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## GIRL TELLER TIED IN VAULT; \$1,155 TAKEN IN HOLD-UP

State Bank at Aurora Is Scene Of Daylight Robbery; Lone Bandit Makes Haul While Cashier Is Away At Lunch

## CAPTIVE REFUSES TO AID HUNT FOR BONDS

Young Woman Gives Close Description of Man; Posses Combing Woods By River.

While Miss Vera Cutsford lay bound hand and foot in the inner vault, a lone and unmasked robber shortly after noon Friday robbed the Aurora state bank of \$1,155 in currency after the youthful girl teller had refused to divulge the location of thousands of dollars in liberty bonds kept in the bank.

The bandit entered the bank during the absence of Zeno Swab, cashier, who was at lunch. When the girl, who was alone in the bank, accosted the highwayman, she was immediately seized, bound and dragged into the vault. He attempted to browbeat her into telling where the liberty bonds were but received no answer. In response to the girl's pleas, the man did not lock the vault door.

The bandit picked up and fingered a package of bonds, but evidently did not know their value, and discarded them, turning his attention to the loose currency on the counter. He then ran from the building, heading for the Southern Pacific railway tracks.

Miss Cutsford, working loose the rope about her legs, made her way to the front office, where she was aided by several patrons of the bank who had entered, suspecting nothing wrong. According to her description, the bandit was comparatively young, and with a large scar on the left side of his face extending from his mouth across his cheek. He was attired in a dark blue jumper suit and wore a grey cap pulled low over his eyes.

Sheriff W. J. Wilson was called about 2 o'clock and left immediately for Aurora to investigate. Sheriff Bowers of Salem was also called to the scene and under the direction of the officers a posse was formed that has been scouring the district. A watch was maintained during the night, on the theory that the man had headed for Pudding river and was in hiding there.

Sheriff Visits Scene According to Sheriff Wilson who returned from Aurora Friday night, the man had been around the city for some time. Just prior to the robbery, he went into the bank, enquired from Miss Cutsford the exchange rate on Canadian money. Being informed that she would secure the figures, he left, seating himself on a bench across the street from the bank. He then returned and committed the robbery.

People over the district knew the man for but a short time, Wilson says, but although he was dressed like a laborer, they saw he in some ways did not fill the part. The affair, Sheriff Wilson believes may have some connection with a robbery that was scheduled about three weeks ago at Canby. The officials here received a tip that the bank was to be rifled during the night, and were in readiness. But nothing happened. It is possible, Sheriff Wilson says, that the robber learned that his plans were known and made no attempt, concentrating his efforts later on the Aurora institution.

The theory that the robber escaped in an automobile is held since the discovery that Porter, an employe of the White Garage at Canby, was nearly struck down by an automobile, which drove through there at a high rate of speed. Two men were in the car but Porter failed to secure their description. The machine had a California license. According to Porter, the driver was making a reckless effort to gain time.

The robbery of the Aurora state bank is the second there. On Friday, March 5, 1920, Mrs. Emma Wintree, 23, pretty divorcee of P. W. Winfree, of Bull Run, who had been in the employ of the bank, took \$6,500. Arrested by Sheriff Wilson and an operative of the Burns Detective agency, the woman signed a confession of the theft. The major portion of the money was recovered, a large part of it buried beneath her husband's cabin at Bull Run. The remainder was secured from Portland stores and real estate firms where it had been used in payments made on the Bull Run tract and for the purchase of personal property.

Mrs. Wintree, upon repayment of the money, was not prosecuted. Some days later she and her former husband were remarried here. She had wanted to get the money as an inducement to her husband to return home, she told the officers.

## NEW PANEL CALLED FOR RUSSELL HECKER TRIAL

Campbell Orders New List Of Veniremen to Prevent Delay During Trial of Case.

A panel of twenty extra veniremen has been drawn by County Clerk Fred Miller for the trial of Russell Hecker, charged with the murder of Frank Bowker, Portland musician. The venire was ordered by Judge J. U. Campbell, upon the expectation that the present panel would be exhausted before a jury would be secured. The trial is scheduled to be commenced on June 27.

