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BANDIT WORK IN HEART OF LOS ANGELES

With Traffic and Patrol Police Thick $10,000 Robbery is Commited

GET-AWAY IS MADE IN RECORD TIME

Sawed-off Shotguns Used to Force Three Men With Money to Throw up Their Hands and Take Satchel of Coin.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—Three bandits armed with sawed-off shotguns held up three collectors for the Owl Drug company at its store here at sixth and Broadway at nine o'clock this morning and escaped in an automobile with a sum estimated at $10,000.

The robbery occurred on the busiest street in down-town Los Angeles, where traffic and patrol policemen are thickly stationed. The collectors had the money in a satchel and had collected it from five stores of the company and were entering the sixth when the bandits leaped from an automobile and marched them into the store with their hands over their heads. The bandits then leaped into the car and sped away.

DR. C. T. BACON LAID TO REST

The funeral of Dr. C. T. Bacon was held yesterday at the Methodist church at one thirty in the afternoon. A large gathering of friends and relatives attended. Rev. George H. Quigley delivered the funeral sermon the procession proceeded to the Masonic cemetery where the body was laid in its final resting place. Many beautiful floral offerings were received. The La Grande band was present out of courtesy to Dr. Bacon, who was manager of the band in former years. The choir sang a number of pieces. The Masons were in charge of the interment.

A large number of out of town friends of the deceased were present, among them being Dr. A. C. Smith of Portland, L. A. Wright of Union and L. C. Edwards of Baker. The services were a fitting tribute to the final interment of the beloved Dr. Bacon and many friends and relatives are mourning his passing on.

High School Opens Basketball Saturday

This week will see some heavy practice for the basketball squad in preparing for their regular schedule which begins Saturday when the first game will be played with Union high school at Union. The squad is at present cut to only seventeen members and the final cut will come either before or after the game with Union. Little is known of either Union's or La Grande's strength but a fast game is expected.

Efforts are being made to arrange two games with Haines high school In all probability the schedule will be revised some before the season begins

MINES DEVELOPMENT

BAKER, Jan. 3.—At the Snow Creek mines in Greenhorn district, properties owned by Bathe, Maine, people of whom R. J. Davison is one of the principals, are being developed on huge scale.

FIRE COMPANY ELECTS FOR COMING YEAR

L.L. Snodgrass Chosen Assistant Chief and C. L Mackey President.

Rescue Hose company No. 1, La Grande's volunteer fire fighters, held its annual election of officers at its regular month'y meeting last evening.

The office of fire chief is a paid full-time office held by C. O. Murchison. L. L. Snodgrass was elected assistant chief for the year. J. D O'Neal was chosen captain, Nathan Zweifel, first lieutenant, and F. F Suydam, second lieutenant. The other officers elected are: C. L. Mackey presient; N. A. Desilet, vice-president C. P. Cayler, secretary; J. H. Keeney treasurer.

The firemen's annual dance will be held on Tuesday, January 17, according to the decision reached last evening.

Fight Posponed To January Ninth By Illness Of Fighter

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 3.—The Benny Leonard-Pinkie Mitchell bout which was to have been staged last night, was postponed until January 9 because of the illness of Mitchell.

Mitchell, it was declared, caught cold during training, which settled in his arm. He was reported today to be unable to use his right arm at all, being barely able to lift it shoulder high.

Leonard, it is expected, will return to New York, coming back to Milwaukee later on to put in a few days' training for the January 9 bout.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The controller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on December 31, 1921.

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, Jan. 3.—The Dail Eireann lost no time after reconvening today in plunging into a sharp debate on the Anglo-Irish treaty. Many members anticipated a vote Thursday night or Friday.

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, Jan. 3.—The University of Oregon yesterday defeated the champion naval football team on the islands by a score of 35 to 0.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Cattle were slower today, hogs weak, sheep 50 cents lower, east of the mountain lambs being $8 to $8.50 and best valley lambs $7.50 to $8, while eggs were slow to weak. Butter was five cents lower, extra cubes being 35 cents and prints 39 cents.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Henry P. Fletcher, under secretary of state, was today nominated ambassador to Belgium. William O'Toole, of West Virginia, was nominated minister to Paraguay.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Balfour and Hughes have been approached by the Chinese arms conference delegation regarding the deadlock with the Japanese on Shantung and have been asked to mediate.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Excited trading in late dealing in the wheat market broke prices as much as seven and a half cents. May closed $1.07¾ to $1.08 and July 97¾ to 98 cents.

(By Associated Press)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3.—Cave creek went on a rampage today as the result of heavy rains. Efforts to divert the flood from the state capitol and the fashionable residence district failed when the water started toward the capitol at 2 this afternoon.

