

IN CUSTODY NOW.

BIG OFFICIAL ARRESTED FOR FRAUDS IN THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent Machen of the Free Delivery Service—Had Big Bake-Off With Box Contractors—Other News.

Washington May 27.—By far the most sensational development of the postoffice investigation up to this time occurred today, when Augustus W. Machen, the general superintendent of the free delivery service, was arrested on a warrant issued upon the information of postoffice inspectors charging him with having received "rake-offs" from contracts made with the local firm of Goff Bros., for a patent postal box fastener. The warrant specifically charges him with receiving \$18,981.78 since August 8, 1900. It is alleged at the department, however, that this amount does not represent that Machen obtained from his contracts, it being charged that he profited by them for several years prior to the date of the first contract mentioned in the warrant. Other arrests are to follow.

Immediately after Mr. Machen was taken into custody, the postmaster-general issued an order removing him from office. He had been practically under suspicion for a fortnight, pending investigation into his bureau.

The discovery of Machen's alleged interests in the contracts was made quite accidentally by the inspectors some three weeks ago, and since then their energies had been directed toward making out a case. Last night, after the authorities had become convinced that they were in possession of the necessary evidence, Mr. Machen was notified to appear at the department this morning. He did so, and was subjected to a "sweating" process by the inspectors and General Britton for three hours, but no admissions that he had profited by the contracts could be secured from him. He declined to answer many questions, on the ground that they related to his private business, but insisted to the end that he had not received a cent improperly.

Nevertheless, he was arrested on the warrant which had been prepared, and was taken before a United States commissioner, where his attorney immediately demanded a full hearing. Assistant District Attorney Taggart, however, was not ready to proceed with the case, and the hearing was set for June 5. Mr. Machen gave \$20,000, furnished by a Philadelphia bonding company, for his appearance, declining to accept the proffer of friends to go on his bond.

The department officials declare that their evidence is conclusive. It is understood that a civil suit will be entered to recover from Machen the amount he is alleged to have received on the contracts.

On being taken by the deputy marshal directly to the office of United States Commissioner Taylor, Mr. Machen communicated with his attorneys, Douglas & Douglas, and in a few minutes Chas. A. Douglas, senior member of the firm arrived at the commissioner's office. To all newspaper men Mr. Machen said he had no extended statement to make for publication. To a representative of the Associated Press he said:

"This will come out all right. My arrest is merely a grandstand play." He declined to make a further statement, saying that Mr. Douglas his attorney, would speak for him.

According to statements of postoffice department officials, there was a "go-between" for the alleged transaction in connection with the contract. The identity of this person is withheld by the department, but the inspectors it is stated, know the identity and movements of the intermediary. He may be arrested at any time. The inspectors say the evidence that they have is of the most comprehensive nature. It includes many drafts of an alleged incriminating character, bearing the signature of Mr. Machen. The evidence was worked up in Washington, though much of it was obtained in other parts of the country.

The arrest created a profound sensation at the postoffice department. The news spread rapidly, and within a few minutes after the arrest the fact was known generally.

Newcastle, Wyo., May 27.—W. C. Clifton, murderer of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Church, was lynched by a mob from Gillett last night. The mob battered down the jail door, holding up the sheriff and deputy the while, and hanged Clifton to a bridge west of town. Clifton's head was cut off by the fall of forty feet.

The mob which was composed of

50 mounted ranchmen, was perfectly organized and proceeded with methodical deliberation. The sheriff and his deputies were bound and confined. Clifton's cries were stifled with a gag. He was bound hand and foot and was roughly dragged to the scene of execution. The commands of the mob's leader were given quietly, and none of the towns people was aroused by the lynching.

John W. Church and wife, who lived on a homestead claim, 75 miles southwest of Newcastle, were never seen alive after March 14 last. Clifton, whose ranch adjoined Church's, was arrested April 7 on suspicion, and on April 17 he confessed that he had killed Mr. and Mrs. Church. Their bodies were found at the place indicated by him. Clifton alleged that he had killed the couple in self-defense. He had given Church a bill of sale covering personal property to secure payment of \$600 advanced to him by Church. He said that he had repaid this sum and obtained the bill of sale, and that Mrs. Church had then threatened him with a six-shooter, demanding a return of the papers. He shot her, he admitted, and being attacked by her husband, killed him, too. This story was discredited, as Mrs. Church was a slender little woman, only 22 years of age.

