

ISLAND CITY POST OFFICE SAFE BLOWN

No Money Taken But Merchandise Stolen from Lee Reynolds' Store

HEAVY CHARGE OF EXPLOSIVE USED

Union and Island City Robberies Believed the Work of Same Persons—Authorities on Case

Following on the heels of the announcement of the robbery of the Union post office Friday night, and believed to be the work of the same persons, the Island City post office and Lee Reynolds store were burglarized some time during Sunday night.

As in the Union case, the post office safe was wrecked by a heavy charge of explosive, the handle of the safe door being blown fully six feet. In spite of the strength of the blast, a metal door that guarded an inner compartment where the post office funds are kept, withstood the shock.

The fact that the two robberies so close together and in each case a heavy charge of explosive was used to open the safes leads officials to link the two together.

Post office records were slightly but not irreparably damaged and the interior of the building was in great disorder this morning when the robbery was discovered. Several government stamped envelopes had been torn up and these will have to be replaced. The safe itself was insured.

Not getting any money from the safe, the intruders entered the Reynolds store and, according to Mr. Reynolds, stole some bank, all of the necked knives in stock, some cigarettes and cigars, a number of gloves, socks, some handkerchiefs, flashlights and a pair of shoes. An early estimate by Mr. Reynolds places his loss at about \$75 although this figure may mount if more articles are discovered missing.

Post office authorities and the sheriff's office were notified at the crime early this morning. The fact that the post office safe was one of those old-fashioned ones with two strong iron doors is all that prevented the robbers from looting it of all money, Mr. Reynolds said.

Officers today report that a special postal inspector was at Union yesterday and investigated the robbery. Few clues were found. The inspector left Union last night.

DRIVERS MUST HAVE COUNTY OR STATE TAGS

Motorists must have their cars equipped either with 1928 license tags or temporary county tags in order to escape arrest, it is announced by county and state officials today.

More than two score motorists were stopped Saturday and given 24 hours to apply for 1928 state tags and secure county tags for use until the licenses arrive from Salem. Those interviewed who had already sent for 1928 tags, were ordered to procure temporary tags. The county tags cost \$1 and when returned to the sheriff's office, the purchaser will receive a 50-cent refund, it is said.

It is understood here that the "rush period" is ended in the secretary of state's office and there is no longer any delay of any consequence in the issuance of license tags. County tags are being issued to drivers who can show that they have ordered state plates.

MORE AGGRESSIVE SALESMANSHIP

Business volume has long since passed the point where it can be anticipated without great effort or serious planning. You no longer spend your money in a store simply because it is located in the business district and has goods for sale.

Business growth, now more than ever before, depends greatly on more aggressive salesmanship. Which means knowledge of the market, intelligently planned advertising to reach the buyers of that market at the lowest possible cost, and trained, experienced salesmanship and service for these customers when they are finally attracted to the store or shop. In the La Grande territory, The Observer provides one requirement to perfection—complete coverage of this market. The business firms which will enjoy greatest business growth in 1928 will be aggressive Observer advertisers.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Dan R. Tanner Sells Invention To Western Pine

Local Mill Superintendent Perfects a Device for Printing Lumber After 14 Years.

An invention that is of momentous importance to the lumber industry of the entire nation in that it ends a 14-year search to perfect a lumber process has been made by a citizen of La Grande, Dan R. Tanner, superintendent of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company here, it was learned today when it became known that Mr. Tanner has sold his machine to the Western Pine association for a considerable sum of money and terms that are highly satisfactory.

The invention is a printing machine that can be used to print lumber as it is going through the planing mill and can print the species, the company trademark and number of whatever is desired. Heretofore an extra process stamping method has been necessary, involving additional production cost. A printing machine that could be used in the sawmill has been on the market before but was not practical because it was impossible to print the species before the lumber reached the planing mill.

Discovers Method The lumber world has had authorities investigating for about 14 years, endeavoring to find some method whereby lumber could be marked under a practical system.

