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BOOKKEEPER ACCUSED OF SWINDLING

C. K. AMMAN, UMATILLA COUNTY ROAD BOOKKEEPER ARRESTED YESTERDAY

CHARGED WITH PADDING PAYROLLS

Discovered by Investigators that Amman Had Been Making Heavy Deposits at Pendleton Banks While His Salary Was \$200 Per Month; Entered Duties Last September.

PENDLETON, July 22.—C. K. Amman, bookkeeper in the office of the roadmaster of Umatilla county, was arrested Thursday afternoon on a charge of having swindled the county out of thousands of dollars through padding of payrolls and the cashing of forged time checks. Just how much money Amman secured through his operations has not been ascertained but behind the story is a get-rich-quick romance that is startling in its boldness.

Amman was taken into custody late yesterday afternoon after a warrant for his arrest had been secured from Justice Richards at Athena by C. Z. Randall, deputy prosecuting attorney. Mr. Randall in company with County Judge L. M. Schanep, who first learned of suspicious facts regarding the bookkeeper, have worked on the case for two days and have been assisted in their probe by Roadmaster L. J. Shannon.

It was discovered by the investigators that Amman had been making heavy deposits at local banks almost ever since he entered upon his duties last September. At times the deposits have run above \$1000 a month and the lowest sum was \$400. These heavy deposits from a man drawing a salary of \$200 a month were regarded as suspicious and a check up showed that forged time checks had been used. It was found that the bookkeeper was to be paid by the roadmaster after the roadmaster had endorsed the bona fide payroll. Another time additional names were written in after the payroll had been endorsed.

The check on which the warrant for Amman's arrest was issued was one made to George E. Barr. The name of Barr was endorsed on the check, presumably by Amman, and he had then endorsed the check himself. Mr. Barr denies he ever received the warrant or had endorsed it. According to officials the fraudulent work was at times very carefully handled but at other times the bookkeeper became careless and covered his plot very slightly.

Thursday forenoon Amman was sent on a mission to Stanfield and a final search made during his absence confirmed the suspicion of his wrong doing. The warrant for the arrest was secured at Athena because Judge Parkes was out of town and it was not desirable that Judge Schanep issue the warrant as he will be a witness in the case.

A peculiar feature of the Amman case is that his alleged fraudulent work was underway at the time the county books were audited in January and the doctoring of the time sheets and time checks was not discovered.

Prior to Amman's employment as the county he was with a construction company here. He is regarded as a very competent officer and the discovery of his alleged crooked work has created a sensation here.

Amman declined to discuss the charges, saying that he wished to consult his lawyers before making any statement.

PROPOSAL MAY NOT BE GIVEN OUT TO PUBLIC

LONDON, July 22.—The proposal of the British government to purchase the value of the Irish peat may be published until a reply has been received from Dublin. The Irish leaders departed for Dublin today. The news will continue.

Placing Of Bets Told During Trial

John O. Seis, Secretary Chicago National League, Identified Louis Levi.

CHICAGO, July 22.—The first story of the placing of the bets during the 1919 world's series by the men charged with the alleged conspiracy for the throwing of games, was told in the baseball trial today by John O. Seis, secretary of the Chicago National Club. Seis identified Louis Levi, of Des Moines, as one of the bettors. He said that he and Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington team, held stakes for some bets "made by Attila and Levi," to a total of \$2,050.

HILGARD STORE IS ROBBED

SCOTT'S STORE RANSACKED LAST NIGHT

Extracts Taken In Large Quantities and This Portion of Loot May Lead Up To Arrest

Extracts valued at between \$125 and \$150 were among the loot taken by robbers last night at Scott's store in Hilgard. The robbers entered the store, helped themselves to clothing, cigars and cigarettes and flavored extracts, the value of which has not been entirely determined but which is variously estimated between \$500 and \$1000.

The amount of extracts taken is known and the fact that some brands of extract are largely alcohol is leading officers to keep a sharp watch for men showing signs of intoxication. Internal consumption in too large quantities of these extracts may lead to the arrest of the thieves. No clues have been reported but it is possible that workers along the highway are responsible. There are many foreigners in the camps in the vicinity of Hilgard.

SOLDIER DIES AFTER SUBMITTING TO 18 OPERATIONS

BOISE, July 22.—Vivian F. Mallett, of Ontario, 26, died at the State Public Health service hospital as Boise Wednesday morning, following the eighteenth operation during a sickness of 43 months. The deceased was born at Ontario, Ont., and enlisted in the 144th Field Artillery at San Francisco August 3, 1917. He was taken sick in December 1917, at Camp Kearney. Mallett is survived by his father and mother, four brothers, and five sisters.

A. PALMER PASSES ON

Adelbert Palmer, who died last night at ten o'clock will lie in state Saturday from 12 noon to Sunday noon at the Henry chapel. Mr. Palmer has been a resident of La Grande for many years and death came following a lingering illness which left him partially paralyzed. He was about 75 years of age. The remains are at the Henry chapel and will lie in state there. The funeral will be held at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon from the Henry chapel. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

SHEEP CAMP BURNED

BAKEE, July 22.—The McCarrigan sheep camp on China creek, about three miles from the Whitney-Unity road was destroyed by fire Wednesday, according to information received by the Whitman national forest officer here.