WHOLESALERS HOSTS AT AD CLUB LUNCH

Novelty Keynote of Weekly Gathering This Noon

MENU COMPOSED OF ALL-LOCAL GOODS

Two Grocery Houses Here Play a Big Part in Industrial Life of the Community, G. L. Larison Declares.

Combining novelty with food of extraordinary quality, C. D. Emahizer of the Oregon Grocery company and G. L. Larison of the La Grande Grocery company were hosts today to the Ad Club at the regular Tuesday luncheon at the Foley.

More than a hundred members were present and the atmosphere was charged with fun from the beginning. David I. Stoddard, as chief songster loosened everyone up by starting the enlivening songs and soon the members were like a band of boys turned loose on a holiday.

The menus attracted considerable attention for they contained very witty and original names for the different dishes served. From the "Minam River Cocktail' 'to the "Country Club Fifth Tee Mint Wafers" there was style, quality and quantity. The "Unhealthy" bread furnished by MacPherson was the subject of a lot of fun.

The two wholesale houses joined in this event as a New Year's greeting to the Ad Clubbers. C. D. Emahizer presided as toastmaster and there was not a dull moment. Probably the most enjoyable jests of the meeting was when the two wholesale heads were hurling back jeers at each other for fixing prices, and accusing each other of bad faith in not carrying out alleged price agreements.

The history of wholesaling in La Grande was reviewed, which ran with it the growth of the city since the two grocery houses had been established here.

On Ad Club business J. C. Snodgrass made a report on the tourist camp grounds matter and other minor matters were discussed.

Senator Eberhard reviewed some of the work in the late special session of the legislature.

G. L. Larison spoke directly on the subject of wholesaling and said in part:

"La Grande's wholesale grocery

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WHEAT CROP IS ESTIMATED AT NEAR AVERAGE

Seeding Conditions in Grande Ronde Declared to be Ideal This Fall With Plenty of Moisture.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—A considerable increase in the acreage seeded to winter wheat in the western part of the state is the outstanding feature of the December crop report just issued by F. L. Kent, of the United States Bureau of Markets and Crop estimates. Owing to the lack of moisture early in the season, the acreage seeded in the eastern part of the state is not equal to that of last year, but in the western part of the state fall seeding conditions were almost perfect, and the fall seeding of wheat as well as that of other fall sown crops was larger than for many years. On the whole total winter wheat acreage in the state probably exceeds that of a year ago.

The condition of the crop in the western section is above average. It got a fine start, but growth has been somewhat checked by the heavy precipitation in November, and the lower than normal temperature prevailing in December.

In the eastern part of the state much of the crop was seeded late and has not made much growth. Considerable reseeding of the earlier planting has already been done, and it is anticipated that more than the usual amount of spring seeding will be required. The percentage condition of the crop for the state as a whole is estimated at 92.0 compared with 97.0 last year. 90.0 two years ago, and a ten year average of 93.0.

Reports from correspondents throughout the eastern part of the state follow:

BAKER—This has been a very favorable fall for farm operations. November snow fell on unfrozen ground, hence there was but little run-off.

CROOK—Conditions very favorable. Owing to the low prices received in the past two years compared to cost of producing, wheat is giving away to alfalfa and potatoes. Very little wheat seeded here this fall.

GILLIAM—Fall wheat did not get enough moisture to sprout well until the big snow came. Is coming up very nicely now. Early moisture condition better in north part of county.

JEFFERSON—Very little rain this season until November 20th. Since that date too much moisture for soil cultivation. No freezing weather to date (Dec. 3).

KLAMATH—The first rain to amount to anything since May 1st occurred about November 20th. Fall seeding has not made the usual progress.

MALHEUR—Wheat acreage seed-

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First Picture—Debs Freed

Eugene V. Debs, several times Socialist candidate for president, photographed as he left Atlanta federal prison upon the Christmas pardon of President Harding. Debs was convicted under the espionage act.

HUGE BANK MERGER IN CHICAGO

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The Continental and Commercial National bank and the Commercial Trust and Savings bank today formed the second largest banking institution in the United States and the largest west of New York through the absorption of the Fort Dearborn National bank and the For Dearborn Trust and Savings bank, that action averting what was described as the most serious difficulty threatening Chicago in 16 years.

The Continental and Commercial assumed sixty million dollars in liabilities. The Fort Dearborn difficulty is attributed to an over-extension of credits.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The troubles of the Fort Dearborn National bank unsettled the grain market today. Wheat dropped four cents a bushel by noon.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Accepts Position in Grand Junction, Colorado; Will Leave Here Next Week.

George Garrett, city manager, this morning announced that he will present his resignation to the city commission at tomorrow's meeting. Mr. Garrett in making his announcement declared that the main reasons for his action are the offer of a position as city manager in Grand Junction, Colorado, with an increased salary and the fact that the defeat of the water bonds last November will not give him the opportunity to supervise any big construction work during the next year, the city of Grand Junction offering better opportunities in this respect as there is a big water problem, as well as other municipal problems, to be solved.