Last spring, Mr. Tanner was called to Spokane, by A. W. Cooper, manager of the Western Pine association, of Portland, a large organization of pine lumber companies, to be a member of a committee to see a demonstration of a machine. The machine proved a failure, and Mr. Cooper, upon hearing Mr. Tanner's report of the failure requested him to "try his luck."

"I'll have one for you in two weeks," Mr. Tanner told him, though he confessed today that he had not been so confident of his success then as his reply sounded. But in two weeks, he did have a model of a practical machine that could be used on the planer, something that for 14 years leaders of the industry had been searching for.

Inspected Model On June 29, a committee composed of Jack Irvin, manager of the Patchat company, of Idaho, Billy Geddes, of the Craig Mountain

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Last Member of Wilder's Brigade Passes on Here

George Hindselman passed away at 7:02 p. m. yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. J. Kimmell, 302 Washington avenue. He was born at Olney, Richland county, Illinois, Feb. 18, 1841 and lived to be 86 years 11 months and 11 days old. He lived there his entire life except the time spent in the Civil war and his three and one-half years of residing with his daughter in La Grande.

He was a volunteer Civil war veteran of "Wilder's Brigade," Co. G, 95th Illinois Mounted Infantry. His death takes the last man from his company and also the last of his family of nine children. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. O. Daubs, Sumner, Ill.; Mrs. D. J. Kimmell, of La Grande; J. H. Hindselman, Vincennes, Ind.; George H. Hindselman, Provo, Utah; O. C. Hindselman, Decatur, Ill.; William T. Hindselman, Omaha, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kimmell will accompany his remains to Olney, Ill., where he will be laid to rest beside his wife who preceded him to the Great Beyond five years ago. G. A. R. and Relief Corps will officiate at the services held this evening at Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary at 7 o'clock.

C. M. RIPLEY



Mr. Ripley, General Electric company engineer, will speak at the Arcade theater tonight on "The Romance of Power."

KIDDLE WILL HEAD HOOVER ORGANIZATION

Headquarters Are to Be Opened in Portland in About 10 Days

SELECTION MADE DURING WEEKEND

Commerce Secretary's Name Will Be Placed on Ballot on Oregon—Sentiment Reported Strong

State Senator Fred E. Kiddle, of Island City, has been offered and has accepted the responsibility of managing the campaign of Herbert Hoover in the Oregon presidential preferential primary. This announcement was made Saturday night in Portland newspapers.

With the selection of Senator Kiddle came the announcement that Hoover's name will be placed on the ballot by petition and submitted to the republican voters of the state.

Believe Sentiment Strong At this time, political observers believe that sentiment for Hoover is so overwhelming in Oregon that it is believed he will have no difficulty in obtaining the 13 delegates of this state.

Senator Kiddle was elected to the state senate from the district of Union, Morrow and Umatilla counties, serving the first of two sessions in 1927. His home is two miles from La Grande, where he is interested in the Pioneer Flouring mill and associated organizations. He was born in Union county in 1882, was educated in the La Grande public schools and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1917. He enlisted as a private in the world war, serving 14 months overseas. He is a past state commander of the American Legion and is chairman of a national legion committee and very interested in the problems of the former service men.

This morning Senator Kiddle told an Observer reporter that he expected to go to Portland in about 10 days to arrange for the opening of headquarters. At that time he will appoint a secretary. He expects to spend about half of his time in Portland and half in La Grande, he said. Headquarters may be located in the Imperial hotel.

CLARK FUNERAL TO BE TUESDAY

Two Brothers of the Murdered Man Arrived—No Clues Found

The body of Arthur E. Clark, who was murdered near La Grande about the last of November, will be laid to rest here tomorrow in the Odd Fellows' cemetery following funeral services at Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Clark's body, the head bandaged and showing evidence of having been struck with a heavy iron bar, was found about two miles west of here near the Old Oregon Trail highway Saturday morning. Officers believe that robbery was the motive for the killing but as yet have found no clues that would lead to any arrests.

County Coroner E. L. Raibson was understood about holding an inquest on the body this afternoon, but declined to confer with District Attorney Carl Helm later in this respect.

Two brothers of the dead man, H. L. Clark, of Ripley, Ida., and Doyle Clark, of Wallawa, are here.