Church was formerly a stenographer in the Union Pacific office in Omaha. About a year ago Church and Clifton made an agreement to go into the cattle business together.

When the body of Clifton was removed from under the bridge today, the following message was found pinned to his coat:

"We think the law too slow in hanging this cold-blooded murderer, who took the lives of our friends and neighbors, and we took it upon ourselves to revenge it in behalf of the parents. Hoping that the action on our part will meet the approval of the community at large, we remain, "THE MOB."

At Pistol Point.
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too, when he got me in the woods." The bullet in Leasia, followed the course of a rib for about four inches and lodged close to the surface under the skin toward his left arm. It is considered apparent, from the location of the wound that if the woman's weapon had been heavier than a 22 Leasia would not have lived to be captured 36 hours later in a barn.

His former wife says she prevented Leasia from shooting at the officers in the barn. She lay at his right side. She heard the police, and so did he, speaking in low tones. The woman says she did not want another murder added to the crimes. Neither of them were asleep. They had been dozing lightly. After they heard the officers and he commanded her to be quiet, she suddenly gripped his right wrist so that he could not shoot. He could not move or struggle with her through fear of attracting the attention of the officers to the exact spot where they were lying, and she both felt and prayed there in the obscurity and intensified silence that they would be found.

"No," she said, "I was determined he should not shoot, if I had to throw myself on top of him." Then when Leasia had been disarmed and handcuffed, Mrs. Leasia kissed him there in the glare of the bull's-eye lanterns—silhouetted against the blackness in close embrace with a murderer, the murderer of her own father. He kissed her affectionately, passionately, in return, but he could not embrace her, for his hands were manacled by the iron bands, tokens of the vengeance of the law.

Dr. Slocum, deputy city physician, cut the bullet from the murderer's flesh this morning at the city jail and dressed the wound. He says it is not dangerous.

A charge of murder in the first degree has been booked against the prisoner. The trial will take place next month.

Quick Arrest.

J A Gullidge of Verbena, Ala. was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25 cents at Graham & Wortham's druggists.

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MANY THERE.

LOTS OF PEOPLE AND A GALA TIME AT BELLFOUNTAIN.

Big Farm on Soap Creek Sold—The Price was Eleven Thousand and Five Hundred Spot Cash—Other Local News.

The Woodmen of the World picnic at Bellefontain Thursday was a success numerically, socially, financially and fraternally. The gathering was held in a beautiful grove about a mile north of town. Quite a large delegation of "choppers" went out from Corvallis. Among them was State Organizer G. K. Rogers. Every available livery and private conveyance in Corvallis was pressed into service.

The weather which had been threatening during the early hours of the morning changed to an ideal picnic day which resulted in the pop corn, ice cream and lemonade stands doing a land office business. Corvallis company of the uniformed rank put on a fancy military drill. Bellefontain W. O. W. band furnished the music and did themselves credit.

A parade was formed on arrival of the Corvallis contingent. After marching about the ground it ended in the grove at a point where a grandstand and seats for a thousand had been erected. Back of the platform was placed a life sized portrait of Gen. F. A. Falckenburg founder of perfected Woodcraft. The picture was draped in an American flag and set in evergreens. The entire grandstand was beautifully decorated with evergreens, patriotic colors and flowers. The exercises at the stand and for the rest of the day, included the following:

Address of welcome, I. A. Peek; music, band; recitation, Inez Williams; song, Hail to the Woodmen, male quartette; address, Tomorrow T. T. Vincent; song, The Woodmen's Promise, Mrs. J. H. Edwards; address, Woodcraft, Hon. Geo. K. Rodgers; dinner. Afternoon sports: Sawing, chopping, pillow fight and tug of war. Public drill, degree team, Mary's Peak camp. Ball game, Bellefontain vs. Philomath; band concert.

THE SALE COMPLETED.

And Papers Exchanged—Big Land Transfer on Soap Creek.

