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R. R. CLERK BACK, IS CALLED FORGER

T. W. ALEXANDER, OF O-W. R. & N., ACCUSED OF STEALING \$25,000.

IMMUNITY MAY BE GRANTED HIM

Railroad Urges Captive To Reveal Names Of Others Thought To Be In Pact To Defraud.

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Accompanied by his wife, Temple W. Alexander, former clerk in the purchasing department of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, returned tonight from Salt Lake City to be confronted by the charge that he had forged signatures to disbursement vouchers, forged signatures to requisitions and receipts and had signed names of fictitious papers in indorsing railroad vouchers to his own account, the whole totaling \$25,000.

With its evidence already in black and white, the railroad company plans to send Alexander before the grand jury, Monday or Tuesday. Upon his testimony at that time the railroad company hopes to uncover the system by means of which the young man has been enabled to accomplish his alleged embezzlement.

Examinations of thousands of old vouchers, which has been going on since the recent reorganization has disclosed that on a large number of the orders for payment three and sometimes four of the seven signatures required have been forged.

So obvious and ridiculous are these forgeries that what is now causing officials of the O-W. R. & N. the utmost concern is how the palpable imitations passed their checking clerks in the auditing department. It has been found that speculations extending over three years have been committed in the purchasing department.

It has been shown that either Alexander forged the receipts for labor that was never performed, for goods that were never delivered and for supplies never consumed by the railroad, or else had in league with him from one to six clerks in various departments of the road.

To Alexander himself officials of the railroad do not plan to show the slightest consideration. Were he the only one to be considered, he would be made an example of, it is said.

But Alexander has an aged father, J. C. Alexander, a gatekeeper on the Morrison street bridge, an old mother, who lives at 1075 Rodney avenue, and a brother who stands well in the community.

For these reasons, should Alexander decide to turn state's evidence before the inquisitorial body, clemency may be shown toward him.

For many hours last night he was closeted with counsel of the O-W. R. & N. and at a late hour the session was still on.

RUEF'S PAROLE IS PUT IN JEOPARDY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Plans of friends of Abe Ruef, San Francisco's former hoodlum political boss, now serving a term in prison for bribery, to obtain a parole for their man, received a serious set-back today when a newspaper article disclosed that Ruef's parole in prison, following the visit of a friend outside the prison gates.

The guard, who said he made the customary search of the prisoner upon his return to his cell, has been discharged, and the little book is held strictly incommunicado in his cell.

Ruef is eligible to parole on March 12, after having served one year with good behavior. It is problematical now whether his action in breaking prison rules will permit his release.

The articles found were only some chocolates and newspaper clippings, but the innocence of his character does not mitigate the offense in the eyes of prison officials.

DYNAMITE IS COURT RECORD.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Two sticks of dynamite, taken into court in a handbag by a woman detective, were placed on exhibition today in the trial of Bert H. Conners, one of the three union men indicted on the charge of having conspired to dynamite the County Hall of Records.

The explosives and a long section of fuse and several caps were carried into the courtroom by Miss Eula Hitchcock, a detective attached to the District Attorney's office. She gave them to G. Ray Horton, the Deputy District Attorney, who was prosecuting Conners. Horton showed them to Alexander Galloway, formerly Chief of Police in Los Angeles, who identified them as the same that were shown to him September 9, 1910, and which were found in an alley adjoining the Hall of Records.

SEE HERE!

I have four nice level lots, nearly new 5-room house, wood house, barn and well, 3 blocks from school. Price \$1500. Will trade for acreage. What have you? Call on or address Cyrus Powell, Oregon City, Or., Stephens building, room 11.



John Bull (to nonmilitant suffragist): "I could listen more attentively, ma dam, to your pleas were it not for these concrete arguments, which I find rather distracting."