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La Grande Basketball Team Beaten

34 to 21 by Wallowa High Quintet

After a decisive victory Friday night from Pendleton, the La Grande Tigers went to Wallowa Saturday night where they took an equally decisive defeat from Wallowa, the second which the veteran branch line squad has administered the local five this year. The score, when the final whistle blew, was 24-21. As in the previous night, Stoddard was on the sidelines for fouls before the game ended. Tired from two strenuous games played during the week and concededly not so "lucky" shooting baskets as they had been the previous nights, the Tigers were outplayed, particularly in the first half of the game when the Wallowa boys ran up a 22-6 lead. The first quarter found the score 19-4. In the last half, the Tigers found their stride, and played Wallowa even throughout, scoring one more basket than their opponents that half. The game was fast, and Wallowa's experienced five showed well, outplaying La Grande on

Fifth Musical Program Given In Church Here

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Filled to Capacity; Other Churches Well Attended.

St. Peter's Episcopal church was filled to capacity last evening when the fifth of a series of musical programs was given there, under direction of Mrs. H. N. Ashby. The program was an enjoyable one from the opening number to the organ postlude, and included vocal solos, organ solos, quartet selections and an anthem by the church choir. The crowd was the largest attending any of the similar concerts given at the church.

Soloists and members of the quartet all did exceptionally well. Those who sang solos were Mrs. H. N. Ashby, Mrs. Leal Russell and G. S. Birnie. Mrs. R. G. McCall played two organ solos, besides furnishing organ accompaniment for the soloists and quartet. Two quartet numbers were given, one by a quartet consisting of Mrs. G. S. Birnie, Mrs. Leal Russell, Eugene Stoddard and G. S. Birnie, and the other by Mrs. H. N. Ashby, Mrs. Leal Russell, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Birnie. The church choir sang "Send Out Thy Light."

These programs are given once each month and the offering proceeds go toward the organ fund, to purchase chimes and other equipment for the pipe organ. The next program will be given Sunday evening, Feb. 26, which will be an organ recital with Mrs. R. G. McCall at the console. Next Sunday will be Boy Scout Sunday at the Episcopal church.

Choir Gives Program The young women's choir of the First Methodist Episcopal church presented a musical program at that church last evening also, which was attended by a large crowd. The program included choir numbers, vocal duets and trios and a violin solo, played by Miss Effie Blanchard.

An interesting feature during the morning service was two hand-tones made by David Owen Jones, of New York City, who was in this city yesterday. He sang "How Many Hired Servants" by Sir Arthur Sullivan, and "Open The Gates of This Temple" by Klapp. There was also a good attendance at the morning service, in spite of the bad weather.

The Rev. F. S. Belstel, of Eugene, will officiate at the Episcopal church.

Legion Post And Auxiliary To Meet

The regular meeting of the American Legion post and Ladies' Auxiliary will be held Wednesday evening, the legion members meeting at the K. P. hall and the auxiliary at Honan hall. Both meetings will begin at 8 o'clock. After the close of the business sessions the legionnaires will join the women at Honan hall and the remainder of the evening will be spent at cards. Refreshments will be served by the auxiliary members.

Several matters of importance to all ex-service men will be discussed at the legion meeting, which will be presided over by Commander Chester Thompson.

The auxiliary will initiate all new members, who have not yet been initiated and the reorganization of the auxiliary drill team will be discussed. Mrs. R. G. McCall has consented to direct an auxiliary ice club, and the organization of such a chorus will be discussed.

Commerce Club To Nominate Directors

Ballots for the nomination of directors for the chamber of commerce were placed in the mails over the weekend by the committee in charge of elections, Oscar Warnock, chairman, Dr. H. Brownson and William Stoddard. The vote is to end at 5 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 4, and members are urged to either mail or deliver their ballots as soon as possible.

FALL'S SON-IN-LAW WITNESS



Testifying under compulsion before the senate committee on public lands, M. T. Everhart, son-in-law of Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, the other day, "made a clean breast" of \$293,000 financial deals between Fall and the International oil magnate, Harry Sinclair, a month after Fall had signed over Teapot Dome to Sinclair. The picture shows Everhart on the witness stand.