Sam H. Moore was in town yesterday to rent a house. The deal by which he has disposed of his Soap Creek farm has been consummated, and the papers have changed hands. H. A. Ball the new owner is to take possession in about a week. The sale is spot cash and the price net to Mr. Moore is \$11,500. The sale includes the livestock and farm implements. Mr. Moore reserves various items of value. The buyer has been for many years a resident of Oregon, and hails from the vicinity of Portland.

Mr. Moore bought the farm four years ago for \$5,600. Though he has added various improvements to the place, the advance in the price of land has left him a handsome profit for his enterprise. He is in the market for another farm, and will buy whenever one can be found to his liking. "I do not intend to return East," he said, yesterday. "Oregon conditions suit me too well to think of returning to Illinois. The prospects here are inviting and I expect to remain in this country, Willamette Valley within a very few years will furnish this whole country with clover, rape and vetch seed. This is almost the only country where these seeds can be successfully grown, and it is only a matter of a short time until the fact will be discovered, and Willamette Valley farmers reap the benefit."

Mr. Moore is a progressive farmer, with broad views whose influence is beneficial to any community.

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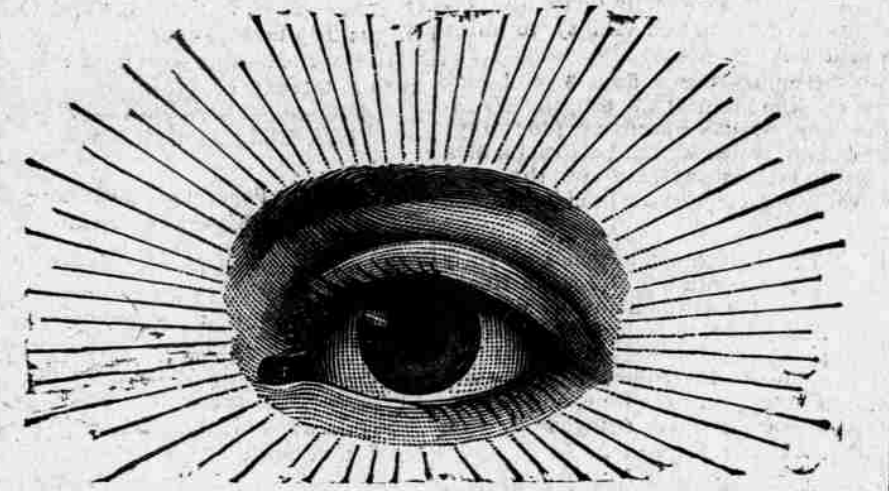
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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Jane Shipley, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same properly verified as by law required at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon within six months from the date hereof. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 19th day of May, 1903. A. J. SHIPLEY, Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Jane Shipley, deceased.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received until the 31st day of May 1903 for the construction of a sewer through the alley in block 5 old town of Corvallis according to the plans and specifications now on file.
E. Allen.
D. C. Rose.
W. O. Heckman.
Sewer

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the Estate of T. P. Waggoner, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that I, M. M. Walls, as administrator of the estate of T. P. Waggoner deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the Clerk of the County Court of Benton county, State of Oregon, and the said court has fixed Saturday the 9th day of May 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said final account and for settlement thereof.
Dated this April 11, 1903. M. M. Walls, Administratrix of the estate of T. P. Waggoner deceased.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Benton county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids, for the delivery of 1200 cubic yards of gravel on the Corvallis-Philomath wagon road. Such gravel to be delivered on said road by July 15, 1903, and as per the plans and specifications for the improvement of said road, now on file with the county surveyor. Bids to be opened May 21, 1903. The county court reserving the right to reject any and all bids.
Dated May 8, 1903. VICTOR P. MOSES, County Clerk.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required to me at Wells, Oregon, or at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon within six months from this date.
Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1903. VIRGIL A. CARTER, Administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Elliott, deceased,
Notice is hereby given that I, Ernest Elliott, as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Elliott, deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the Clerk of the County Court of Benton county, State of Oregon, and the said court has fixed Saturday the 9th day of May, 1903, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house at Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account, and for settlement thereof.
Ernest Elliott,
Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Elliott, deceased.