

terday, Woodruff stoutly denied that he had anything to do with the robbery, but in all his conversations with the detectives he did not say that he suspected firemen. During the course of the day, the detectives found new clews implicating Woodruff, and they found him drinking whisky in a Grand-avenue sa-loon. The detectives told him the game was up, and that they had proof that he was the robber; but still Woodruff de-nied his guilt. Then he was cross-questioned so thoroughly that he broke down. and said that two hand-grips containing part of the property from the Brown were stored temporarily in a cigar store on Alder street, near Third. He was then arrested, and the detectives found one grip and a trunk filled with stolen property in the Brown Hotel. The grip was found in the basement, and the trunk in the room he had occupied, upstairs. The cigar store he had indicated, Ross Sharp's, 270 Alder street, was visited, and Sharp was surprised when he learned the nature of the detectives' visit. "Yes Woodruff left two grips here last Satur-day, and told me he wanted them left for

guests, who had been robbed, identified one of the grips as containing his property, and recognized a ring his mother had given him; also his personal visiting cards. Other victims also identified their property. Some of the plunder recovered consists of women's dresses and chil-dren's toys. The arrest of Woodruff, and his confession, is looked upon by the po-lice generally as a smart bit of detective

# Comes to Invite Port of Portland

Bros., shipbuilders of Seattle, is in the city to meet the members of the Port of Portland Commission, in regard to the construction of a drydock. He saw sev-eral members yesterday, and they signified a willingness to visit Seattle next Friday and examine the drydock just constructed at that port.

is built entirely of wood, is stronger than the Lang dock. It will be cheaper to build, he says, and less costly to maintain, and it will last over 20 years with proper care. "We have no patent bonus or other fancy fees to exact," he said last evening at the Portland, "and the cost of construction will be reduced to a minimum, while Portland gets the benefit of a first-class arydock, adapted to the wants of the Pacific Coast,

of the Moran Bros.' Company, has made the construction of wooden drydocks a study for 12 years, and has visited every one in operation within that period. The dock we have just completed at Scattle is only 200 feet long, and it will readily lift a 2000-ton vessel out of the water. By lifting capacity can be easily constructed, as it is simply a matter of repetition of the sections.

Donneliy or the dock he constructs; but simply claim the ability to put up a better dock at a much smaller expense to the taxpayers of the Port of Portland.

"The commission will probably leave here Friday afternoon and spend Saturday in Seaitle, examining the details of our dock and the manner of its operation, and we hope to convince them that it will be

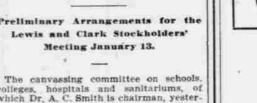
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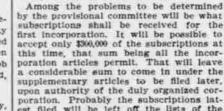
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being a son-in-law of Thomas A. Wood, grand commander of the Indian War Vet-erans of Oregon. Webb was once an employe of the Stark-street ferry, and has been engaged in various enterprises in and about Portland. Some time ago he went to the McKittrick oil wells district, near Bakersfield. On Saturday Mr, Wood After the appointment of this commitlearned that Webb was dead, but did not tee H. B. Nicholas called attention to the fact that under the new law the second board of judges, which the County Court had been murdered.) know until yesterday that his son-in-law





ment. This, with other details of the pre-liminary proceedings, is in the hands of the provisional committee, consisting of Chairman Corbett, J. M. Long and Samuel Connell.

prophets and prophetic literature will take place at the Temple vestry. A paper will be presented on "The Prophet Hosea," and Dr. Stephen S. Wise will address the class on "The Prophecies of Hosea."

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