Community Club At Elgin Again Elects Mr. Hall

ELGIN, Jan. 30 (Special)—The Elgin Community club held its annual election of officers Friday evening, Jan. 27, at the Elgin cafe, where a chicken supper was served at 6:15 o'clock. The band playing while the members were gathering, and then played three more after all had assembled on the inside. Plates were laid for 45, there being 23 members of the club and six additional ones in the band.

Reports were made by the good roads and the 4th of July committees and plans were discussed and made for a 4th of July celebration to be held here this year. Four new members were added to the club.

The matter of financing the city band was discussed and a committee of three was appointed to meet with the band, Frank Keller, Dr. H. R. Smith and E. S. Foster. Dr. Smith gave a complete summary of the past year's work, and talks were made by Supr. E. E. Arant, Mr. Jones and Walter Davon. H. H. Weatherhead was the main speaker of the evening.

Ballots were cast for president, and Fred Hall receiving the majority of votes was re-elected president. Unanimous votes were cast for J. Y. Wright, vice president; Dr. H. R. Smith, secretary; George H. G. Gittings, director for two years, and H. H. Hug, director for one year.

The next regular meeting of the Community club will be held Thursday, Feb. 23.

Large Crowd To Hear Ripley At Arcade Tonight

Lavish use of power, paying the way for large production, enables America to lead the world industrially, Charles M. Ripley, engineer of the General Electric company, said here today in an interview. Mr. Ripley appeared before the high school student body this afternoon and tonight will give his illustrated review "The Romance of Power" at the Arcade theater under the auspices of Eastern Oregon Light & Power company.

Mr. Ripley arrived this morning from Spokane, where he appeared before several thousand people and after spending a day in Baker will then go to Boise and Salt Lake. This noted traveler, author and lecturer has covered over half of the United States in his last trip.

"Use 94 Per Cent of Power" "Six per cent of the people of the world live in the United States but we use more electrical energy than the other 94 per cent," said

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Uses Blackjack on Singer in Choir

CHICAGO, Jan. 29 (AP)—A blackjack in the hands of a negro pianist stopped the source of the blue notes at the services in the Friendship Baptist church yesterday, and though the leader and singer were unconscious the worship continued. Deacon Thomas Chapman disliked the song notes and silently drawing a blackjack, felled Casey McCormick Jones, baritone, who was singing off key. George Washington Metcovek, bass, objected and sent a telephone from the wall behind Deacon Chapman. Later when Sergeant McMillan dropped in as was his custom, the choir, led by Metcovek, was singing "Throw Out the Life Line," while both Deacon Chapman and Jones lay unconscious, side by side, in front of the choir.

8 CASES SET FOR TRIAL BY COURT

February Term to Begin Monday the 6th—Judge Knowles to Preside

A special motion day for the February term of court which is to open next Monday was held today before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles and the calendar for the term made up.

The following cases were set for the term, which so far is not considered an unusually heavy one: Monday, Feb. 6, at 10 a. m., the Union County Public corporation and on behalf of the La Grande Concrete Pipe company vs. John A. Logan Sr. et al; plaintiffs' attorneys, James A. Poo Sr., of Pendleton, and one other; defense attorney, Arthur C. Dayton, of Portland.

Feb. 7, David Graham vs. the Mt. Emily Lumber company; plaintiffs' attorneys, Green & Hess; defense attorneys, Senn & Becken, of Portland, and Cochran & Eberhard of La Grande.

Feb. 8, S. B. Harrison vs. John McVey; plaintiffs' attorney, R. J. Kitchin, defense attorneys, Cochran & Eberhard.

Feb. 9, A. M. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, vs. John H. Jacobs; plaintiffs' attorneys, Cochran & Eberhard, defense attorneys, Green & Hess.

The second week will open on Tuesday, as Monday is a court holiday. The case will be the state of Oregon vs. A. N. Mayville, with Carl G. Helm, district attorney, prosecuting, and Green & Hess, defense counsel.