The panel is composed of Frank Albee, Aurora, Route 2; Hugh Parry, Oregon City Route 3; Lizzy Bonney, Oregon City Route 2; John Alstad, Canby; John G. Edvardson, Canby; Robert Y. Appleby, Milwaukie Route 2; Charles L. Horstman, Oswego Route 2; Ernest Berger, Multnomah Route 1; Walter Watson, Hubbard Route 2; George Heinbothem, Oregon City Route 2; Fred Lins, Bissell; Steve P. Lonergan, Oregon City Route 3; William E. Bonney, Colton Route 1; William Boyd, Oswego; Charles R. Hunter, Clackamas; Carl R. Barth, Marquam; Otto B. Young, Oswego Route 1; Gilbert Hauglum, Boring Route 1; Dora L. Eby, Aurora Route 1; and George E. Todd, Sherwood Route 5.

## DAK GROVE WOMAN ASKS \$14,500 IN DIVORCE SUIT

Verna Cederson In Complaint Seeks Freedom On Grounds Of Alleged Ill Treatment.

Suit, for divorce, asking a cash settlement of \$14,500 together with an immediate payment of \$750 for expenses, was filed in the circuit court here Thursday by Verna Cederson, of Oak Grove, against her husband, William J. Cederson, half owner in the Enterprise Planing Mills of Portland. The complaint, alleging cruelty, asks \$10,000 as the wife's share of Cederson's personal property. The sum of \$2,500 is asked as a refund for money the plaintiff invested in their home at Oak Grove and \$2,000 is asked as attorney's fees. The plea for a large judgment is based partially upon the fact that the couple have an invalid daughter, for whose care \$75 monthly or the equivalent in the cash judgment is asked.

## Jess Poyser Held Guilty In Second Statutory Trial

Jess Poyser, after three hours deliberation of the jury in the circuit court here Thursday, was convicted of a statutory offense upon the person of Doris Hockman, 15.

Poyser was being tried on the second of three indictments returned against him by the circuit court grand jury. His conviction is the first in a series of trials for statutory offenses held here during the past few months.

Witnesses are called In the case Thursday Doris Hickman, Dr. Edward McLean, Florence McKinnis, Mrs. H. Holman, Bernice Davis, Frank Hitchman, W. W. Smith and Violet McKinnis appeared as witnesses for the state. Poyser, his wife, William and H. B. Marston appeared for the defense. The jury returned at 7:15 o'clock. It was composed of Louis Kamrath, C. A. Frost, Aurie Draper, Eliza M. Ingram, Sam Jones, Maggie Johnson, Emma Roman, Augusta Haberlach, Fred C. Gooderidge, Harry Greaves, Clara E. Anthony and W. F. Hartnell. A number of the jurors sat on the first case brought against Poyser when he was acquitted.

District Attorney Livy Stipp last evening was unable to state just what action would be taken on the third indictment. Poyser, on that count, is charged with a similar offense against Violet McKinnis, sister of the girl against whom the first case was brought.

Bagley on Bench The case was heard before Judge George Bagley in the absence of Judge J. U. Campbell. The passing of sentence has been withheld until a later date.

In the empanelling of the jury, Judge Bagley gave a ruling intended to bring in direct conflict with one of the provisions of the new law providing for the service of women on the jury. He held that the enforcement of the statute demanding six women on a jury where the case involved a child under age, could not be made to hold, and instructed the court officers to draw the extra venire needed to complete the jury without respect to sex.

Judge Bagley's ruling was based upon the contention that the specification of the constitution of the jury is without the province of the law. It so happened, however, that more than the required number of women were on the jury.

## BIG STILL FOUND IN UNDERGROUND CACHE IN WOODS

Sheriff Locates Booze Plant Secreted In Heavy Timber Near Estacada; Entrance Into Side Hill Is Hidden.

## WOMAN, THREE MEN BEING HELD IN JAIL

2,400 Gallons of Corn Mash Is Confiscated; Effort To Destroy Liquor Prevented.