RANCHER FOUND GUILTY OF CRIMINAL ATTACK

William Hardin, a well-to-do rancher of the Bull Run district was found guilty of criminal attack on his stepdaughter, Eva Phelps, now Mrs. E. Woods, by a jury in Judge Campbell's court late Friday night. The case had been on trial three days. Mrs. Woods testified against the defendant and her mother testified in his behalf. The attack is said to have been made three years ago. Hardin denied the charge and blamed the husband of his stepdaughter for the prosecution. He was represented by Mayor Dimick, Q. L. Matthews and M. Moorehead. District Attorney Tongue, Assistant District Attorney Stipp and C. M. Idlemann prosecuted the case. The extreme penalty for the crime is twenty years in the penitentiary.

CHARTER COMMISSION MAKES PROGRESS

The charter board, at its meeting Friday night continued its work of revising the city charter so as to conform to the business form of government idea. The board has made considerable progress and has about come to the conclusion that the commission form of government would not be suited to Oregon City. It seems to be the opinion of the majority of the members that the city should have a business manager to work under the city council and mayor. The board, which was appointed by ex-Mayor Brownell and the City Council of 1911, is composed of George A. Harding, F. J. Toole, R. L. Holman, William Anderson, Livy Stipp, C. Schuebel and H. E. Stevens.

BEAULIU NOMINATED FOR CHIEF FIREMAN

The Columbia Hook and Ladder Company Friday night elected the following officers: President, F. D. Simmons; Foreman, Thomas Trembath; First Assistant Foreman, Charles Tidd; Second Assistant Foreman, R. Tobin; Secretary, Dell Hart; and Treasurer, Charles W. Pope. The company made Joseph Beaulieu its candidate for chief of the fire department, and F. W. Humphrey its candidate for fire commissioner. The committee in charge will be Joseph Beaulieu, Charles W. Pope and J. W. Davenport.

SHEWMAN SELLS HIS INTEREST IN COURIER

M. J. Brown, for eight months editor, and Allen E. Frost, for eight years foreman, have bought from W. A. Showman the stock, good will, and business of the Oregon City Courier Publishing Company, and have taken possession of the plant. Mr. Showman, who will engage in another business, will remain in Oregon City. The new management of the company plans the installation of a new typesetting machine. In the current issue it is announced that the paper will be changed for the better.

Schooner In Distress. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 5.—The gasoline schooner Patzy, Astoria to Tillamook, is in distress about one mile off Tillamook Bay. She carries no passengers but has a crew of ten.

SERMONS IN STONES.

The funeral services of the late James A. Stuart were held in the I. O. O. F. hall Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were largely attended. The services were in charge of the I. O. O. F. lodge and Rev. S. A. Hayworth, pastor of the Baptist church. Many friends of the deceased attended the services. The interment was in the family lot in Mountain View cemetery. The pallbearers were F. A. Miles, S. S. Walker, W. H. Howell, F. A. Ely, J. O. Staats and William Shannon. The burial service of the I. O. O. F. order, which is very impressive, was used at Mountain View cemetery.

LA FOLLETTE BOOM NO LONGER JOKE

TRIP OF SENATOR THROUGH OHIO MAKES HIM FACTOR IN RACE.

ANTAGONISTS NOW RESPECT HIM

Senator Bourne Has Interview With Sage of Sagamore Hill—"Democratic Year" Is Called Fallacy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5. (Special).—While President Taft is represented as believing that Ohio is no longer to be considered a "western state" when it comes to casting its fortunes in a political way, thereby making it desirable that a man from out of the region west of the Mississippi be selected as running mate for the President, should the latter again be nominated, still it must be admitted that Ohio is cutting a big figure with both, one might say with all political parties. Added force is given to this remark by the action of Senator LaFollette, avowed candidate for the Presidency on the Progressive platform, in just making his political declaration from the hustings to the voters of Ohio. What he has said may be considered the formal declaration of faith by a man who is out for the highest honors his country has to bestow, and who is accustomed to get what he goes after if the getting of it lies within the range of his abilities.