Feb. 15, state of Oregon vs. Walter Mayo; District Attorney Helm prosecuting, R. J. Kitchin, defense attorney.

Feb. 16, state of Oregon vs. Robert Hall; District Attorney Helm prosecuting, R. J. Kitchin, defense attorney.

Feb. 17, state of Oregon vs. Joe De Soto and Joe McBride; District Attorney Helm prosecuting and R. C. Avery, defense attorney.

The case of David Graham vs. the Mt. Emily Lumber company, it will be remembered, was heard before Circuit Judge Knowles the last term of court when the jury disagreed.

Olmstead Trial To Resume Late Today

PORTLAND, Ore. Jan. 30. (AP)—Trial of Emory Olmstead, former president of the Northwestern National bank and J. E. Wheeler, former president of the McCormick Lumber company, adjourned since Friday, was to resume this afternoon.

Plasterer Mangled By Oregon Train

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—Falling from the rods of a box car onto steel rails here, Albert McLean, aged about 35, a plasterer of Portland, was killed yesterday one mile south of Klamath Falls while heading his way south into California. McLean was picked up near the Southern Pacific right-of-way two hours after he had fallen onto the rails. Although terribly mangled, he was still conscious. Rushed to a hospital, he died on the operating table a few hours later.

35 Men Smothered In Batavia Mine

BATAVIA, Va., Jan. 30. (AP)—Thirty-five men were suffocated today in a fire in a coal mine at Batavia. Twenty-four escaped.

General Haig Is Dead in London; Collapse Sudden

Great World War Figure, Who Aided Allies to Win in 1918, Succumbs to Heart Disease.

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Earl Douglas Haig, who as commander in chief of the British armies in France and Belgium, contributed in a large share to the allied success in 1918, died here shortly after midnight today. He was 66 years old.

The British general, whose name is linked with Marshal Foch of France and General Pershing of the United States in the victory over the Germans, died unexpectedly of heart disease.

Since the war, Earl Haig has devoted much time to organizing relief for disabled soldiers and their families.

The marshal was reserved almost to the point of coldness, but those who were really acquainted with him during the war said that beneath his icy exterior there beat a warm heart which bled daily as the great soldier was compelled to send his men against the instruments of death.

Started Poppy Day As soon as the war ended he started a campaign to raise funds for the men who had given their all. He originated "poppy day" an annual event when millions of cloth flowers made entirely by former service men and representing the crimson poppies that bloom in Flanders are sold throughout Great Britain for the benefit of the disabled soldiers.

Earl Haig was also increasing his personal attentions to soldiers in hospitals and other institutions. In last public utterances Saturday showed him in the light of a staunch defender of his country. He told a troop of boy scouts assembled for an enrollment ceremony at Richmond:

"Stand up for England when people speak disrespectfully of her. Try and realize what citizenship and public spirit really means."

Death Sudden The marshal's death occurred in the house of his brother-in-law, W. G. Jameson in prince's gate where he had been staying. He was on the point of retiring when he collapsed while sitting on the edge of the bed, and the end came shortly afterward.

Earl Haig had been ailing slightly of late. He saw a physician a few days ago regarding his physical condition but was able to fulfill a number of public engagements afterward.

Yesterday he took a walk in Hyde park and was contemplating a visit to the Riviera if the doctor would permit him to travel.

Many Tributes A flood of tributes quickly followed publication of news that Earl Haig was dead. One was from David Lloyd George, England's war premier, who speaks of the time when unity of command in the war was decided upon and the British army was placed under Marshal Foch's aid.

"Whatever might have been his personal views he carried out honorably every particular of understanding arrived at. He behaved not merely like a great patriot, but like a great gentleman."

The military achievements of Lord Douglas Haig consummated

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Carl Whitmore Leads in Wool Growers Ballot

Carl Whitmore, of Enterprise, will represent this district of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers' association as director, according to numbers of ballots cast through the office of H. G. Avery, county agent here. The count was taken Saturday and gave Mr. Whitmore one more vote than Oscar Jacobson, of North Powder. One vote was cast, however, which is not on the membership registration list, and if this vote is found to be illegal the result may be altered. A canvass of the votes is being made to determine whether or not the vote is legal.