Concealed underground in a room built beneath fallen logs on a side hill, a 75 gallon still with a daily capacity of 30 gallons of finished liquor was discovered late Saturday night by Sheriff W. J. Wilson and his deputies. The plant was located in the dense timber at East Garfield, nine miles east of Estacada, and is said by the sheriff to be one of the most cleverly concealed booze plants ever located in this county.

Three men and a woman are under arrest as the result of the raid. They are Mrs. Pauline Hager, J. E. Hager, George Walsh and Matt Parach. The woman is being held in default of \$250 bail while \$500 is asked for Hager and \$1,000 for each of the other two men.

The discovery of the still was made after a search which took practically all of the afternoon. When the sheriff, accompanied by Deputies Long and Hughes, went to the house, no one was found. In their search along Still Creek for the booze plant, two old still locations were discovered. The large operating plant was found built in the side of the hill with an entrance made through the end of the log, closed by a clever rustic door. The still, which was in a room 16 feet square and ten feet high, was equipped with pumping apparatus for securing water from the creek. The still itself was equipped with force gas burners.

Parach was found by the officers inside the still plant, engaged in pouring the moonshine liquor through the floor. It is believed that the dogs barking on the ranch had warned him of the approach of the officers, which was delayed in following the ill defined trail which led to the still.

A ten gallon jug of moonshine was confiscated and 2,400 gallons of corn mash, together with a large quantity of corn and corn sugar, was destroyed.

Returning to the house, Hager and his wife were found and taken into custody. The remaining member of the party was located by the deputies on Still Creek.

## OLCOTT OUSTS K. K. K. STATE BOARD MEMBER

SALEM, June 19.—The removal of Dr. R. C. Ellsworth of Pendleton as "an acknowledged member of the Ku Klux Klan" from the state board of chiropractic examiners, was announced by Governor Olcott this morning "for the good of the service," and Dr. D. T. Brown of The Dalles was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The governor's move to purge the state payroll of klansmen was started immediately after the primary election, when C. E. Gates of Medford was removed as a member of the state fair board "for the good of the service." Gates being an avowed member of the Klan. It was intimated at that time that the removal of Gates was only the first of several klansmen whose official heads could be expected to fall under the sweep of the executive ax.

## BIDS ARE REVISED FOR MOUNT HOOD LOOP ROAD

The state highway commission has revised its call for bids on units Nos. 1 and 2 of the Mount Hood Loop in Clackamas county. The Multnomah county line-Sandy section calls for 6.2 miles of surfacing with 15,000 cubic yards of surfacing materials. The Cherryville-Forest boundary section calls for 10.7 miles of rock surfacing with 24,500 cubic yards of materials. The bids are to be opened at a meeting in Portland June 28.

## 625 Cars Returned During Three Years

During the past three years, 625 American cars and trucks valued at \$1,159,021 were reimported from France and 1,801 valued at \$2,819,633 were reimported from Great Britain. No information is available as to the proportion of military supplies sent to Europe by this country in the figures.

## COUNTY SHARE IN STATE FAIR FUND IS \$2000

Quota Apportionment Made By Kozzer Based on Millage Provision for Special Taxes.

A fund of \$2,002.82 for county fair purposes is to be turned over to Clackamas county by the state. Under the law for the purpose, Secretary of State Sam A. Kozzer has apportioned to the thirty-six counties of the state a total of \$51,040.21 for 1922 in support of fairs, land product shows, livestock exhibitions for premiums and similar purposes. The money is raised by the levy of a tax of one-twentieth of a mill upon the taxable property of the state as last equalized by the state tax commission. There is a provision that no county shall receive more than \$15,000. Under the provision an excess of \$2400.71 for Multnomah county is divided, \$66.68 to each county.

## TIME ENDS FOR FILING OF CASH BONUS CLAIMS

Payment of Loans In Next 2 Months To Be More Than \$75,000 For Veterans Here.

With the time expired yesterday for the filing of cash bonus claims, the action of the local bonus officials will now be concentrated on the handling of loans exclusively, according to Phil Hammond, local bonus attorney.