The fire was sighted first by the lookout on Buckleberry mountain between Whitney and Sumpter, the report said. Fireman Gibson of the lookout station, with the air of ranchman, put the fire under control.

The timber fire, which is the largest reported by the Whitman office this season, was said to have started from a fire left at the camp store by the fireman. The cause of the fire is being investigated.



CONSULTING ENGINEER IS BIG WITNESS

MAJOR GARRISON FABCOCK OF SEATTLE DECLARES EQUIPMENT IS OBSOLETE

SYSTEM OF CONTROL IS FROM THE EAST

Says Telephone and Telegraph Company in Portland Was Discouraged by Powers from East in Using Four Party Line, Which He Believes Would Be Big Benefit.

SALEM, July 22.—Major Garrison Fabcock, of Seattle, testifying as the consulting engineer for Bonland in the telephone hearing today, declared that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company equipment in Oregon was obsolete. He criticized the system of control of the company's affairs from the east and said that the company in Portland was discouraged in the use of four party lines, which he said were a benefit to the community in bringing lower rates.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson, former telephone employee, testified at the telephone hearing late yesterday concerning the complaints by the Portland telephone users. She called 329 subscribers and told of the variety of complaints. The commission permitted City Attorney Mutt, of Astoria, to call N. Wigdon, telephone company rate expert, and C. C. Fiegler, plant engineer at San Francisco, as witnesses. Mutt contended that Astoria was paying too high a rate of return to the company. Attorney Shaw said that the rates were based on the plans for the improvement to be made at Astoria.

SHERIFF IS TOLD TO WATCH CARS

EVERETT, Wash., July 22.—Sheriff West has received a report that a speeding car with an Oregon license number, has been seen with two passengers, one of them answering the description of Dr. Brumfield of Roseburg, who is missing, and wanted on a charge of murder. The deputies are searching.

DENIES CHARGE

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Major Bruce C. Campbell denied before the house committee that he had accepted the \$5,000 to aid in the Bergdoll escape.

Missing Lad Returns To Home Of Parents

Fourteen-Year-Old Arlet Page, of Baker, Says He Has Been in Pendleton—Came Home on Freight.

BAKER, July 22.—Arlet Page, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Page, who had been missing since Tuesday afternoon, arrived in Baker yesterday morning on an eastbound freight. No explanation has been made as to why he left home, the only bit of information given by the lad being that he had been in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Page have been almost most distracted since his disappearance Tuesday afternoon and efforts had been made in all directions to find him. The police of the different cities for miles around had been notified and were all keeping a strict watch for him.

The father of young Page was in La Grande Wednesday when, assisted by local officers, a thorough search was made for the missing lad.

CAR SAID TO BE SPEEDING CAUSE OF AUTO WRECK

Dr. Kirby's Car Turns Sedan Driven By Mrs. David I. Stoddard Completely Over

At half past twelve this afternoon Dr. E. G. Kirby, driving south along Sixth street, crashed into a Franklin sedan, driven by Mrs. David I. Stoddard, at the corner of Sixth and O streets, completely overturning Mrs. Stoddard's car. In the car with Mrs. Stoddard were two of her young children, Mary Ellen and David I. Jr., and the three owe their lives to the fact that the top on the machine was strong enough to hold the chassis.

According to Mrs. Stoddard she (Continued on Page Three)

City Combed For Men to Fill Jobs Without Success This Morning

The men of La Grande and a few minutes later a farmer dropped in asking Mr. Fowler's aid in securing a crew of cherry pickers. With the two men who had just left the office in mind she secured the town trying to locate these and some more but after visiting many places where idle men spend their time, scanning the streets and giving the restaurants the once-over, she returned to her office without the men. As a result the committee board at the city hall still has calls for men.

Cherry picking is more lucrative here now than in other parts of the state. Instead of the cent and a half being paid in the Willamette valley, two cents is being paid for picking a pound. Other farm work is also opening rapidly and idle men willing to work are having less difficulty than for many months in getting jobs.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



National Guard Protects Officials

Court is to Decide on Immunity of Illinois Governor on Tuesday; Much Interest in Case

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 22.—The fact that the officers of the national guard are in uniform at the capitol is considered significant in view of the opinion of the Governor's attorney that the Governor has power to summon the state troops to guard him from arrest on the warrant charging embezzlement of the interest on the state funds, while he was the state treasurer. The Governor is claiming immunity and the court is to decide the question on Tuesday.

R. J. GREEN HOME ROBBED

WHILE FAMILY IS AWAY HOUSE IS LOOTED

No Estimate of Value of Goods Taken Can Be Made Until Family Returns From Vacation

The home of R. J. Green, 708 N. avenue, was ransacked, according to discovery made yesterday evening. The Green family is away on a camping trip and it could not be determined how much loot was taken by the thieves. It is not known when the robbery took place but probably Wednesday night.