Senator LaFollette has won the respect of his antagonists. He has qualified as a fighter whose thrusts draw the crimson, and while many prefer to believe that his present campaign is more of a qualifying round for the fight to come four years hence, he is making a great showing with his present organization. At any rate, he has added his testimony to that of other big politicians that Ohio is a State which has almost a preponderant influence on the final result. That he goes from Ohio to Michigan, Illinois and Indiana in no way weakens the strength of his statement, but rather adds to it. Later in the season the Senator from Wisconsin will invade territory regarded as more friendly to him, probably taking in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, the Dakotas and Minnesota. President Taft's decision to follow LaFollette through Ohio only adds to the feeling of pleased importance that residents of that State may be supposed to enjoy.

The gathering of strength by the incipient Roosevelt boom is causing some dismay among Progressive leaders. They declare they are a unit for LaFollette, and that the diversion in favor of Roosevelt is a device of the enemy to weaken their support, and that it is without the sanction of the Colonel himself. Senator Bourne, of Oregon, has recently had an interview with the sage of Sagamore Hill, and he feels a confidence that he is unwilling to put into words that all's well in that quarter. Mail sacks had been piled on them, but Rhein had managed to loosen his gag and give the warning.

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OREGON EXPRESS ROBBED BY BANDITS

REDDING, Cal., Jan. 5.—The North-bound Oregon Express of the Southern Pacific, which left San Francisco at 8:20 last night, was robbed of a large quantity of registered mail by two unmasked men early today. Entrance to the mail car was forced and gagged and six pouches of registered mail were taken from the car. The train stopped at Red Bluff thirty-five miles from this city, the mail was rifled. When the train drew into the station here at 6:40, the robbers dropped off and escaped. A good description of them was obtained, however, and the officials think that they will soon be captured.

Mail sacks had been exchanged at Red Bluff, and one of the clerks was about to leave the car to wait for a train that was following, when the two bandits bounded into the mail car and closed the door.

"What's up?" exclaimed Charles J. Rhein, formerly of Portland, one of the clerks.

"This is a hold-up," coolly responded one of the men, drawing a revolver and covering the startled Rhein. Rhein and Robert B. Warner, both of whom reside in Berkeley, and their assistant, were bound by the second bandit with cords from mail pouches. All were then gagged with handkerchiefs and thrown flat on their backs. The robbers then proceeded leisurely to loot the mail sacks.

At Cottonwood, seventeen miles north of Red Bluff the train stopped, and the bandits, without arousing the suspicion of the station agent, acted as clerks in exchanging mail. At Anderson, five miles farther on, a similar exchange was made without attracting attention.

When the train stopped at Redding at 6:40, George Westlake, the local clerk, was waiting to receive the Redding mail. The bandits threw open the doors on each side of the car and walked off in opposite directions. Westlake thought they were regular mail clerks, and for the moment paid no heed to them. He threw a sack into the car and was surprised that no one received it. A moment later he heard a feeble cry and discovered the plight of the clerks. Mail sacks had been piled on them, but Rhein had managed to loosen his gag and give the warning.

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17.5 IS TAX LEVY MADE FOR COUNTY

LARGER SCHOOL AND STATE TAXES ARE GIVEN AS CAUSE OF INCREASE.

LEVY OF EIGHT MILLS FOR ROADS

Salaries of School Supervisors Included in Increase—Court Starts Naming Election Officers.

The County Court Friday fixed the county levy at seventeen and one-half mills. The levy was fifteen mills last year. It was announced by the court that the increase was due to the increase in the school and state tax levies. On the same basis as last year the levy this year would have been fourteen and nine-tenths mills.

Under the state tax levy last year the county had to pay \$46,000 and this year it will have to pay \$105,000. Last year the amount that went to the schools and libraries was \$72,000 and this year the amount will be \$88,200, or a 3.4 mills assessment. The levy for the county this year is 1.9 mills and for the roads 8 mills.

The court began the selection of officers for the April primaries Friday afternoon and will finish the work today.

An act of the Legislature required the court to raise \$8 per capita for school children instead of \$7 as heretofore. The census taken in this county recently shows a large increase in the number of children of school age, and this in connection with the salaries of the school supervisors required an increase in the school levy.