No check on the amount of the cash payments received under the state act by veterans of this county, has been made. The applications are not checked over here after they have once been approved by the commission and until the official figures are compiled by the commission itself the extent of these payments cannot be estimated. Approximately \$30,000 in loan applications are on hand now, which is approved by the commission and waiting for final completion of the appraisals of property offered as security and the finishing of other details. Mr. Hammond estimates that within the next two months, loans under the state act amounting to at least \$75,000 will have been received here.

It had previously been estimated that between 200 and 300 new homes would be constructed in this county through the funds loaned by the state under the soldier's and sailor's bonus act.

## School Director Election Is Won By E. T. Beverlin

E. T. Beverlin, by a margin of 77 votes, Monday defeated J. E. Hedges for the position of school director of District 62, including Oregon City and Mount Pleasant.

A vote of 1008 was cast. The official count stood Beverlin 540, Hedges 463. Five ballots were thrown out by the judges.

The election saw one of the largest ballots ever cast at any school election in the city. Last year a ballot of slightly over 900 was cast.

Beverlin is elected for three years, and the defeat of Hedges leaves open the chairmanship of the board, which Hedges had held. He had been a member of the school board for 18 years.

The election was one of the hottest, contended in many years and the large vote is generally attributed to the acute interest in the race, rather than to the increase of the territory included in the district by the addition of Mount Pleasant since the last ballot.

The schools during the last year have been considerably improved. The new gymnasium has been built, and two rooms added to the Eastham school. In spite of the taking over of the unpaid warrant indebtedness of the Mount Pleasant district, the floating indebtedness of the local district has grown less than \$2,000 during the year, according to the report filed yesterday with the board by Alene Phillips, school clerk. The total cost of operation of the schools was \$75,126.77 for the year, of which \$58,646 was for salaries.

## FURTHER DISARMAMENT IS AIM OF JAP PREMIER

TOKIO, June 15.—Establishment of conditions which will permit still further reductions of world armament will be an aim of the ministry of Premier Kato of Japan, the new premier declared in a public statement today.

## MAN KILLS SELF; FOUND HANGING TO RAFTERS IN CABIN

Sherwood Farmer Discovered Dead; Ill Health Is Thought Cause of Act; No Inquest to Be Held, States Coroner.

## NEPHEW MAKES CALL; DEATH IS DISCLOSED

Rancher Tied Electric Light Cord Round Neck, Stepped from Ladder; Time Mystery

Hanging from the rafters of his cabin on Sherwood, Route 5, the body of Joseph Bruck was discovered at 7 o'clock Saturday evening by L. Bruck, nephew of the Sherwood farmer.

Bruck, who was 65 years of age, was last seen by neighbors on Thursday night. Either shortly after that or Friday morning, he climbed up to the rafters of his cabin, fastened an electric light cord around his neck, and stepped off the ladder.

The man's health, according to his nephew, had been failing and for some time his friends had despaired of his life. Bruck was a bachelor and had resided on his farm near Sherwood for the past 15 years.

During the time he had been sick, extending over a period of a number of years, he would take no medicine and would not consult a doctor.

The man was a native of Germany. Coroner O. A. Pace of Oregon City, was called immediately after the discovery of the body. No inquest will be necessary, Mr. Pace says. The study is at the Holman and Pace undertaking parlors pending the arrangements for the funeral.

## TITLES FOR GRANGE TAX BILLS ARE PREPARED

SALEM, June 17.—The ballot title and short title for the "income tax bill," which is being introduced by Oregon, has been prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle and is ready for circulation for signatures.

The purpose of the proposed measure, as set forth by the attorney general, is that of "levying graduated, annual taxes on incomes of all residents of the state and all non-residents receiving incomes from sources within its jurisdiction; corporations, joint stock companies and associations to pay on their net incomes not otherwise taxed hereunder; corporate bonds declared interests in corporations; natural persons to pay on net incomes of their business not otherwise taxed hereunder, or exempt, except pensions, inheritances, insurance to amount of \$10,000 not received during insured lifetime; making certain exemptions from personal incomes and exempting mutual savings, building and loan, religious, charitable, etc., associations; provides manner of enforcement and appropriates \$50,000 for expenses.

