending home all of the ball players caused quite a bit of hard feeling as it was the belief that men with steady occupations should be the first discharged. There are many rumors that the unit is to be returned but few of the men expect to get home before late in the spring.

COOS COUNTY PIONEER VISITING IN ROSEBURG

Mrs. Emma Hilborn of Marshfield, who is here enjoying a visit with her sister, Mrs. Fannie M. Bates who lives a few miles east of the city on Deer Creek, is spending a few days in Roseburg, visiting with relatives and friends. Mrs. Hilborn is one of the sturdy pioneers of Coos County, and though well advanced in years, her memory is extremely clear in reference to the early happenings of the state and her stories of pioneer days are most interesting. It was her husband C. S. Hilborn, who in his early 50's conducted a party of Baltimore people up the coast to Port Orford with his ox team, among the travelers being Hon. Binger Hermann of this city, who at that time was about fifteen years of age. Mr. Hilborn passed away quite a number of years ago at the advanced age of 92 years, a greater part of his life having been spent in Coos county. Mrs. Hilborn and Mr. Hermann spent several hours together today talking over the happenings of pioneer days.

BIDDING ACTIVE ON SPRUCE MATERIALS

Hundreds of bids are reaching the office of the United States Spruce Production Corporation sales board offices in the Yeon building at Portland, Oregon, and thus, for the favorite item included therein, spruce automobiles, of which there are quite many, but not nearly enough to go around. "It seems," commented a member of the staff at headquarters, "that a large number of people want one or more of the corporation's automobiles. Thus far the bids so indicate and, while we have quite a strong supply, these will not be enough to satisfy all of the bidders, and will be a case of parceling them out to the highest bidders." Ten million dollars worth of machinery and equipment owned by the war, is to be sold to the highest bidder. Bids are receivable up to and including February 15. It is the thought of the sales board staff that by giving the widest possible range of publicity to the sale that thousands of bids will be received from all over the country on individual units and that this will help to restore the property to commercial activities on a peace-time basis more readily and with little concern to the trade. Bidders are permitted to make proposals on whole or individual units of the property. Details in catalog form are available upon application to the board.

W. W. Ashcraft, left yesterday evening for Myrtle Creek, where he will spend a few days attending to business matters.

MAY ESTABLISH AIRPLANE BASE

Mail Route For the Northwest Being Considered by the Aero Club.

REQUEST INFORMATION

Local Commercial Club Is Asked to Furnish Information In Regard to Landing Facilities In or Near Roseburg.

The Aero Club of the Northwest is compiling data to be submitted to the postoffice department with respect to the establishment of the air mail service in the Northwest, and the Commercial Club has been asked to furnish information. There is also a move on foot to use airplanes for the purpose of patrolling the national forest east of the city and if suitable grounds can be secured Roseburg may become a well patronized aero base. The information requested by the Aero Club is as follows: "Has your city any facilities or ground at present which will permit of landing facilities for land planes? What facilities for landing of flying boats and seaplanes? If grounds sufficient for landing and getting away do not exist, can flying fields be established in your city or immediate vicinity thereto? What civic body or group of men would be most interested in securing and obtaining these facilities in your city?"

The matter of requirements in flying fields call for three or four hundred yards of smooth ground which will permit of landing and getting off into the wind, the prevailing winds being considered, unless this distance be available in all directions. If surrounded by timber or buildings, the field must be of great size.

The airplane is going to come into general use very rapidly as a means of commercial transportation, and the necessity that different communities provide facilities for its encouragement is as important as the establishment of highways has been in the development of motor transportation. Without highways we could not be served by motor transportation, and without flying fields we will not be served by air transportation.

The postoffice department contemplates a very extensive program and is going to establish mail services only where facilities are afforded to them, but will not create them themselves. The cities of the East enjoying the advantages of this service today furnished necessary facilities. The time for us to act is now. The 35,000 aviators returning to civil life demand this, as many of them are anxious to continue aviation.

AGED RAILROAD CONDUCTOR DIES

Thomas Birkimer, aged 71 years, died at the Soldiers' Home hospital yesterday and was buried this afternoon at 4 o'clock. He was a private in Co. A, Second Iowa cavalry and was admitted to the home Oct. 15, 1918, from Portland. For a great many years he was a conductor on the Southern Pacific railroad, having retired only a short time ago on a pension granted him by the railroad company. He was a native of Ohio and so far as known leaves no relatives.

COMMISSIONER TELLS OF INCREASED RATES

Fred A. Williams, new member of the state public service commission, arrived at his home in Grants Pass for a short visit Friday and has given some interesting figures regarding the application of the Oregon Gas and Electric Co. to raise their rates for gas in this city. For instance, in 1912 fuel oil was selling for about 40 cents a barrel, while it now commands \$2.50 per barrel. Kitchen wood used to sell for about \$2.00 a cord, while at present it is a difficult matter to secure the same amount for \$4.00. Just recently fuel oil went from \$1.38 to \$2.50 a barrel which amount will produce approximately \$2,000 cubic feet of gas. The gas company asks for a raise of \$0.50 per thousand, making a rate of \$2.60 instead of \$2.10 as it is at present. The hearing before the public service commission will take place on Saturday February 3, at 9 a. m. in the Court House and all who wish to rates may appear at that time.—Courier.