ERNEST WALKER IS HEAD OF ARTISANS

The Artisans met in regular session at the Woodmen Hall Thursday evening the following officers were installed: Master, Ernest Walker; superintendent, Dr. L. L. Pickens; inspector, William Harvey; secretary, Mrs. E. H. Cooper; treasurer, J. A. Tufts; senior conductor, Miss Maude Lightbody; master of ceremonies, Mrs. B. F. Linn; junior conductor, Miss Anna Gardner; warder, Leslie Burke; instructor, Mrs. Paul Naumann; musician, Oscar Woodfin.

The next meeting of the lodge will be at the Woodmen Hall Thursday evening. It will be social night, and in the form of a leap year party.

VALLEY CITIES RAISE FUND FOR RATE FIGHT

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 5.—The railroad and transportation committee of the Salem board of trade and Albany Commercial Club met with the business men of Corvallis at the Corvallis Commercial Club Monday today, for the purpose of discussing railroad tariffs.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to raise money from the various commercial organizations in the Willamette Valley to send a representative to Washington, D. C., to appear before the interstate commerce commission at its next meeting.

At a previous meeting of the interstate commerce commission towns within a given radius of a terminal point were given the benefit of the terminal rate on all goods shipped by the class rates.

On the day on which the action taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission was to have gone into effect, the railroad companies placed into effect a new tariff on commodity rates, naming commodity rates on practically everything that is shipped from Eastern to Western states.

This action on the part of the railroads defeated the purpose and intentions of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the meeting today was for the purpose of raising money to try the case before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

About \$1,400 has already been subscribed by Salem, Albany and Corvallis, while Eugene, Lebanon, McMinnville, Oregon City, Newberg, Independence and other towns will be asked to contribute to raise the amount of funds to \$2,500 or \$4,000.

There is a possibility that Southern Oregon towns, Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Roseburg, will contribute also, providing the question of a regulated tariff for points between Portland and San Francisco may be decided before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is the contention of the committee at work that the freight rate from San Francisco to Corvallis should be the same as the rates from San Francisco to Portland, the rate plus the local rate from Portland to Corvallis, or twenty-eight cents more for not having to haul it so far.

CITY TO HAVE TWO POLICE CHIEFS THIS AFTERNOON

Rival Chiefs Expected To Be On Duty Today



E. L. SHAW.



CHARLES E. BURNS.

MIDDLE WEST IN GRIP OF BLIZZARD

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Gripped in the severest winter weather of the season and with the coldest record in many places for the past five years shattered the suffering in the frozen districts between the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains is intense.

With 150,000 persons here out of work and the thermometer registering eight degrees below and due to take another tumble before night, the charity agencies in the city are practically overwhelmed and helpless. The municipal lodging houses are packed to the doors and hundreds of men, women and children are besieging the police stations, pleading for admittance to the shelters.

The mercury began to drop here last night and by 8 o'clock this morning it was standing at eight below and the forecaster predicted still colder weather. Two fires in the early hours of the morning sent the members of twenty families into the street in their night clothing. They nearly froze to death before finding places of refuge. Ice had to be chopped from the fire plugs and the water froze in the nozzles of the pipes, leaving the firemen helpless.

A terrific blizzard today swept down upon Nebraska and Kansas. The railroads are blocked and some of the branch lines had to be abandoned.

John Jackson, eighty, was found frozen to death today in a cellar where he had crawled to escape the cold.

VIRGINIA WARBLERS HERE WEDNESDAY

The third entertainment of the Lyceum course will be held at the Shively opera house next Wednesday evening. The Virginia Warblers, composed of six persons all of whom are excellent singers, and will be the attraction.

The Virginia Warblers Company is one of the oldest companies before the public. It was organized in 1893, and was re-organized in 1905 under the management of Walter R. Garter.

Many of the favorite negro melodies and plantation songs will be rendered. This concert will probably be one of the best of the course, and will attract a large audience. The singers are Mrs. Gertrude Jones, soprano; Mrs. Lena Huggins, contralto; Nolan T. Washington, America's greatest bard imitator; Fred Greenham, basso; James H. Meadows, baritone; H. C. Jenkins, second tenor and pianist.