## TAX REDUCTION LEAGUE FAVOR PRIMARY SYSTEM

SALEM, June 17.—An attempt to abolish the direct primary in this state will meet strenuous opposition at the hands of the Oregon State Tax Reduction League. This was made plain at a meeting of the executive committee here Friday, when two proposals for amendments of the primary law were presented for discussion.

No action was taken on either proposal, but sentiment expressed at the meeting indicated that a plan for the inauguration of a state convention system upon which all candidates should stand for election, would meet with favor in the eyes of many of the league. Such a plan, it was made plain, would have no effect upon the primary system of nominations.

The committee decided to postpone the state convention of the league to be held in Salem from July 4 to July 5. At that time it is understood the league intends to place a gubernatorial candidate in the field, and rumor has it that J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, the league's president, will be that candidate.

## CARL BUSE ELECTED TO WEST LINN SCHOOL BODY

At the West Linn school election held at the Sunset school house on Monday, June 19, Carl Buse was re-elected to serve as school director for a three-year term, and Clyde Hughes re-elected clerk. There was no opposition to either party.

## SCAN RAIL ORDERS, IS COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANNING

Public Service Commission Is Urged To Go To Meet To Be Held In California.

Urging the Public Service commission to protect the interests of the industries of the state in scanning the ordered division of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific companies, the Transportation department of the local commercial club has urged the state public service commission to attend the coming hearing in San Francisco. In his letter to the commission, R. L. Shepherd, chairman of the department, says:

Letter Is Given "As the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the matter of the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific lines naturally affects our community and industries, and if carried out as decreed may prove a detriment to our present transportation facilities, we feel the matter should receive the most careful consideration by your body, and the thought and desires of the communities and patrons directly affected should have the opportunity of expression.

"In view of the gravity of the situation and without prejudice, we earnestly request that the Interstate Commerce Commission set an early date for a public hearing in the above matter, and that all concerned be given an opportunity to be heard."

A subsequent telegram to the same body follows: Telegram Is Sent "It is the opinion of the Transportation Department of our organization that the Public Service Commission of our State should be represented at conference wherein matters pertaining to the regulation or welfare of public utilities serving our commonwealth are to be discussed. In this spirit we feel that a member of your body should be present at the conference of commissioners in San Francisco, June nineteenth, to discuss the proposed separation of the Southern Pacific Central Pacific lines. This action was taken without prejudice in the matter either for or against the Superior Court decision."

## 2 Portland Men Swimming Near Here Lose Lives

Two young men, John Kaufman and Alex Geltman, were drowned Sunday, one in Oswego lake and the other in the Tualatin river.

Geltman, 20, of Portland, was drowned Sunday evening at 6 o'clock when he slipped on a log and fell into the swift waters of the Tualatin one and a half miles west of Willamette. There is a dam above the point, where the young man tumbled into the stream, and the water below rushes past tumultuously.

Screams from those by the river brought the others running. One young man, whose name was not learned, leaped into the river, but did not succeed in getting the body out until it had been in the water 15 minutes.

Efforts to start breathing by artificial respiration failed. The body was brought to Portland to the Holman and Son undertaking parlors. Funeral services will be held this afternoon from the residence.

Geltman came to this country from Odesa, Russia, 18 months ago. He has no close relatives in America.

Kaufman, 19, was drowned in Oswego lake, while trying to swim across the narrows at Lake Grove. Heart Failure Blamed It is believed he was stricken with heart failure, which in the water, and his clothes on and was about midway across when he sank. Boys saw him go down and went to his rescue, dragging him out. He was still alive when taken to the shore and his rescuers obtained a pulmotor and worked over him until other help arrived. He died an hour after being taken from the water.

Kaufman was a stonecutter by trade and lived with his brother at Lake Grove. He was unmarried.