When the robbery was discovered the police department and sheriff's office immediately made an investigation. They found that the thief or thieves had gained entrance through a window and found that all of the drawers in the bed room had been opened and searched. It is believed that the robbery was committed by local parties, although nothing definite has been announced by the police regarding clues to the guilty parties.

DIVORCES IN CALIFORNIA NOT TO BE ON Q. T.

SACRAMENTO, July 22.—Eight more days in which to secure your divorce "on the quiet."

After that the public, if it wants to, will be in on all the details. The bill providing that divorce complaints, along with other legal business, must be open to public inspection goes into effect August 1. This ought to contend Dame Scandal, if she has happened to notice and severity of divorces publicly lately.

MACHINE FAILS TO STOP AT CURB

Because his machine failed to stop on the curb and when he pulled up to the North side of the Foley hotel the automobile plunged over the plate glass front demolishing about everything in sight, a man by the name of Murphy is having his share of grief today in paying damages and explaining why automobile brakes are not always reliable.

Mr. Murphy is a traveling salesman who makes La Grande occasionally by auto, but his experience last night has caused him to wonder if the automobile is not more expensive than the steam cars and has also caused him to ponder over a decision of the Oregon Supreme Court to the effect that the automobile is a dangerous weapon, in the eyes of the law.

CAN MAKE PROFIT ON SODAS

NEW YORK, July 22.—The cost of production of an ice cream soda is 73 cents, a prominent pharmacist stated in announcing that he could make a reasonable profit by charging the customer 10 cents. The cost is divided as follows: Syrup 1 cent; milk, 1 cent; ice cream 2 cents; labor, breakage, waste, etc., 31 cents.

Most prices in New York are 15 cents and up, plus war tax.

Late News Flashes

Action Condemned. TURLOCK, Calif., July 22.—Resolutions condemning the deportation of the group of Japanese field laborers Wednesday, was made public today by the California Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union, following the arrest of J. I. Shea, acting union president, as the alleged ringleader in the deportation.

Representative Lenden, Socialist, New York, voted against it.

STEAMER ADMIRAL FARRAGUT MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The steamer Admiral Farragut, which was disabled by an explosion in the fuel pipe off the coast ten miles north of here last night, arrived in the harbor here today in tow of a tug. Twelve members of the crew were injured in the explosion.

MAJORITY OF G. O. P. RULE DEMOCRATS

EFFORT TO ELIMINATE AMERICAN VALUATION PROVISION IS CHECKED

VOTE IS 289 FOR AND 127 AGAINST THE BILL

Seven Republicans are Shown as Voting Against the Measure; Not Much Chance of Imposing Duty on Hides and Cotton After House Defeated Amendments.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The Republican protective tariff bill, estimated by Chairman Fordney to raise around five hundred million dollars in revenue annually, was passed Thursday night by the house by a vote of 289 to 127—precisely the vote by which a Democratic motion for elimination of its American valuation provision was defeated.

Seven Republicans voted against the measure, while the same number of Democrats supported it. Oil, hides, cotton and asphalt remained on the free list. The Longworth dye embargo, backed by a Republican majority on the ways and means committee, was thrown out, 209 to 193.

Aided by Republicans not satisfied with all the bill's provisions, the Democratic minority made the most of its chances, and the ways and means committee lost out on three of the five amendments laid before the house.

Committee Concedes Defeat

There was not much chance of imposing a duty on hides and cotton after the house, in committee of the whole, had defeated amendments charging compensatory rates on their manufactured products. When the oil amendment was reached there was such a shout of noes that a roll call was not demanded. A moment later, Chairman Fordney, trying to make himself heard above the din which prevailed during three hours of voting, announced that settlement in the committee of the whole against taxing asphalt had been so overwhelming that it wasn't worth while to go through the form of calling the roll. More than 200 committee amendments, rushed through during the last few days were put up to be voted on in a block. Some merely corrected spelling in the bill and some changed the rates, but the Democrats, still holding their forces in line, compelled a record vote.

Garner Joins Issue

Just before the time came to pass the bill, Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the ways and means committee, stepped to the front with the expected motion to send the bill back to its framers with instructions to strike out the American reciprocal provisions. This was where the Democrats and the Republicans divided squarely on the whole tariff issue, although they had split vaguely on some of the earlier votes.

It probably was the first time since wartime days that the house found itself with such a quarrel on the eve of a vote. Closing the long wrangle over the bill, Chairman Fordney brought Republican members to their feet by declaring it would bring greater prosperity to the country than it now enjoyed. The veteran tariff mule, thinned by the demonstration, smiled and bowed and then wheeled about to wave to the galleries.

The Republicans voting against the bill were: Pack, Wisconsin; Gahn, Ohio; Knight, Ohio; Lampert, Wisconsin; John M. Nelson, Wisconsin; Sinclair, North Dakota, and Voight, Wisconsin.

Democrats voting for it were: Campbell, Pennsylvania; Dupre, Marshall, Favre and Lazzaro, Louisiana; Harold Baker, California.

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