This district which the director will represent as a member of the board of directors of the association includes Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam, Baker and Wallawa counties.

One other man, Frank Monahan, of Heppner, was nominated for the office.

Mrs. Manny's Body Found in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29. (AP)—Missing since Dec. 29, when the closed automobile in which she was sitting plunged into Lake Washington, the body of Mrs. Katherine Manny, wife of H. H. Manny, district governor for the rotary club, was recovered Sunday. The automobile plunged into 20 feet of water. Mrs. Manny attempted to crank it while it was standing on a ferry. The car had been left in reverse gear and immediately backed off the boat.

COURT ROOM CROWDED IN LOS ANGELES

Keen Interest Displayed in Sanity Trial of Hickman, Girl Slayer

JURY SWORN BUT DEFENSE OBJECTS

Judge Trabucco Takes Action After Defendant's Attorneys Exercise 20th Challenge.

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30. (AP)—A jury of four women and eight men was accepted by the defense and the state shortly before noon today for the sanity trial of William Edward Hickman, kidnaper-killer of Marian Parker.

Judge J. J. Trabucco immediately swore the jury while the defense entered on the trial record its declaration it was "not satisfied with the jury," the acceptance of the 12 jurors had followed quickly upon the calling in of three experts in the 20th and last peremptory challenge.

The jury is composed of the following: Elias Kahn, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bullis, Mrs. Emily Lindrum, Robert L. Bowman, Arlo E. Rickett, Edward Venables, J. A. Ruggles, Howard Skewes, Howard Atkinson, Harry H. Wood, Mrs. Sarah A. Roach and Virginia L. Roess. Attorneys, Mrs. A. Qualman and one more to be chosen.

HALL OF JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 (AP)—The jury in the sanity trial of William Edward Hickman was excused for five minutes at the opening of court today while Defense Attorney Jerome Walsh made a motion for the calling in of three scientific experts in the case.

After the state protested the motion as unnecessary, Judge J. J. Trabucco denied the motion, commenting it would only delay the trial.

Contrasting with earlier days of the trial, the courtroom was filled before the session opened. More women than usual were liberally sprinkled among the man-predominant crowd. Before the opening hour conversation buzzed excitedly, evidence of the suspense over-expected sensations.

Walsh then was the first one to take the witness stand, where he pleaded for his motion, declaring the defendant to be without funds, and that he himself was at personal expense in handling the case.

No Expense Fund District Attorney Asa Keyes inquired if a defense fund raised in Kansas City was not paying the expenses.

"That is absolutely false," Walsh said.

"I have already used \$600 from a personal bank account, and have a \$300 bill outstanding, none of which I expect to recover from the defendant or his family."

Walsh said, in suggesting the calling of the experts, that Keyes, under the state, he was "motivated by purely scientific motives." Judge Trabucco reiterated his denial of the motion, and in the same order the jury returned to the box.

A male juror then rose to declare he had a relative in the sheriff's office, intimating he considered he should be excused from serving, but failed to explain himself.

Examines Jurors The defense asked and was given opportunity to examine the juror, and shortly approved of the juror.

Judge Trabucco then decisively untangled the legal situation effected last Friday, when Keyes asked further right of challenge after he and the defense had accepted the jury quite unexpectedly. The court announced challenges now would be allowed.

The state challenged the juror who admitted his relationship to a person in the sheriff's office. The juror was excused by the court

TO BROADCAST ADDRESS BY MR. COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (AP)—President Coolidge tonight will address the semi-annual business meeting of the government departments. His speech will be broadcast over a network of radio stations which will carry his voice to all parts of the country.

STEAL SCHOOL WARRANTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30. (AP)—Breaking into the office of the Northwestern Stove works last night, robbers stole negotiable school warrants worth \$410 from an unlocked safe.

The warrants were issued by school districts 71 and 132 of Lane county, Oregon. Six warrants, numbered serially from 24 to 29, were for \$50 each with the exception of Nos. 26 and 28 which were for \$40. Warrant 25, issued by school district 132 was for \$130.