Several years ago the Tualatin river, where Geltman was drowned, claimed three victims at one time, all of whom were residents of West Linn, two sisters and a woman friend being the victims. One of these had gone into a jump-off and the other two went to her rescue; all went down, making into the deep water to endeavor to rescue the woman, none of whom were able to swim.

## Couple Is Married Before Judge Noble

A marriage license was issued Thursday to Fred York, 23, of Milwaukie, and Edna M. Jones, 22, of Glendale.

## HISTORIC PAGEANT IS SUGGESTED FOR CENTENNIAL HERE

Adah Losh Rose, Dramatist, Director, Visits at Oregon City; Possibility For Big Production Said Excellent.

ROMANTIC STORY OF PIONEERS INTRIGUES

## Eva Emery Dye Offers Aid in Staging Affair; Right To Use Books Is Volunteered.

"Of all the places in your state, I don't know of another which has a more wonderful historic setting than Oregon City. Oregon is among the richest in early lore and legend, but one of the finest stories that a dramatist could wish is woven about this spot."

This was the characterization of the possibilities of the history of Oregon City which Adah Losh Rose gave when she visited here the first of the week. Mrs. Rose, who is recognized as one of the foremost pageant directors in the country, and nationally known as a dramatist, came here as the guest of Mrs. Eva Emery Dye.

Experience Is Wide Mrs. Rose wrote and directed the pageant which was given in Portland in 1919, in which more than 2,000 people participated. She has done pageant work for a number of years and is extremely enthusiastic over the possibilities of visualizing the many early stories which surround the founding of civilization on the banks of the Willamette.

"I have gone over the history of this district very thoroughly," Mrs. Rose said, "and I am convinced that it could be handled beautifully. There are many stories and incidents which lend themselves admirably to pageant work and around the history of the falls and the people who lived here there could be constructed one of the finest dramatic spectacles that has ever been formed from the great story of the West."

Need Held Great The dramatist pointed out that the perpetuation of the history of the city and the country adjacent is something which should be considered seriously. The possibility exists at present, to within the year begin work on a small pageant. This could be based upon some of the chief events, and become an annual institution, characteristic of Oregon City as are some of the other celebrations in states throughout the country.

Year by year the pageant could be enlarged, until by 1929 it would embrace practically every event of significance presented in one of the most attractive of dramatic forms. This, she says, could form the nucleus for the centennial celebration that is already being talked of for 1929, the date which will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Oregon City by Dr. John McLoughlin.

Pageants Well Received The pageant recently established in The Dalles by Mrs. Rose, has exceeded every expectation, and the community has undertaken to make it an annual event. At the first presentation, more than 1000 people participated. It was established in 1920 and is to be produced this year for the third time. This, Mrs. Rose says, is demonstrative of what can be done in this way, and the patronage that the community has received due to this annual event, has been inestimable.

The value of such a pageant to Oregon City is far surpassed by its worth in preserving an important cycle in the development of the state's history. Mrs. Rose points out, Oregon City annually could become a mecca for people all over the coast, and she finds here the possibility of creating an exceptionally dramatic story.

Club May Give Aid It is possible that the local Commercial club will be asked to undertake the establishment of the pageant here the first year. The matter of expense, Mrs. Rose declares, is incidental. At a cost of less than \$900 the Portland pageant was staged, and through the natural sources of income in an affair of such state-wide import, a successful self-supporting organization could be built up.

"Pageantry," said Mrs. Rose, "is new in the Northwest. It is only lately that people are coming to realize the great value it has in crystallizing the history of the nation. An annual pageant, founded on local conditions and legend is the finest basis for community celebrations and the building of community spirit, and nowhere is there such a wealth of material as in your own community."

Mrs. Dye Offers Material Mrs. Rose for the present is visiting in Portland. Mrs. Dye has offered Mrs. Rose the privilege of dramatizing any of her numerous works on the history of Oregon and Oregon City. The pageant work would necessarily involve a complete study of the early history of this section and any plan advanced for such an activity would preclude the use of anything but the best authenticated detail.

Mrs. Rose expects to return to Oregon (Continued from page four.)