Among the commendations of the company is one from the Colorado Springs Gazette, Colorado Springs, Col.

"The Virginia Warblers have the reputation of being one of the foremost companies of colored artists in America, and their work here has certainly been such as to maintain this reputation, for they have called forth most enthusiastic applause."

BURNS GOING TO WORK; SHAW WON'T QUIT

MAYOR DIMICK DEFIES COUNCIL

OTHER APPOINTEES OF CITY EXECUTIVE ALSO EXPECTED TO TAKE UP DUTIES TODAY—BURK ANSWERS CHARGE.

"I shall file orders of dismissal Saturday noon, and if any of my appointees refuse to assume the places assigned them they will be dismissed for good."

The above is a part of a statement issued late Friday night by Mayor Dimick. E. L. Shaw, present chief of police, said that he would continue as chief, and it is presumed that Charles E. Burns, appointed chief by the Mayor, will go to work at once. So Oregon City today probably will have two chiefs of police. Shaw declared that he would hold on until the council approved his successor. The council at the meeting Wednesday night was eight to one in favor of Shaw.

It also is thought that Street Commissioner Babcock, and City Engineer Noble will refuse to surrender their offices to Messrs. Green and Meldrum, the appointees of the Mayor. The Mayor and the members of the council who are opposing him are determined and it is likely that the courts will be called upon to make a decision.

Mayor Dimick gave out the following statement Friday night: "I have made my appointments in conformity to the provisions of the charter of Oregon City but for some unknown reason certain members of the Oregon City Council are under the impression that they can override the city charter and direct the Mayor what to do. I shall be governed entirely by the city charter regardless of any action of the City Council. I have made my appointments and was careful in my selections. I propose that those appointments shall stand unless for some good and valid reason, other than politics, I shall file orders of dismissal Saturday noon, and if any of my appointees refuse to assume the places assigned to them they will be dismissed for good."

"While several members of the council have stated that they will defeat my appointments by cutting off the salaries of the officers, as most of the salaries are fixed by charter provision, I will not lose any sleep over the threat."

In support of his position the Mayor calls attention to the following sections of the charter: "The Mayor has the power, and it is his duty, to organize, govern and conduct the police force within the limits aforesaid, and to that end shall: "Appoint a chief of police and a suitable force of regular policemen, such appointees to be confirmed by a majority of the council. "He may remove or suspend any of the police, including the chief, for any cause which he may deem sufficient, to be stated in the order of removal or dismissal, a copy of such order to be filed with the recorder."

F. C. Burk, chairman of the street committee, of the city council, in an interview with the Enterprise said by Mayor Dimick, the statements made by Mayor Dimick, said Friday night: "Every street, excepting Monroe and Fourteenth streets, was laid out by Mr. Meldrum who Mr. Dimick has appointed, when he was city engineer. He was the engineer and laid out the South end sewer ditch, which Mayor Dimick says cost five times as much as it should have cost. The South End Road, instead of being closed as stated by the Mayor five months, was closed October 25, and will be opened in a day or two. It will have been closed about ten weeks."

There is every reason to believe that the solid members of the city council will stand pat in their refusal to confirm the appointment of Mr. Burns as chief of police. Prominent lawyers say that the council can regulate the salaries of the Mayor's appointees. Under similar conditions twenty years ago the salary of the chief of police was fixed at \$5 a month.

The Mayor said that if the council refused to approve the salaries of his appointees it would be an easy matter for them to get their money by suit. The eight members of the council who are opposing the Mayor have intimated that they will refuse to approve the salaries of the appointees of the Mayor but will approve the salaries of the old officers.

MISS STINEBAUGH ELECTED LIBRARIAN

Miss Lenore Stinebaugh has been appointed librarian of the Oregon City library. She had three years of experience in library work at San Jose, Cal., before coming to Oregon City, and is a most estimable young woman. Miss Myrtle Buchanan, who acted in the capacity as librarian for five months, took much interest in her work, and did much to increase the popularity of the library. She was courteous in her treatment to all who visited the rooms, and her resignation was regretted.

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