"If the water bond issue had been approved I would have remained here another year. Our water system here is in as good a shape as it can be under the circumstances and there will be no big construction work this year, according to present indications, so I felt that an opportunity of going to Grand Junction, where there are larger problems, could not be passed up," Mr. Garrett declared today. "One of the problems in Grand Junction is that of metering the water to do away with the large wastage. La Grande has her water metered already and the smaller wastage resulting from the meters has helped materially in making the local water supply sufficient for all seasons."

Mr. Garrett has been city manager for a year and a half and previously he had been city engineer for six months. He came here from Portland where he was connected with various departments of the city for about seven years. During the war he was in the 23rd engineers.

The salary he will receive in Grand Junction is $4200 per year, an increase of $600 per year over the salary paid here.

Mr. Garrett expects to leave La Grande a week from next Friday.

Those who gather nothing in youth have the same amount in old age.

TRYING PERIOD FOR BUSINESS DURING 1921

Rally Came During Middle of Year; Future Brightening

APPAREL MAKERS LEAD INDUSTRY

Beginning of Current Year Shows Prospects Much Better; Boom's Effects Diminish.

(Brastreet's Review of the Business Year, With Forecast.)

Nineteen-twenty-one was a many-sided year, and if a description were sought in a phrase, it might be said to have been the last word in irregularity. It was a period of liquidation during which the boom of 1919, punctured in 1920, was pretty thoroughly deflated. Commodity prices as a whole, continuing the reaction of 1920, though at a slower pace, were reduced to the lowest level since 1916, or half the distance from the 1920 peak, while retail prices fell about one-fourth, on the average. Crops, except corn, were short, and farmers' returns the poorest since 1914. Industrial outputs were reduced, and values of sales were cut not merely to the bone but to the very vitals of business. Some classes of securities, railway stocks for instance, reached the lowest average points in almost a generation. Foreign trade values dissolved like the mist before the sun, giving rise to queries as to what had really become of international trade. The rallies shown were generally slow in most cases, and some of the gains were not entirely held. Few lines of business had as good a year as they did in 1920, itself a year of strain, and the residuary legatee of the silk-shirt extravagances of the first year of peace. Inventories, badly slashed in the last months of 1920, were even more greatly reduced in 1921. It was a year with an unprecedented number of failures, and with liabilities of failed concerns towering above anything previously known.

And yet, like the individual who was described as being not wholly bad, it developed redeeming traits and features as the year advanced, the lines first to feel the depression leading in the work of recuperation and repair. The genesis of improvement in some lines, in fact, was discernible almost at the ouset of the year, whereas others waited until the summer was well advanced before showing the first signs of rallying. With the progress of the year, favorable features asserted themselves in increasing numbers, the financial markets improved, money released from trade, where some of it had lain long in the form of frozen

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AN ERROR.

Through an error the funeral of Mrs. L. Minchuir was announced for "eight o'clock Wednesday morning from the Bohnenkamp chapel" in yesterday's Observer. The item should have state that the funeral will be held at eight o'clock Wednesday morning at the Catholic church.

Announcement was made today that the remains of Mrs. Minchuir will lie in state at the Bohnenkamp chapel this evening from 7:30 to 8:00.

Dr. Phy's Holsteins Are Among Record Breakers

Local Holsteins are continuing to make good milk and butter production records as is indicated by the official tests reported from the office of Malcolm H. Gardner, Delavan, Wisconsin Superintendent of Advanced Registry of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

This week's bulletin reports the pure-bred registered Holstein-Friesian Cow, Fobes Pontiac Longfield, owned by Dr. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake, Oregon, as having made at the age of two years and three months, a record of 836.9 lbs. of milk and 17,562 lbs. of butter fat, in seven days, equivalent to 21.9 lbs. of butter.

Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, is president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. This association has a membership of over twenty thousand breeders in the United States and is the largest pure bred cattle association in the world, representing one-half million pure bred animals.

BY GOLLY! THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN

Recall For Commission To be Filed Tomorrow

A petition demanding that the city commission be recalled will be filed with that body tomorrow evening, according to reports. The petition has 1500 signatures, it is reported.

The petition is the outgrowth of sentiment in regard to the water question which was crystallized last November when the proposed water bonds failed to carry and when it was rumored that the opposition vote was due to the lack of confidence in the commission by a portion of the voters.

A short time after the defeat of the bonds City Commissioner Stoddard announced his willingness to resign if the other commissioners took like action. This decision was prompted by the rumors then so prevalent that lack of confidence in the commission defeated the bonds.

Weather

Tonight and Wednesday fair, excepting probably rain in the northwestern portion of the state.